

# WESTERN

2017 NEW CENTURY SCHOLAR  
WINNER: JANIE McAMIS  
BECOMES 4TH WNCC RECIPIENT  
OF PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

NEW HEALTH SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGIES

WORKFORCE TRAINING  
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RENOVATION INNOVATION

PERFORMING ARTS  
SEASON PASS

THE FACES OF EXCELLENCE:  
HELEN MCDONALD,  
GEORGE TAYLOR, AND  
JENNIFER JENSEN

# Helen McDonald

CELEBRATES 75<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT ANNIVERSARY





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## DR. TODD HOLCOMB

**F**all is often considered the “start-up” season in the world of education. We are always happy to welcome first-time students to Western Nebraska Community College, as well as returning students intent on pursuing their goals. Fall 2017 kicks off an academic year that offers a broad range of opportunities through workforce development programs that can lead students to viable job opportunities.

### **Caring through sharing**

The power of partnership contributes to this success, such as our latest collaboration with the University of Nebraska Medical Center on new healthcare technologies that will further enhance the essential science skills of our students. Meanwhile, we were notified over the summer that our popular Surgical Technology program has gained full program accreditation in a field that is expected to grow by 15 percent in the next decade.

### **Leading through technology**

As our community evolves, WNCC is making adjustments for the changing needs of our students, as it has for nearly a century. Ninety-one years ago that might have meant providing a college education to the children of panhandle farmers who were on the brink of the emerging technology of hydroelectric irrigation. Today, technology continues to drive many career segments, and we can adapt our curriculum to train students efficiently in a short period.

We are ready to respond to the needs of our region. Our Accelerated General Business Technology certificate offers workforce retooling through a fast-tracked career program that can be completed in as little as six months. Students who qualify can also benefit from financial aid and/or flexible payment programs. Don't miss the Faces of Excellence profiles on pages 8 and 9 for some insight into real-life

stories about students who are launching successful new careers through WNCC.

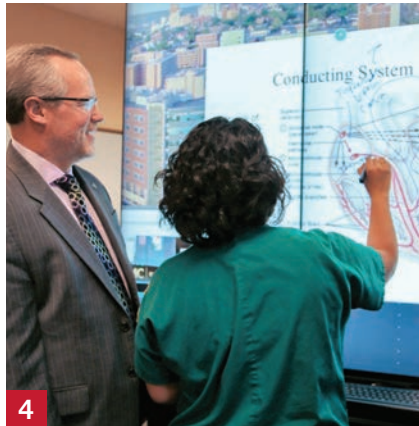
### **Groundbreaking news**

Finally, thanks to our many friends and business partners in the panhandle who supported us via our recent capital campaign, we're excited to report that we'll be breaking ground soon on a two-year renovation and expansion of our Scottsbluff Campus. Read more about the renovation on page 13.

As we approach our centennial anniversary, WNCC continues its legacy of educating local students and assisting them to meet their career goals.

*—Dr. Todd Holcomb, President*

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# WNCC's New Health Technologies are Good for Every Body

BY DR. RONDA KINSEY, PH.D, RN, CNE,  
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION CHAIR

**W**estern Nebraska Community College is advancing the region's healthcare education with two new cutting-edge technologies.

## Getting an inside look

A newly acquired Anatomage Table offers the most advanced anatomy visualization system for anatomy education. Debuting in classes this fall, it will provide real human 3D imaging in a touchscreen format. Students can visualize anatomy exactly as they would on a fresh cadaver.

Individual structures are reconstructed in 3D, resulting in an unprecedented level of real, accurate anatomy that's dissectible in 3D. Anatomage Table-based education is proving to be highly effective, resulting in improved test scores, more efficient class and lab sessions, and student acceptance.

## Hitting the wall

Another new technology, MultiTaction's Interactive Digital iWall, is a 2D-curved interactive "wall" that creates the possibilities of collaborating across



distances with multiple participants. They can view, annotate and make changes to the same presentation while learning from one another instantaneously.

The iWall enables new ways of thinking and allows users to present content in real time.

To offer this unique technology, WNCC is partnering with University of Nebraska Medical Center, which has a nursing division housed on the Scottsbluff campus. For WNCC and UNMC, the iWall will foster cross-campus communication and learning, thereby easing the distance-learning gap.

For more information about the latest health technologies at WNCC, please email me at [kinseyr2@wncc.edu](mailto:kinseyr2@wncc.edu) or call 308.635.6060.

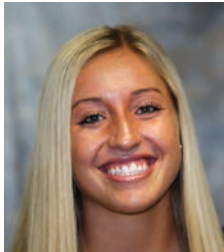


"WNCC is the first community college in Nebraska to pilot these revolutionary technologies."

# How We Picture Excellence

BY KATHY AULT, HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Say hello to all the bright and shiny new faces at Western Nebraska Community College. Our recently-hired faculty and staff members are at the head of the class for their dedication, knowledge, and experience. Welcome to the Cougar family!



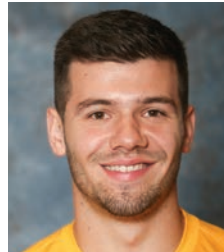
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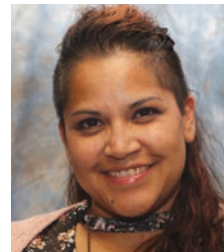
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## BEST IN CLASS: EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



### OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

"It is an honor to be recognized by my colleagues and the institution. I am very fortunate and proud to be a part of the WNCC family. I appreciate everyone that contributes to our student-athletes' success."

—Ryan Burgner,  
Athletics Director



### OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

"I was humbled to receive this award. I appreciate the efforts of everyone I work with who put the needs and interests of others above their own to do our best to serve our students!"

—Luke Stobel,  
Advising Director



### OUTSTANDING FACULTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

"It is an honor to be recognized among such a fantastic and quality group of colleagues. The support I have received from fellow faculty and staff has helped me develop into the instructor I am today."

—Doug Jones,  
Science and Athletic  
Training Instructor



### OUTSTANDING SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

"This is truly an honor. Every day I work with amazing people who really care about each other and our students—a genuine labor of love!"

—Beverly Ackerman,  
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# WESTERN

# COMMUNITY

“My family was very poor and my mom really encouraged me to get an education. I knew living on a farm wasn’t for me, so I had to go to college to get a job.”



# FACES *of* EXCELLENCE

# NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Helen and her mother in front of Scottsbluff Junior College for a Mother's Day Tea in May 1942.

*Helen McDonald*

## HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY: HELEN McDONALD

BY JENNIFER SIBAL, ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR

As Helen McDonald was welcoming 2017 graduates into the WNCC Alumni Association, the special alumni representative was all smiles, too. That is because she was celebrating her own 75th commencement anniversary from the same beloved college in May 1942.

Helen proudly says she's from "the greatest generation," and recalls what a different experience college was for her compared to today's students. In 1942, Scottsbluff Junior College had no residence halls. Instead, community members opened up their homes to students in exchange for household help.

"I didn't have any activities outside of my classes. I had to wash dishes for room and board and then spend time doing my studies," Helen says. "My family was very poor and my mom really encouraged me to get an education. I knew living on a farm wasn't for me, so I had to go to college to get a job."

One week before graduation, Helen was hired. She spent the next 43 years working in the Scottsbluff/Gering area while raising her son with her husband Jerry before retiring in 1985. During her retirement, she took a temporary job to "help out" at Valley Bank and Trust Co., now Western States Bank. Temporary turned into 16 years.

Helen's unflappable energy and spirit are what many in the Cougar Community admire most about her. She continues to enjoy vocal music performances at WNCC and stays active as a member of the Gering community through her service on the Gering Keno Board. She also swims three times a week at the local YMCA and frequently plays cards with friends.

Congratulations on your 75th anniversary, Helen! We are so honored to celebrate this special milestone with you.

Love,  
Your Cougar Community

## ARMY VET GEORGE TAYLOR'S NEW ALLY? WNCC.

When Army veteran George Taylor, who served four tours overseas during his 14 years of service, was laid off in 2016 from Commscope in Sidney, he did something most people his age would never dream of—at 54, he went back to school.

Thanks to financial assistance from The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Veteran's Upward Bound, George was able to enroll full-time at Western Nebraska Community College. He's pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree with a focus on information technology and plans to graduate in May 2018.

WNCC's IT program includes coding, software training, and cyber security at its Sidney Campus. George is also taking online and distance learning classes through the Scottsbluff Campus.

George says everyone at WNCC is eager to help students—from financial aid counselors to instructors. "If I can start over by learning a new trade, anybody can do it with the help and support from WNCC." George's rank keeps increasing: he made the President's List Honor Roll at WNCC in spring of 2017.



"WNCC offers a great online opportunity for people who don't live in the Scottsbluff area."

—George Taylor



“WNCC is a great start—no matter when you decide to start—for your college education and, ultimately, your career.”

—Jennifer Jensen



## AIR FORCE VET JENNIFER JENSEN DEPLOYS REAL DILIGENCE TO STUDY NURSING

In 2013, after an eight-month deployment to Afghanistan, Air Force veteran Jennifer Jensen enrolled at WNCC to take her nursing pre-requisites.

That was the beginning of a hard-fought campaign to earn her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse. While serving four years in the Air Force, two years in the Air Force Reserves, and most recently the Air National Guard, Jennifer managed to juggle a full-time job, three military deployments, and 12-15 credits per semester. She graduated in May 2017 and took her state boards in August. Now she's looking forward to starting her career in nursing.

During her deployments, she received special permission to take online classes so she wouldn't fall behind. She also attended the Alliance Campus near her home. She says Nursing instructor Lora Dahlgren and Veterans Upward Bound Program Assistant/Military Veteran Affairs Director Christine Wolf were instrumental in providing support and guidance.

Jennifer plans to return to Western Nebraska Community College in the near future to complete her education and, ultimately, become a registered nurse.

George Risk Industries is proud to be a third-generation owned company. Pictured from left to right is Dan Douglas, COO, Bonnie Risk, owner and daughter-in-law of George Risk, and President and granddaughter of George Risk, Stephanie Risk-McElroy.



“WNCC was able to customize a supervisor training program that was really tailored to our business needs.”

—Dan Douglas



WNCC Instructor Bill Loring provides InDesign instruction to GRI employees.



# It Pays to Get Workforce Training at WNCC

BY DOUG MADER, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



GRI employee Edna Baldwin assembles a tamper switch. GRI engages in the design and manufacture of electronic components for the security industry.

Through the Department of Labor's "Nebraska Worker Training Program," Western Nebraska Community College can help Nebraska Panhandle businesses secure grant funding for programs designed to train, retrain, or upgrade work skills.

During the past three years, WNCC has provided training for George Risk Industries (GRI) employees at their location in Kimball, including Supervisor training, Excel basic and intermediate training, and InDesign 6 training. The Supervisor training was a five-part series that included teambuilding, feedback and accountability, conflict resolution, project and time management, and change management.

WNCC wrote two Department of Labor grants for GRI's Supervisor and Excel trainings, both of which helped to cover the cost. The grant ask can be up to \$3,000 with a dollar-for-dollar match required.

Businesses interested in seeking information about Workforce Development training and grants can email me at [maderd@wncc.edu](mailto:maderd@wncc.edu) or call 308.630.6556.



## NEW CENTURY SCHOLAR AWARD WINNER: **JANIE McAMIS**

### 2017 Recipient Joins Prestigious Lineup of Former WNCC New Century Scholar Students

BY AMY WINTERS, MATH INSTRUCTOR, PHI THETA KAPPA LEAD SPONSOR  
AND NORMAN COLEY, JR., TRIO PROGRAMS DIRECTOR,  
PHI THETA KAPPA CO-SPONSOR

**W**estern Nebraska Community College's Janie McAmis recently joined a distinguished lineup of former students who've been awarded Nebraska "Coca-Cola New Century Scholars." Over the past seven years, WNCC has boasted four recipients of the prestigious award. A highly competitive program, New Century Scholar applicants undergo a rigorous review that examines their academics and community service, as well as social and engagement criteria.

Janie was part of the All-USA Community College/ Coca-Cola Academic Team that recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor, combined with leadership and service that benefits society.

Janie attributes her success to WNCC's small class sizes and opportunity to connect personally with her professors. She's now at Black Hills State University, focusing on exercise science. Her long-term goal? To continue on to grad school for physical therapy.

## Coca-Cola's New Century Scholars Can Taste the Achievement

**T**he Coca-Cola New Century Scholars program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and Phi Theta Kappa, a highly selective two-year honor society. Only one student is selected from each state and, for the third consecutive year, WNCC has a student that has represented the New Century Scholar award for Nebraska—a remarkable achievement for any college.



**Top: 2011 "Gold" New Century Scholar recipient Chris Baker was Cougar Council President and founded WNCC's Student Veterans Organization.**

**Right top: 2015 New Century Scholar Ethan Nelson was also a recipient of the 2017 Congressional Gold Medal Award, the highest award presented by the U.S. Congress.**

**Right bottom: 2016 New Century Scholar Rose Nelson was one of the youngest recipients from the State of Nebraska.**





# Pardon Our Dust, We're Growing for You

BY DR. TODD HOLCOMB, PRESIDENT

Through the direction of our college master plan and the success of our Expanding the Possibilities capital fundraising campaign, WNCC will break ground on Scottsbluff Campus Renovation in January 2018.



Proposed Performing Arts Center (east) Entrance

## PLATTE VALLEY COMPANIES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Western Nebraska Community College is proud to be considered one of the hubs for cultural enrichment in the Nebraska Panhandle. The Platte Valley Companies Performing Arts Center will offer new spaces for WNCC's acclaimed Performing Arts programs, and the new Judy Chaloupka Theater will provide an enhanced experience for patrons to enjoy theatre programming and socializing space.

## LEARNING COMMONS

The new Learning Commons will provide a gathering and collaborating space for students where they can come together to study, learn, and socialize in a comfortable, flexible place. The student experience is further enhanced with the addition of a newly constructed bookstore and café.



Proposed Main (southwest) Entrance

## HOWARD P. OLSEN, JR. STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

The new Student Success Center is geared with the student in mind. It creates an open and welcoming space where all important services like financial aid, counseling, and advising are located together to create a seamless experience.



Increase community enrichment through performing arts



Increase student success and retention



Increase student learning and engagement



Enhance workforce readiness

# Moving Forward by Giving Back

BY JUDY CHALOUPKA, PRESIDENT, WNCC FOUNDATION

In January 2017, I succeeded long-time Foundation President and WNCC supporter, Howard Olsen as the second president in the history of the Foundation.



Our Foundation and students benefit from the kindness of philanthropic individuals, corporations, and organizations; many of our students would not otherwise be able to pursue their dreams of higher education were it not for the generous contributions from supporters like you.

One place to start is to consider a gift to support scholarships for students in need. Four out of the five top reasons students cite for dropping out of college are financial. This makes the Foundation's work building scholarships especially urgent.

Many WNCC students are working a full-time job, or several part-time jobs—and balancing family,

community, volunteer, and personal commitments while doing it. Scholarships make a tremendous difference in their ability to attend college.

Another option is to support specific academic programs, or programs that support veterans, single parents, and athletics teams. You could also sponsor WNCC's award-winning vocal music department, or help enhance the facilities at our three campuses.

Whatever part of WNCC has touched your life, we can provide you the avenue to give back to those in need of the same chance. Kathy Calvin, president of the United Nations Foundation recently stated, "Giving is not just about making a donation. It's about making a difference."

I'm pleased to join with my fellow Foundation Board of Directors to invite you to give what you can—every dollar does make a difference. And more importantly, thank you for helping us make sure every student that chooses WNCC can succeed.

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## Get the Best Seat in the House

### PERFORMING ARTS SEASON PASS NOW AVAILABLE



If you've attended one of the award-winning vocal music, instrumental music or theater performances at WNCC, then you know first-hand the talent and dedication our students possess. The Performing Arts programs at WNCC have a long history of enriching lives in the panhandle through music and theater art. We invite you to join us in the Performing Arts Season Pass Program. The program provides you with a streamlined way to attend great shows and support WNCC students through your generous support. There are giving levels available for individuals and businesses. Plus, as a season pass holder, you'll receive advanced notices, preferred seating opportunities, and levels of recognition. Learn more at [wncc.edu/performingarts](http://wncc.edu/performingarts).

# 4 Ways to Help WNCC This Year

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH THESE TAX-SMART GIFTS

BY KRISTIN WIEBE, MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER

**S**tart planning now for how you want to make an impact this year. There are many ways to give to the WNCC Foundation, several of which offer attractive benefits for you while supporting our important work. Here are four popular ways to help this year:

### GIVE CASH

Cash is the simplest way to give to support our current needs. To document a cash gift of any amount, you must have a dated receipt from us so make certain you receive one. A canceled check is only sufficient for gifts less than \$250.



### GIVE APPRECIATED STOCK

When you give appreciated stock, we'll sell it and you'll eliminate all the capital gains tax you would have paid had you sold it. Your gift will be deductible at the day of delivery's full fair market value (assuming you have held it for more than one year).



### DONATE AN INSURANCE POLICY

A gift of a life insurance policy you no longer need makes a perfect year-end gift. To qualify as a deductible gift, the WNCC Foundation must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy, whichever is less.



### MAKE A GIFT FROM YOUR IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 annually directly from your IRA. The transfer doesn't generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.



**For more helpful tips about getting the most from your gift, please email me at [wiebek@wncc.edu](mailto:wiebek@wncc.edu) or call 308.635.6714.**

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## 2017–2018 Season Pass Calendar

### FALL PERFORMANCES

**Theatre** | Minnesota Moon  
October 13 – 15 | Scottsbluff High School Auditorium

**Instrumental Music** | Fall Ball  
October 27 | Gering Civic Center

**Theatre** | This Is Not A Pipe Dream  
November Tour | TBD

**Vocal Music** | Vocal Music Showcase  
November 4 | Midwest Theater, Scottsbluff

**All Performing Arts Programs** | Very Valley Christmas  
December 1 | Free | Scottsbluff High School Auditorium

### SPRING PERFORMANCES

**Theatre** | Play It Again Sam Dinner Theatre Production  
March 2 – 4 | John N. Harms Center, Scottsbluff Campus

**Vocal Music** | Gala  
March 23 – 24 | Gering Civic Center

**Theatre** | New Devised Work  
April 27 – 29 | TBD

**Instrumental Music** | Spring Band Concert  
April 29 | Free | Midwest Theater, Scottsbluff

**Music** | Graduation/Honors Recital  
May 5 | Free | First Presbyterian Church, Scottsbluff

**Instrumental Music** | Jump, Jive & Swing  
May 6 | Gering Civic Center



# Three WNCC Basketball Players Are DI Picks—And Roll

BY RYAN BURGNER, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

**T**hree sophomore women's basketball players—Sladjana Rakovic, Zeynep Canbaz, and Bree Paulson—are destined for greatness. They had plenty of success during the past season and are now moving on to the NCAA Division I level.

Rakovic inked with the University of Wyoming, Canbaz inked with Middle Tennessee State, and Paulson signed on with St. Bonaventure University in New York. "I think it says a lot about our program at WNCC that all the sophomores went Division I" Paulson said. "It also says a lot about Coach Chad Gibney and how dedicated he is to his players."

The Cougar women finished last season at 28-5 and captured their 13th Region IX title with a come-from-behind win over Eastern Wyoming College in the championship game. "Winning the regional championship stands out," Canbaz says. "Whenever

I think about that day, I feel extremely happy and proud. The moment we hoisted the trophy, it was priceless. I will never forget that."

Rakovic is appreciative of all the support she received while at WNCC. "I want to thank all the people from this college that helped me—leaving my teammates and dorm family was super hard, but I'm excited to be a Cowgirl."

**From left to right: Bree Paulson, Zeynep Canbaz, and Sladjana Rakovic**



## WNCC Takes Possession of New Women's Coach, Chad Gibney

WNCC's interim head coach, Chad Gibney, has been named permanent head coach of the women's basketball team. The Lincoln Pius X (Lincoln, Nebraska) graduate says he's very excited for the opportunity to lead the Cougar women.

"We'll be fully invested in the success of our athletes as students, players, and people," Gibney says. He arrived at WNCC in August 2016 to assist its

men's basketball program. By spring, he continued coaching the men while becoming the interim head coach of WNCC's women's program.

Gibney led the Lady Cougars to a 28-5 record, won the Region IX Championship, and a berth to the NJCAA women's basketball national championship tournament.

*"Western Nebraska is a great place and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to lead this prestigious program."*





## HOMECOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

**October 14**  
Voc Air Fly-In | Sidney Campus

**October 26**  
Business After Hours | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Scottsbluff Campus  
Bingo | Alliance Senior Center

**October 27**  
Cougar Athletics Tailgate | 5:00 p.m. | Cougar Palace  
*\*Volleyball vs. Iowa Western to follow*  
Instrumental Music's Fall Ball | 6:15 p.m. | Gering Civic Center

**October 28**  
Alumni & Friends Banquet | 6:00 p.m. | Scottsbluff Campus

Please contact [alumni@wncc.edu](mailto:alumni@wncc.edu) or call 308.630.6571 to RSVP.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WNCC

### OCTOBER

- 5 Cougar Volleyball PAWzitivly  
PINK Night, Scottsbluff
- 7 Oktoberfest Parade, Sidney
- 18 Powerline Maintenance & Construction  
Open House, Alliance
- 23-28 WNCC Homecoming 2017:  
There's No Place Like Homecoming
- 26 Community Bingo, Alliance
- 27 Cougar Athletics Tailgate, Scottsbluff

### NOVEMBER

- 15 2018-19 WNCC General Scholarship  
Application Now Available
- 29 Health Sciences Open House,  
Scottsbluff
- 30 Health Sciences Open House,  
Sidney

### DECEMBER

- 6 Health Sciences Open House, Alliance
- 25-Jan.2 **COLLEGE CLOSED, WINTER BREAK**

### JANUARY

- 15 **SPRING TERM AND  
FIRST 8-WEEK CLASSES BEGIN**

### FEBRUARY

- 2-4 2nd Annual Monument Speech  
& Debate Invitational, Scottsbluff
- 12 Discover WNCC Open House,  
Scottsbluff
- 19 Foundation Awareness Week:  
"We Put the FUN in FUNdrasing"

### MARCH

- 1 2018-19 WNCC General Scholarship  
Application Deadline
- 2018-19 FAFSA Priority Deadline
- 12-16 **SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES**
- 15 Southern Panhandle Sophomore Career  
Conference, Sidney



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# Preparing for Professional Career Paths in the Panhandle

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**W**estern Nebraska Community College offers a wide variety of career pathways that prepare students to enter the workforce. And employer input is key.

Career and technical education programs are developed and continuously updated by advisory committees comprised of industry representatives. For example, employers from utility companies across the panhandle meet twice a year to review our Powerline Maintenance & Construction Program curriculum because they recognize the importance

of participating in the preparation of their future workforce.

Similarly, healthcare professionals advise faculty in Nursing, Surgical Technology, and our new Medical Laboratory Technology program to ensure curriculum outcomes meet the needs of local hospitals and other medical care providers.

WNCC would like to thank the many panhandle employers who continuously give their time and resources to help ensure student success—and prepare workers for our region.



## WHAT COLOR IS YOUR FUTURE?

Our programs meet career pathways standards adopted by the Nebraska State Board of Education in conjunction with the National Career Clusters Framework. The color coding is designed to help you navigate your way to greater success in college and a future career.

### AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The seed that turns into food fuels your interest in creating a sustainable ecosystem that provides for future generations.

### BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND MANAGEMENT

Your dream is to create the next big app, have a team of producers make it better, and watch it being used by millions throughout the world.

### COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

You understand the world is just a click away. You desire for it to be closer, faster.

### HEALTH SCIENCES

The ability of the body to repair itself, and science to repair what the body can't, attracts you to this field. Your satisfaction in this area comes from helping others with their health.

### HUMAN SCIENCES AND EDUCATION

You are active everyday and you love working with others. You are fascinated at the way the human body and mind can grow and absorb information like a sponge. Better yet, you want to pass this fascination on to others.

### SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES

You're the creator. Raw materials and a challenge present you with an opportunity to construct the things people use everyday.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

PROGRAM	DEGREE	PROGRAM	DEGREE
● Agriculture Science (Pre)	AS	● General Studies	AA
● Applied Agriculture Technologies	C	- Art Emphasis	
● Athletic Training (Pre)	AS	- English Emphasis	
● Auto Body Technology	AOS, C, D	● Health Information Technology	AAS
● Automotive Technology	AOS, C	● Health/Physical Education/ Coaching & Sports Administration	AS
● Aviation Maintenance	AOS, C	● Human Services (Applied)	AAS
● Biology/Ecology	AS	● Human Services (Transfer)	AA
● Biomedical Research (Pre)	AS	● Information Technology	AA
● Business Administration	AA, AS	● Information Technology - CyberSecurity Option	AA
- Accounting Option		● Mathematics	AS
- Business Administration Option		● Medical Laboratory Technician	AAS
- Management Information Systems Option		● Medical Technology (Pre)	AS
● Business Technology	AAS, C	● Medicine (Pre)	AS
- General Business Option		● Nursing	AS, D
- Information Technology Support Option		- Associate Degree	
- Medical Office Management Option		- Practical	
● Chemistry	AS	- Pre-Professional	
● Chiropractic Medicine (Pre)	AS	● Pharmacy (Pre)	AS
● Coding Technician	D	● Physical Therapy (Pre)	AS
● Computer Sciences (Pre)	AA, AS	● Physics	AS
● Criminal Justice Studies	AA, AAS	● Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology	AOS, C, D
● Dental Hygiene (Pre)	AS	● Psychology	AA
● Dentistry (Pre)	AS	● Radiologic Technology (Pre)	AS
● Dietetics	AS	● Surgical Technology	AAS
● Education	AA, AAS	● Technical Studies	AOS
- Early Childhood		● Theatre Arts	AA
- Elementary		● Veterinary/Comparative Medicine (Pre)	AS
- Music		● Vocal Performance	AA
- Secondary		● Welding Technology	C, D
● Engineering (Pre)	AS		
● Food Science (Pre)	AS		
● Foreign Language (Spanish)	AA		
● Forestry/Wildlife Management (Pre)	AS		
● General Studies	AA, AS		
- Language and Fine Arts			
- Math and Science			
- Social Sciences			

#### DEGREES

AA..... Associate of Arts  
AAS..... Associate of Applied Science  
AS..... Associate of Science  
AD-N .... Associate Degree Nursing

AOS..... Associate of  
Occupational Studies  
D..... Diploma  
C..... Certificate  
T..... Training Program



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## APPLY NOW! REGISTRATION FOR 2018 SPRING CLASSES STARTS NOVEMBER 2.



### Spring 2018 classes begin Monday, January 15.

- Last day for new students to enroll is January 12.
- Last day for returning students to enroll online is January 14.

### How to Apply

- Apply for admission to WNCC online at [wncc.edu/admissions/apply](http://wncc.edu/admissions/apply).
- Watch your mail for information about next steps.

For more information or questions, contact:

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