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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. TODD HOLCOMB

Welcome! We are proud and excited to share this latest edition of the WESTERN Magazine with you. Through these pages, we invite you to step inside Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) and meet the people who are changing lives every day.

With the leadership and support of many in our communities, WNCC recently celebrated a remarkable milestone in our 90-year history—the successful completion of its first ever comprehensive campaign. The list of people who stepped up to support the WNCC Works: Expanding the Possibilities campaign and the panhandle region, is too long to list in this article. Their generous donations of time and money helped us to exceed our goal, raising over \$9.6 million that will benefit

our entire region. Thanks to each of you. Your investment will serve our friends and neighbors for years to come.

As we continue our 90th Anniversary celebration, we are taking time to reflect on 90 years of helping our communities achieve their higher education goals and remaining true to our founders' mission of economic development by serving as one of the largest employers in the region, and training workers for our fellow employers. WNCC has educated multiple generations of families, sometimes with those different generation family members attending at the same time!

As our region continues to change, our curriculum must do the same. To meet employer demand, we are launching new programs this fall:

an Applied Agriculture certificate program, a Medical Laboratory Technician degree program, and a Pharmacy Technician training program. Our community advisory committees have been instrumental in building these programs, so our students will finish the programs “job ready” with the knowledge and skills that employers need.

As we have been for 90 years, WNCC continues to be well-positioned to continue educating the panhandle and fulfilling our role in helping students realize their dreams, economic development, and community partnerships.

I look forward to seeing you on one of our campuses.

—Dr. Todd Holcomb, President

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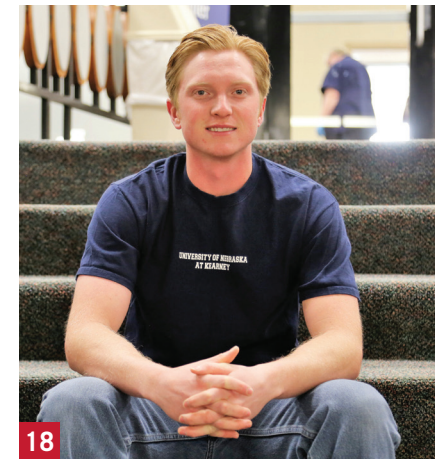
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New Careers Start Here

BY JASON STRATMAN, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Harvest a brighter future: New Applied Agriculture Certificate

In fall 2017, Western Nebraska Community College is offering a new one-year Applied Agriculture certificate—the first technical certificate we’ve offered in this field of study.

Because the agriculture industry is foundational to Nebraska’s economic well-being, our advisory committee members told us interest was high in offering a program that takes just a year to complete and leads to a well-paying job. Opportunities in

agriculture are numerous, and include careers in sales, machinery, harvesting, and livestock.

We’re also incorporating courses into the Scottsbluff High School Career Academy, and we hope other area high schools participate in our dual-credit offering.

For more information about the program or enrollment, contact me at stratman@wncc.edu or call 308.635.6740.

Get your lab coats on: WNCC offers new AAS degree in Medical Laboratory Technology

WNCC is offering a new program that expands on our current industry phlebotomy training—an Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Laboratory Technology.

The new program debuts in fall 2017, and includes both online courses and hands-on labs. The Medical Laboratory Technology degree was created after

reviewing data and studies showing that healthcare offers informed and skilled workers well-paying jobs that are in high demand in the panhandle area, especially within hospitals.

For more information about the program or enrollment, contact Rex Famitangco at famitang@wncc.edu or call 308.635.6124.



Filling the demand: New Pharmacy Technician program

WNCC is offering a new Pharmacy Technician training program in fall 2017 that trains students to successfully pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam, a certification that’s required to work in the field.

The six- to eight-month program teaches the skills necessary to process, prepare, label, and maintain records of physicians’ medication orders and prescriptions in a community pharmacy. Course focus includes customer service, count and pour techniques, prescription calculations, drug selection and preparation, over-the-counter

drugs, record keeping, stock level adjustment, and legal parameters.

The program fills the growing demand for entry-level pharmacy technicians, without the stringent requirements required for most other healthcare fields, and provides graduates with well-paying jobs.

For more information about program requirements or enrollment, contact Workforce Development Director Doug Mader at maderd@wncc.edu or call 308.635.6556.



Put your career in the fast lane:

NEW ACCELERATED GENERAL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE

BY PAULA J. ABBOTT, MSM, SIDNEY CAMPUS DIRECTOR

In response to community needs for an accelerated certificate or degree program, Western Nebraska Community College is now offering an Accelerated General Business Technology certificate and degree.

Our new program builds upon business fundamentals with skills and knowledge that are designed to propel a participant's career forward. Students increase their workforce savvy with business-focused courses such as Information Technology, Principles of Management, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, and Business Law I.

The program is scheduled to begin fall 2017. Students may participate online, in the classroom, or a combination of both. The Accelerated General Business Technology certificate program can be completed in six months, and is tailored to meet the needs of any business or industry. It also can

be applied to earning an Accelerated General Business Technology Associate of Applied Science degree in as little as 14 months.

For more information or to learn more about financing and payment options, contact me at abbottp@wncc.edu or call 308.254.7404.



"I grew up in Scottsbluff, went to Mitchell High School, followed by UNL. I have degrees in Ag Economics, Agribusiness, and Farm and Ranch Management. I started working at our cattle feedlot at a very young age and

have experience with all aspects of cattle feeding. I've also farmed corn, alfalfa, and dry edible beans on my own land. I'm incredibly honored and excited to start up the Applied Agriculture program at WNCC!"

—Lex Larsen,
Applied Agriculture Instructor



"I've worked in the medical laboratory setting for the past 20 years— from an education teaching hospital in the Philippines, to a security forces hospital in Saudi Arabia, to a critical access hospital in western Nebraska. I've done

global health consulting in Africa, Eastern Europe, South America, and Asia. I'm a Certified Medical Laboratory Scientist and hold several qualifications. The knowledge and skills I've gained in these roles will benefit my students at WNCC."

—Rex F. Famitangco, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} QLC^{CM},
Medical Laboratory Sciences Program
Director & Instructor



"I'm a local pharmacist currently residing in Bayard with my family. I completed my doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Since graduation, I've worked in hospital pharmacy

practice, and am currently employed as a clinical staff pharmacist at Regional West Medical Center. I'm pleased to be part of WNCC's Pharmacy Technician training program and look forward to training future entry-level pharmacy technicians."

—Jeff Kildow, Pharm.D., R.Ph.
Pharmacy Technician Instructor

FACES *of* EXCELLENCE

BY NINA GRANT, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

WHY WNCC WAS THE RIGHT CALL FOR ISAAC TAYLOR

After graduating from Cheyenne East High school in May 2015, Isaac Taylor was awarded a full, two-year baseball scholarship at Western Nebraska Community College.

He's currently earning his Associate of Science degree in Pre-Athletic Training and is graduating in May. Isaac is planning to transfer to a four-year college on another scholarship to play ball. After earning his bachelor's degree, Isaac wants to go to grad school and study kinesiology or exercise science with the hope of becoming a sports medicine doctor with his own practice.

"I really didn't think I would go to WNCC because I didn't think I would attend a two-year college. But it felt right and made the most sense academically, socially, and athletically. Once I started to experience everything WNCC offered, I really grew as a person."

While at WNCC, Isaac served as a resident assistant, president of the math and science club—Mu Alpha Sigma Chi, a student athletic trainer, and Phi Theta Kappa president.

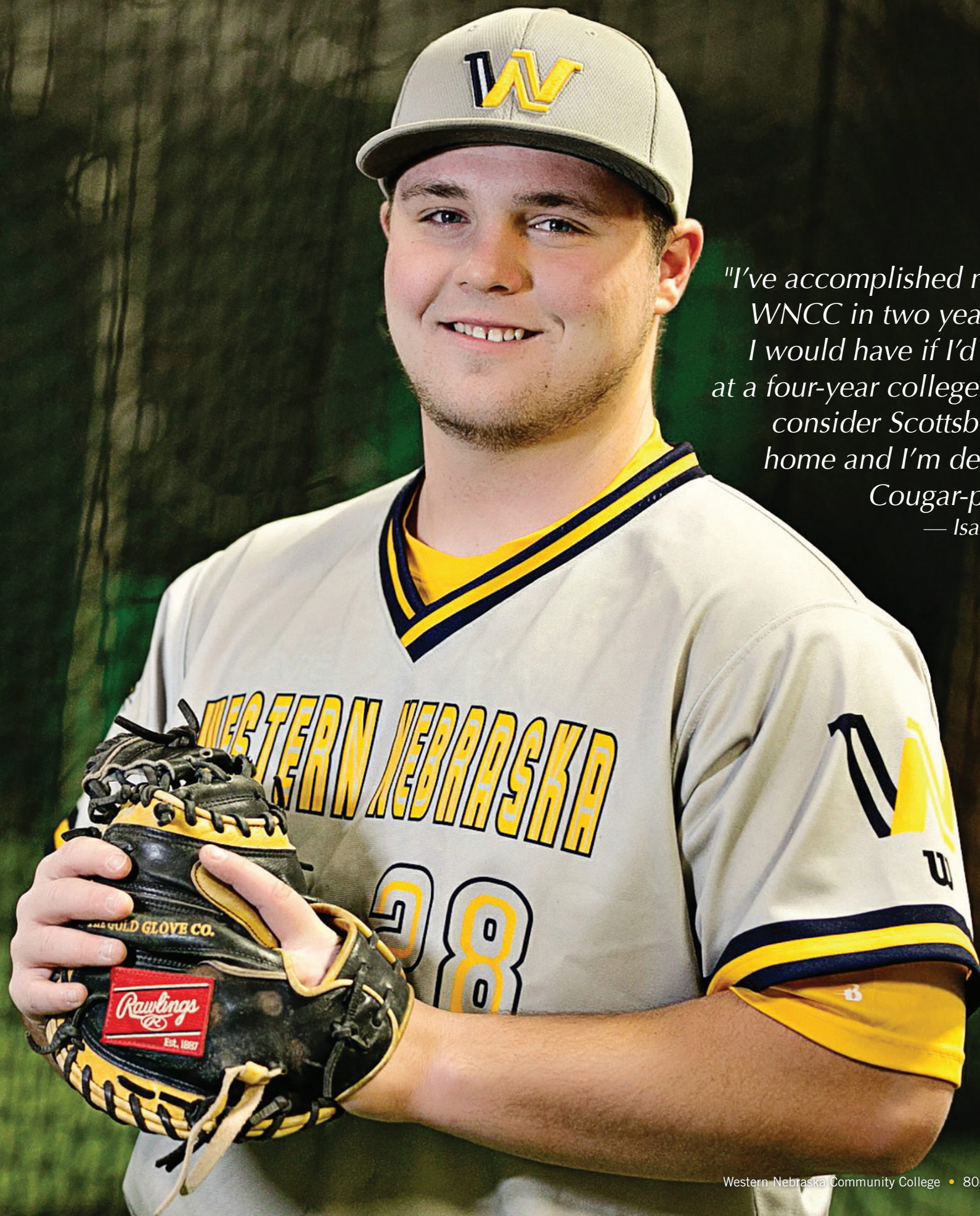
Isaac credits his student tutors and teachers for helping him cover all the bases in passing tough

classes like chemistry and math. He says Math Instructor Amy Winters, Student Life Assistant Director and Residence Life Co-Director Molly Bonuchi, and PTK Faculty Co-Sponsor Norman Coley all played important roles in helping him succeed.

"I'm confident that all of my WNCC credits will transfer to the four-year college that I'll be going to," Isaac says.

WNCC is also confident that Isaac will be a good catch wherever he goes.

Isaac Taylor is a good sport. Literally.



"I've accomplished more at WNCC in two years than I would have if I'd started at a four-year college. I now consider Scottsbluff my home and I'm definitely Cougar-proud!"

— Isaac Taylor



“Growing up with learning disabilities myself, I’m drawn to helping other children who struggle with disabilities. It’s led me to choose special education as my career choice.”

—Ashley Burr

ASHLEY BURR: RESILIENCE IN ACTION

After receiving 15 scholarships and numerous resources to help her overcome learning disabilities, Ashley Burr is successfully graduating from Western Nebraska Community College in May with her associate’s degree in Elementary Education.

Remarkably, Ashley has paid her college tuition entirely with scholarships. She was awarded the Western Nebraska Teacher’s Scholarship and received the Swanson Teacher’s Scholarship for both years at WNCC. She also received the Early Enrollment Scholarship and Leadership Scholarship during her freshman year.

Ashley also drives a long way to attend school. Her commute to the Scottsbluff campus from her home in Chappell, Nebraska is 103 miles one way. At WNCC, she is a student ambassador at the Sidney campus, as well as Student Senate president and Phi Theta Kappa vice president.

She plans to transfer to Chadron State College to complete her bachelor’s in Elementary Special Education.

If her track record isn’t impressive enough, Ashley has done it all while working part-time and overcoming two learning disabilities—dyslexia and dyscalculia (a math disability). WNCC granted Ashley special disability circumstances so she was able to record lectures and take her tests in a quiet environment.

Ashley credits Counseling Director Norm Stephenson for helping her find solutions to overcome her disabilities, and Student Services Coordinator Erin Huddleston for helping her map out her degree requirements to ensure transferability to Chadron State.

MICHAEL ANN RELKA: REAPING THE BENEFITS OF A GREAT EDUCATION

After graduating from Gering High School in 2005, Mitchell, Nebraska native Michael Ann (Johns) Relka wanted to continue helping her dad on the family farm while earning her degree. She chose Western Nebraska Community College because it was close to home, and offered an agriculture degree.

Unfortunately, during her first year at WNCC the program was dropped. Michael says, "It wasn't a bad deal though, as I 'customized' my classes and was able to get my associate's degree in Business Administration. I took several science classes so that when I transferred to Colorado State University two years later, most of the classes met several of the prerequisites for my Ag Business/Soil and Crop Science bachelor's degree.

Michael says WNCC's small classroom sizes and incredible teachers provided a great learning environment while she was carrying a full credit load each semester. She also said the Writing Lab helped her out on more than one occasion.

Jeannette Johnson, her career development and business instructor, was integral in helping her succeed at WNCC.

Michael has worked as an agriculturist at Western Sugar's Scottsbluff office since fall 2009 where she helps farmers produce a quality sugar beet crop.

"I think the new Applied Ag program at WNCC is a great starting point for students wanting to venture into agriculture. I also believe it's a great industry to be in and very pertinent to our geographic area."

—Michael Ann Relka



90 YEARS IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING

BY ALLISON JUDY & JENNIFER SIBAL, 90TH ANNIVERSARY CO-CHAIRS



In May 2016, Western Nebraska Community College embarked upon a special journey to commemorate 90 years of history in the community.

This year has provided an amazing opportunity to see and hear stories of our college's history come to life through our alumni and friends, communities, faculty, and staff.

Within our 90-year history live countless stories of students who entrusted us with the foundation of their education. Meeting the needs of our students and communities continue to be our focus as we grow into the future. It has been our privilege to share this milestone with you, our Cougar Community, and we sincerely thank you for celebrating with us!







WNCC student Jordan Whisler and CAPWN Family Stabilization Specialist Amy Long (left side of desk) prepare a tax return for a client (right) at the VITA Tax Clinic on February 4, 2017.



Connecting Beyond the Classroom

BY JENNIFER SIBAL,
WNCC ALUMNI DIRECTOR

"This project allows students to see the real-world application of the things that we are learning in the classroom. The icing on the cake is they're helping people and learning important soft skills like customer service."

—Aletia Norwood, Business Division Chair

The Western Nebraska Community College Alumni Association creates connections not only with alumni and friends, but also with current students. One successful connection is through a Service Learning Tax Project, a partnership with the WNCC Business Program, and a local non-profit, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN).

The Alumni Association is a designated IRS (VITA) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site and helps Accounting II and Economics students complete a special IRS certification. Once students receive certification, they're able to assist with filing free federal and state returns, and as a result, they

volunteer eight hours at the CAPWN tax clinic assisting low-to-moderate income families complete their filings and receive their tax returns.

"This program was really driven by community need," shares Alumni Director Jennifer Sibal. "A local organization had been assisting with filing for many years and decided not to continue. It created a huge gap, so this partnership allows us to creatively add capacity while giving our students a great, hands-on learning experience."

Thanks to this incredibly successful partnership, 615 returns brought over \$750,000 in refunds to the community in the 2015 tax season.

GET YOUR FAFSA IN GEAR!

BY SHEILA JOHNS,
FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR

How to apply for financial aid for the 2017-2018 academic year.

It pays to find out about student financial aid. A number of resources are available to help you with the cost of college during the 2017-2018 academic year, but you must apply to be eligible. Here are some steps to take to make it easy:

1. Apply for admission to WNCC at wncc.edu/admissions/apply. You'll be asked to supply high school and other college transcripts, ACT or SAT scores, or official GED scores.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is the best place to determine eligibility for federal student aid programs like federal grants, fixed-rate low-interest student loans, and work-study funds.
 - Apply online at fafsa.gov.
 - Enter WNCC's school code (002560) on the FAFSA.
- Students (and a parent or guardian of dependent students) need a username and password known as an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID to electronically sign the FAFSA. Obtain the FAFSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov.
- The FAFSA provides online help to complete the form and tax information can be imported directly into the FAFSA form from the IRS using the IRS DRT (data retrieval tool). Applicants must supply 2015 tax information when completing the 2017-2018 FAFSA.
- Eligible students may receive as much as \$5,920 in Federal Pell Grant to help pay college costs in 2017-2018.
- WNCC uses FAFSA results to determine eligibility for the Nebraska state grant known as the Nebraska Opportunity Grant.
- **DEADLINE:** Submit the FAFSA before July 1, 2017 to ensure all requirements are met and

eligibility is finalized prior to the start of fall 2017 classes.

- Notifications of requests for additional information and award notifications are emailed to the WNCC-provisioned email provided to all WNCC students.
3. Want free help completing the FAFSA? Contact AIM Educational Opportunity Center at **308.635.6777** or EducationQuest Foundation at **402.479.6654** or **800.303.3745, Ext. 6654**.
 4. Apply for other WNCC scholarships before September 1, 2017 at wncc.edu/scholarships.
 5. Additional financial aid resources: wncc.edu/cost-aid/apply-aid/financial-aid-resources.

Have more questions? Feel free to contact the WNCC Financial Aid Office at **308.635.6011** or **800.348.4435, Ext. 6011**. Or financialaid@wncc.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WNCC

APRIL

- 7 College Powerline Rodeo, Alliance
- 8 ACT Test, Scottsbluff
- 10 Registration for Summer & Fall Classes Begins
- 14 Good Friday; College Closed
- 20 High School District Music Contest, Scottsbluff
Student Awards Ceremony, Sidney
Earth Day Clean Up, Alliance
- 23 Spring Band Concert (Instrumental Music), Scottsbluff
- 25 Leadership & Success Induction, Scottsbluff
- 27 Student Awards Ceremony, Scottsbluff
- 28 Arbor Day Tree Planting, Sidney;
Student Awards Ceremony, Alliance
- 28-30 Spring Studio Performance (Theatre Arts), Scottsbluff

MAY

- 3 End-of-Year BBQ, Scottsbluff
- 6 SAT Test, Scottsbluff; Graduation/Transfer Recital (Instrumental & Vocal Music), Scottsbluff
- 7 Jump, Jive & Swing (Instrumental Music), Gering
- 8 Last Day of Classes; Math Common Final
- 9-12 Finals
- 13 85th Annual Commencement, Scottsbluff
- 26 Last Day for New Students to Register
- 29 Memorial Day; College Closed; Last Day for Returning Students to Register Online
- 30 Summer Classes Begin

JUNE

- 3 SAT Test, Scottsbluff
- 9 First Financial Aid Disbursement for Summer Semester
- 10 ACT Test, Scottsbluff
- 30 Second Disbursement of Summer-Only Loans

JULY

- 4 Independence Day; College Closed
- 7 Disbursement of Summer Loans for First-Time Borrowers
- 20 Last Day of Summer Classes
- 21 Math Common Final
- 24-25 Finals

AUGUST

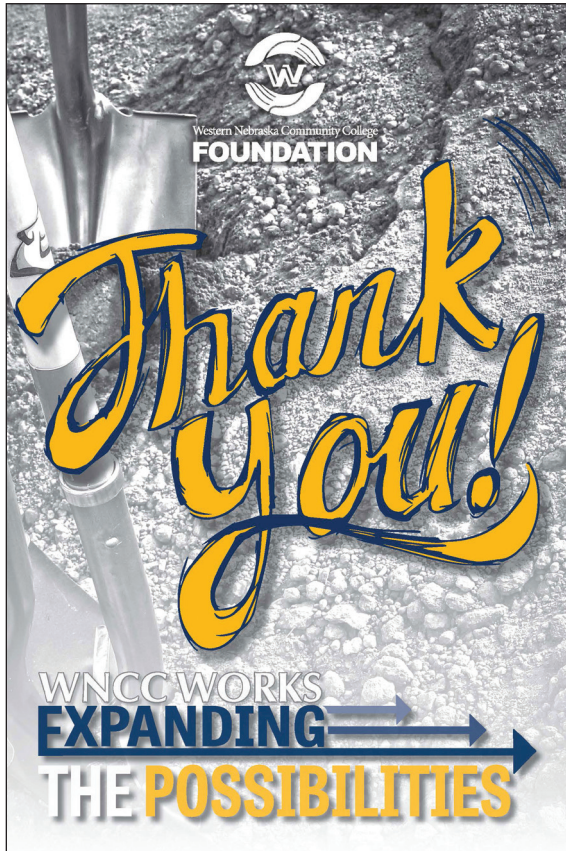
- 18 Last Day for New Students to Register
- 20 Last Day for Returning Students to Register Online
- 21 Fall Classes Begin
- 26 SAT Test, Scottsbluff

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day; College Closed
- 9 ACT Test, Scottsbluff
- 15 First Financial Aid Disbursement for Fall Semester
- 22 Disbursement of Fall Loans for First-Time Borrowers



Because of you...



BY JENNIFER ROGERS, WNCC FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From its start, the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation has been focused on improving the lives of students through access to relevant and transforming programs at WNCC. What you may not know is that we couldn't do this important work without your desire and investment to make it happen.

It's only because of you that:

- Scholarships will bring more students closer to their dreams.
- Students will have the best technology in the classroom.
- The agriculture industry will have access to workers with the skill level they need right here in the panhandle.
- We can respond with new or expanded programs to help students get a job, and employers have a skilled workforce.
- Healthcare in the region will have surgical technologists, medical laboratory technicians,

and nurses to take care of people when they need it.

- Vocal music, instrumental music, and theatre students will have practice spaces and facilities which will continue to enhance cultural opportunities for the region.

Thanks to your help and more than 1,100 donors providing over 3,500 gifts, the WNCC Works: Expanding the Possibilities campaign has raised over 9.6 million dollars over the last two years. Learn more about the future impact of this historic effort at wnccworks.org.

WNCC Works: Expanding the Possibilities campaign has raised over 9.6 million dollars to support students, enhance programs, and upgrade facilities over the last two years.



Howard Olsen and Judy Chaloupka, the new WNCC Foundation Board President

Honoring Howard Olsen, WNCC Foundation President, for nearly 30 years

For nearly three decades, Howard Olsen has served as president of the WNCC Foundation Board of Directors. To say his leadership has been historic is an understatement. He has seen this organization through its formative years into a time of great promise. Howard has always believed that every business, organization, and resident is impacted by the power of higher education in the panhandle. For him, it's always been about the students we serve. We thank you Howard, and wife Peggy, for all you've given to the Foundation to make it what it is today!



BACK ROW (left to right): Kevin Kelley, Scott Wentz, Howard Olsen, Don Roth, Dr. Todd Holcomb, Rick Tuggle, Dr. William Packard, and Tim Daniels. **FRONT ROW:** Sheila Johns, Jennifer Rogers, Kristin Wiebe, Judy Chaloupka, Judy Amoo, and Allison Judy.

WNCC Works Campaign Leadership

The WNCC Foundation would like to recognize the dedicated group of community leaders who shared this vision and gave their time and resources to support workforce success, student success, and community enrichment at WNCC.

On behalf WNCC faculty, staff, and students, we want to say thank you. We couldn't have done it without you.

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WNCC Works Campaign Leadership

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| Judy Amoo | Judy Chaloupka |
| Tim Daniels | Fliesbach Family |
| John Harms | Kevin Kelley |
| Rick Morehouse | Howard & Peggy Olsen |
| Wil & Shari Packard | Bob & Elaine Pile |
| Rich Stickney | John & Rita Stinner |
| Rick Tuggle | Scott Wentz |


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 **96%**
 of faculty & staff gave to the campaign




1,101 Donors
 gave more than 3,500 gifts

100%
 of WNCC Foundation Board of Directors and Board of Governors gave

Major Initiatives:
 Workforce Success
 Student Success
 Community Enrichment



WNCC enshrined its inaugural WNCC Cougar Athletic class on Jan. 23 with Bobby Jackson and Dick “Night Train” Lane. Pictured at halftime of the men’s basketball game are (left to right) Athletic Director Ryan Burgner; Kendrick Jackson, Bobby’s son; Bobby Jackson; Sabella Jackson, Bobby’s daughter; WNCC President Dr. Todd Holcomb; and Dick “Night Train Lane’s three sons, Richard Lane, Jr., Richard Walker, and Richard Lane II.



Bobby Jackson signs autographs for Cougar fans.



Dick “Night Train” Lane’s three sons pose with “Dad’s” photograph from the 1947-48 Scottsbluff Junior College (now known as WNCC) football season. Football is no longer offered at WNCC.



Two Named to WNCC’s Athletics Hall of Fame Inaugural Class

BY RYAN BURGNER, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Western Nebraska Community College celebrated the inaugural class of the WNCC Athletics of Fame by enshrining Bobby Jackson and Dick “Night Train” Lane. The creation of the WNCC Athletics Hall of Fame serves to honor Cougars Athletics programs and student-athletes that have helped the college win regional titles and national championships.

Bobby Jackson played basketball for the Cougars from 1993-1995. After graduating, he went on to play at the University of Minnesota and was later selected by the Seattle SuperSonics in the first round of the 1997 NBA draft. Jackson enjoyed 12 seasons in the NBA, playing the majority with the Sacramento

Kings, where he was a crowd favorite and known as “Action Jackson.”

NFL Hall of Famer **Dick “Night Train” Lane** played offense and defense for the then Scottsbluff Junior College football team during the 1947-1948 season. Coach Bill Putnam called the Austin, Texas, native “a coach’s dream.” In 1952, the 24-year-old Army veteran asked for a tryout with the Los Angeles Rams. He made the team, and set a NFL single-season record for interceptions with 14, a number that still stands today. Lane spent the majority of his 14 years in the NFL with the Detroit Lions. He passed away in January 2002 at the age of 73.



“WNCC has a rich history and tradition of excellence in athletics, and our student-athletes have played a key role in building this reputation. We thought the 90th Anniversary would be the perfect opportunity to unveil our inaugural class.”

—Ryan Burgner,
Athletics Director

Various athletes from the 2016-17 WNCC Cougar Athletics teams sign autographs for Cougar fans during the Jan. 23 Athletic Hall of Fame event.

Groves steps up to the plate to coach softball team

BY MARK REIN, SPORTS INFORMATION ASSISTANT

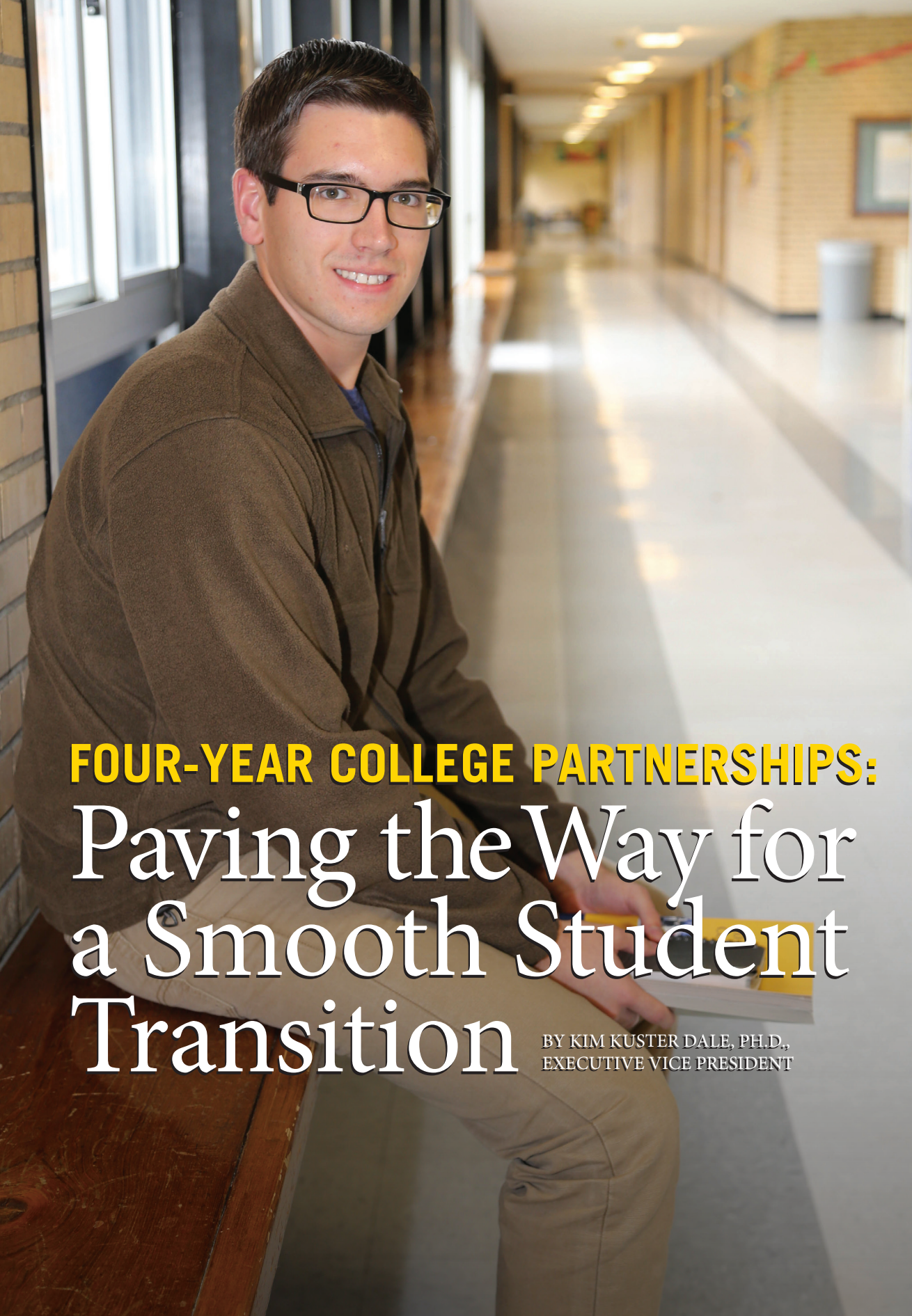


A familiar face is guiding the Western Nebraska Community College softball program this spring. Former Cougar player and assistant coach Katelyn Groves was named interim head coach in August. She is leading a team that she won a regional title with in 2010.

At WNCC, Groves was a two time All-American. She finished her career with 32 home runs (17 in 2009), had a .517 batting average, and .895 slugging percentage. At Central Missouri, she earned All-MIAA First Team honors and was a MIAA conference and NFCA Division II All-American Scholar athlete.



Groves replaces Maria Winn-Ratliff, who coached the Cougars for 12 seasons. “I can’t say enough about the Cougar softball program. I think anyone that has played for the program, hosted or taught a Cougar softball player, or attended a game can attest to how special it is. I’m excited to get going.”



FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS:

Paving the Way for a Smooth Student Transition

BY KIM KUSTER DALE, PH.D.,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



TOP PHOTO: SCOUT WILSON - Graduated from WNCC with an Associate of Science degree in Biology prior to transferring to the University of Nebraska-Kearney where he graduated in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Philosophy. He is preparing to enter a grad program for philosophy.

LEFT PHOTO: DAVIS ESKAM - Took college courses for credit while still in high school through WNCC CollegeNOW! He graduated from GHS in May 2016 and is currently attending his first year at the University of Wyoming. When asked if he's adjusting well to college life, he replied, "It's been a pretty easy transition." Davis moved into the Sigma Chi house for the spring 2017 semester.

Western Nebraska Community College continues to expand its seamless transfer opportunities for students. Our faculty and staff have recently met with representatives from the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) to address challenges our students face when transferring. UNK is committed to removing all barriers to transfer in hopes of recruiting more WNCC students.

Chadron State College is also committed to enhancing transferability. Last fall, 60 faculty and staff from WNCC and Chadron State met on our campus to share information and collaborate on transferability. Next fall, our faculty and staff is traveling to Chadron to continue the tradition of collaboration. Both institutions are working hard to ensure students can transfer easily and don't have to repeat coursework.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), College of Business, recently identified WNCC as the state community college they would like to partner with to develop a 2 + 2 transfer agreement. This partnership would ensure that students who graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in business would enter with junior status at UNL. No courses would need to be repeated, and students could go right into their specific business major.

Lastly, representatives from the University of Wyoming (UW) visited our campus last fall to discuss ways to enhance transferability. This can be an attractive option for students, as UW tuition is affordable and the university is just two hours from the Nebraska Panhandle.

At WNCC, we continue to work towards developing seamless academic and career pathways for our students. If you have any questions or have experienced challenges related to transferability, please contact me at kim.dale@wncc.edu.



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PROGRAMS OF STUDY

| PROGRAM | DEGREE | PROGRAM | DEGREE |
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| ● Agricultural Science (Pre) | AS | ● Information Technology Technical Support | AAS |
| ● Applied Agriculture | C | ● Language & Fine Arts | AA, AS |
| ● Athletic Training (Pre) | AS | — Art | |
| ● Auto Body Technology | C, D, AOS | — English | |
| ● Automotive Technology | AOS, C | — Journalism | |
| ● Aviation Maintenance | AOS, C | ● Management Information System | AA, AS |
| ● Biology/Ecology | AS | ● Mathematics | AS |
| ● Biomedical Research (Pre) | AS | ● Medical Laboratory Technician | AAS |
| ● Business (General) | AAS | ● Medical Technology (Pre) | AS |
| ● Business Administration | AA, AS | ● Medicine (Pre) | AS |
| ● Business Administration Accounting | AA, AS | ● Nursing (Associates Degree) | AD-N |
| ● Business Technology Medical Office Management | AAS | ● Nursing (Practical) | D |
| ● Chemistry | AS | ● Nursing (Pre-Professional) | AS |
| ● Chiropractic Medicine (Pre) | AS | ● Pharmacy Technician | T |
| ● Coding Technician | D | ● Pharmacy (Pre) | AS |
| ● Computer Science | AS | ● Physical Therapy (Pre) | AS |
| ● Criminal Justice | AA, AAS | ● Physics | AS |
| ● Dental Hygiene (Pre) | AS | ● Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology | AOS, C, D |
| ● Dentistry (Pre) | AS | ● Psychology | AA |
| ● Dietetics | AS | ● Radiologic Technology (Pre) | AS |
| ● Education | AA, AS | ● Rangeland Management | AS |
| — Early Childhood | | ● Social Science | AA |
| — Elementary | | — Anthropology | |
| — Music | | — Economics | |
| — Secondary | | — Geography | |
| ● Engineering (Pre) | AS | — History | |
| ● Food Science (Pre) | AS | — Political Science | |
| ● Foreign Language - French & Spanish | AA | — Sociology | |
| ● Forestry/Wildlife Management (Pre) | AS | ● Social Work | AA |
| ● General Business Technology | C | ● Surgical Technology | AAS |
| ● General Studies | AA, AS | ● Technical Studies | AOS |
| ● Health Information Technology | AAS | ● Theatre Arts | AA |
| ● Health/Physical Education Coaching & Sports Administration | AS | ● Veterinary Medicine/Comparative Medicine (Pre) | AS |
| ● Human Services | AA | ● Vocal Performance | AA |
| ● Human Services (Applied) | AAS | ● Welding Technology | C, D |
| ● Information Technology | AA, C | | |

DEGREES

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| AA.....Associate of Arts | AOS Associate of Occupational Studies |
| AAS Associate of Applied Science | DDiploma |
| AS Associate of Science | C.....Certificate |
| AD-N ...Associate Degree Nursing | T..... Training Program |

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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.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM

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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.

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.

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

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- The last day for new students to register is Friday, August 18.
- The last day for returning students to register online is Sunday, August 20.

Apply for admission to WNCC online at wncc.edu/admissions/apply.

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