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Annual Report  
**//2019-20**



Western Nebraska  
Community College



## » President's Message

**T**he last seven months have certainly been challenging. From the largest cities across the state, to the smallest communities in our Panhandle, we have all been impacted by COVID-19. But it's in these times of crisis that we are needed most. It's our duty as the community's college to provide unwavering support to not only our students, but our entire service area.

Despite these trying times, Western Nebraska Community College remains a viable resource and partner for the Nebraska Panhandle. It's important that we continue to serve everyone, especially our underrepresented populations, so we all have the opportunity to reach educational and career goals. With this commitment in place, I'm thrilled to announce that our institution exceeded 25 percent Hispanic enrollment in the Spring 2020 semester, and that number continues to increase. The diversity in our classrooms, at our athletic fields, and on our performing arts stage greatly enriches us as a college and a community.

We are proud to partner with regional employers by providing highly skilled workers to help fill in-demand jobs. From Nursing to Powerline Construction & Maintenance to Welding, our programs are proven to add value to the Panhandle. With excellent faculty and facilities, our students are ready to face the future on day one.

Our students are the focus of everything that happens at WNCC. Every tough decision, every change, is done with their best interests in mind. Thank you to all, for doing your part in improving the lives of every student that we see.

Respectfully,

Carmen M. Simone, Ph.D., *President*

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Front row (left to right): Dr. M. Thomas Perkins, Ms. F. Lynne Klemke (Chair), Dr. Carmen M. Simone, Mr. Richard G. Stickney (Vice Chair), Mr. Merlyn L. Gramberg

THANK YOU!

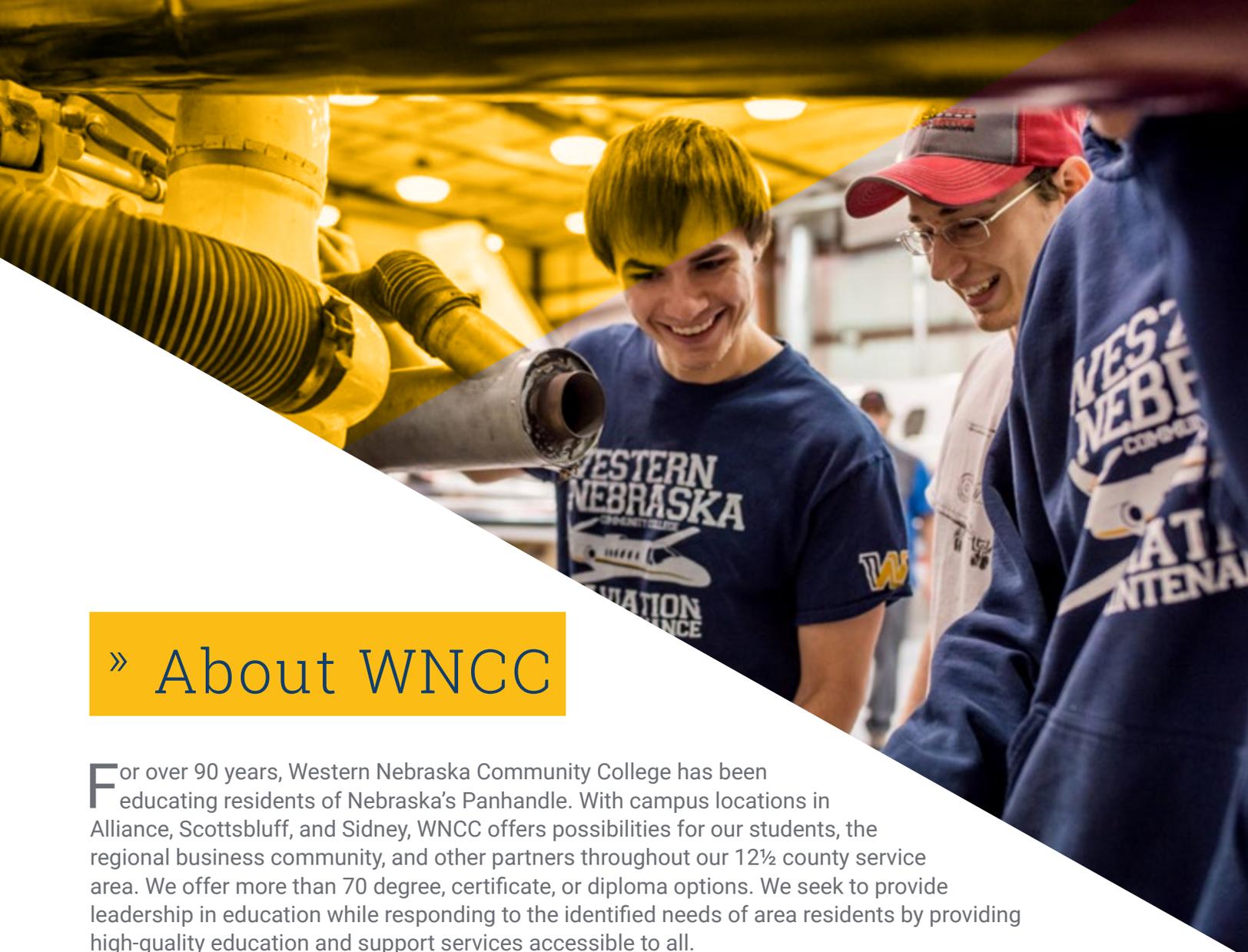


As my first year as President of WNCC comes quickly to a close, I would like to acknowledge my debt of gratitude to Dr. John Harms.

His tireless work and dedication during his time as interim president helped prepare our institution for a successful transition in leadership by bringing a sense of calm and stability back to the institution he thoughtfully and keenly led for over 30 years.

Thank you, John, for giving WNCC a tremendous gift – the gift of your time and talents – in our time of need. WNCC will always and forever reflect your caring leadership.

– Dr. Carmen M. Simone



## » About WNCC

For over 90 years, Western Nebraska Community College has been educating residents of Nebraska’s Panhandle. With campus locations in Alliance, Scottsbluff, and Sidney, WNCC offers possibilities for our students, the regional business community, and other partners throughout our 12½ county service area. We offer more than 70 degree, certificate, or diploma options. We seek to provide leadership in education while responding to the identified needs of area residents by providing high-quality education and support services accessible to all.

### Mission Statement

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### Vision Statement

To positively impact the education and well-being of every student, employer, and community member in the Nebraska Panhandle region.

### Values

- Lifelong Learning
- Student and Community Service
- Honesty, Integrity, and Transparency
- Collaboration and Communication
- Innovation and Continuous Improvement
- Respect for All People and Perspectives

**3 Campuses**

ALLIANCE  
SCOTTSBLUFF  
SIDNEY

**70+**

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS,  
OR CERTIFICATES



ALLIANCE

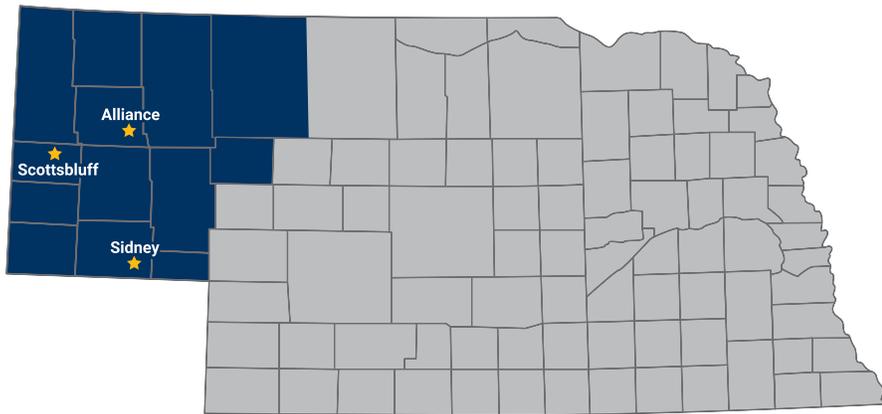


SCOTTSBLUFF



SIDNEY

Service Area




**CAMPUS HOUSING**

SCOTTSBLUFF  
SIDNEY

Nebraska Students by County

Banner	9
Box Butte	116
Cherry	13
Cheyenne	101
Dawes	51
Deuel	11
Garden	29
Grant	3
Kimball	32
Morrill	114
Scotts Bluff	941
Sheridan	39
Sioux	7
Other	24

**NEBRASKA**

1490 STUDENTS

**INTERNATIONAL**

66 STUDENTS

**OUT OF STATE**

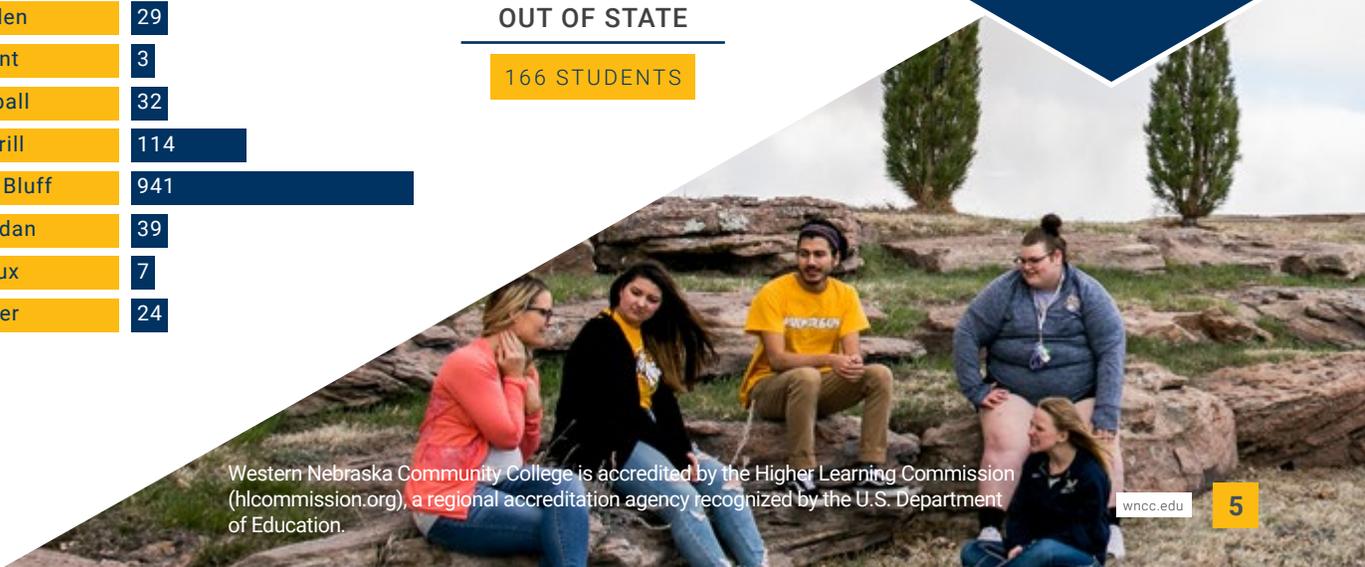
166 STUDENTS

SERVING

**93,000**

17,000 SQUARE MILES

12 ½ COUNTIES



Western Nebraska Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



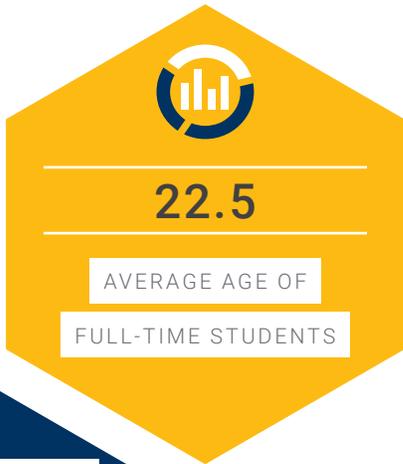
# » Our Students

## Enrollment



## Graduation, Transfer, and Retention Rates





AVERAGE AGE OF  
FULL-TIME STUDENTS



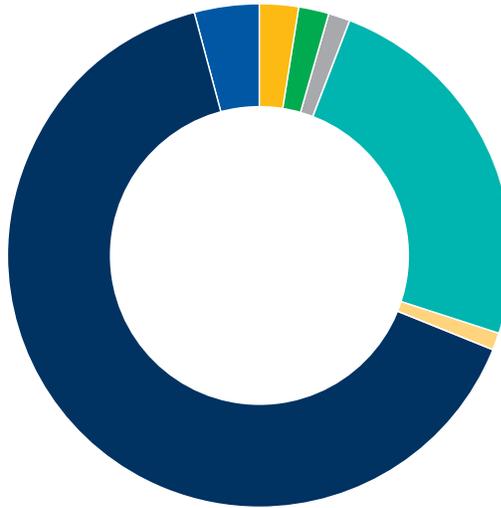
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STUDENT TO  
FACULTY RATIO

RANKED TOP 25

**BEST FOR VETS**

9 YEARS RUNNING BY  
MILITARY TIMES



Student Diversity

- 2.7% African American
- 2% Native American
- 1.3% Asian
- 24.4% Hispanic
- 0.3% Pacific Islander
- 65.3% White/Caucasian
- 3.9% International

Faculty & Staff

Total	332
Full-Time	185
Part-Time	147

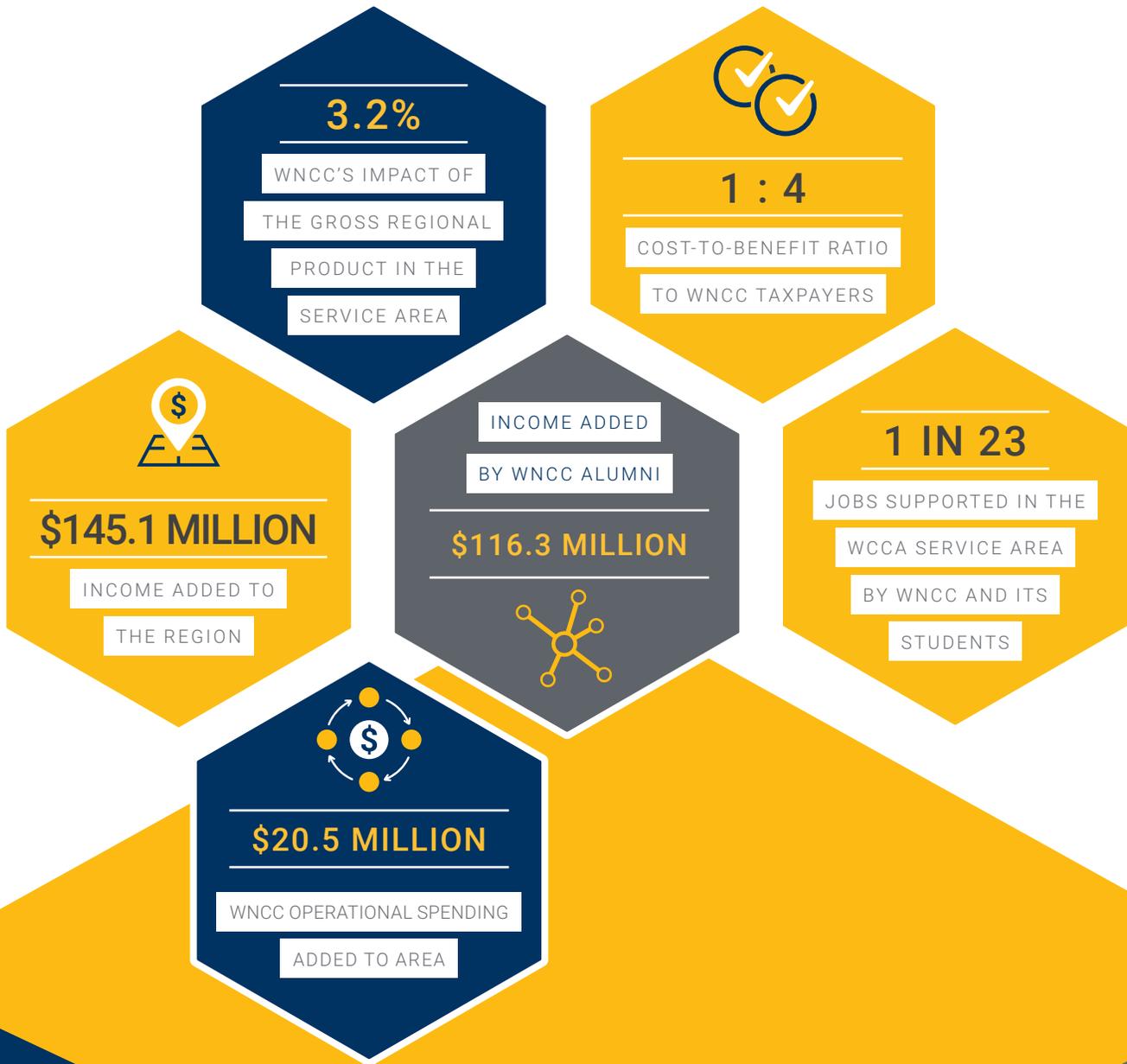
85%

OF STUDENTS WHO  
ENTER THE WORKFORCE  
FIND EMPLOYMENT IN  
NEBRASKA



# » Impact & Budget

WNCC plays a vital role not only in the lives of its students, but also as a main contributor in the area's economy. WNCC prides itself on being a fiscally responsible institution, prioritizing its resources to help strengthen its vibrant communities.



\*According to study conducted by Emsi in 2018 for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

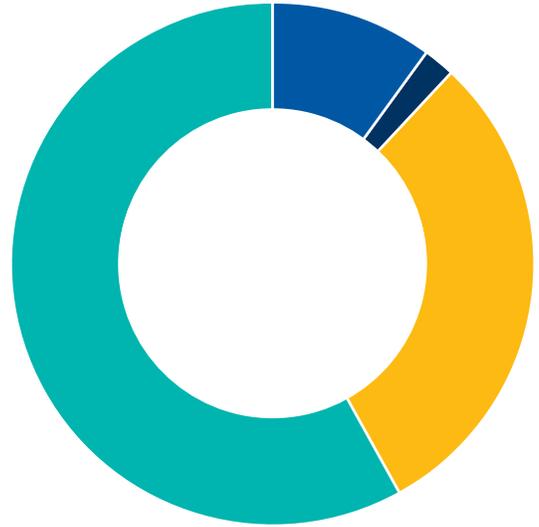
2019 – 2020 Operating Budget: \$31,385,135

General Fund Revenue



- 9% Tuition & Fees
- 33% Property Tax
- 41% State Aid
- 17% Other

General Fund Expenditures



- 10% Equipment
- 30% Operating
- 2% Travel
- 58% Personnel



# » Athletics



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



WOMEN'S SOCCER



VOLLEYBALL



MEN'S BASKETBALL



BASEBALL



MEN'S SOCCER



SOFTBALL



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**150+**

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STUDENT ATHLETES



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ATHLETES RECEIVING

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ACADEMIC HONORS

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**36**



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**22**

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

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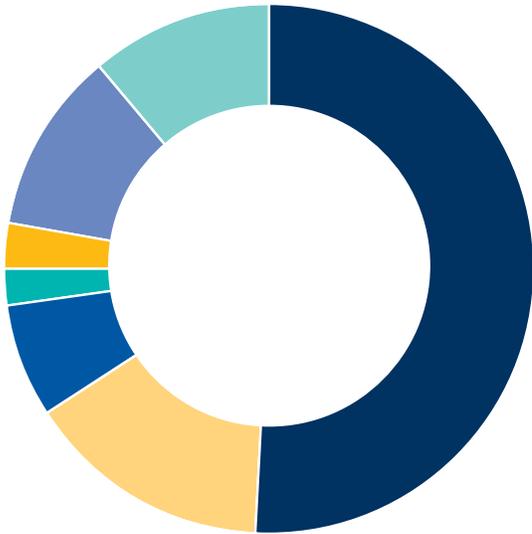
PROJECTS

# » Foundation

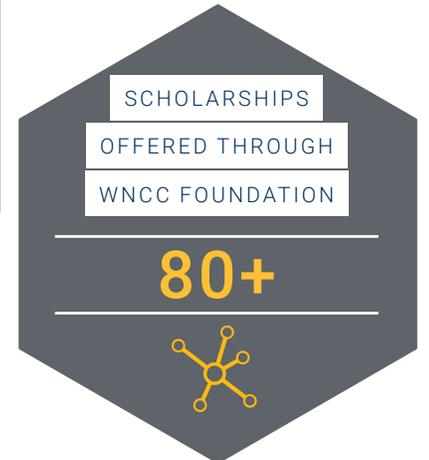
An education at WNCC represents many things to our students. For some, it's the first step in their educational journey. For others, it's an avenue to gain the skills needed to land their dream career. The WNCC Foundation strives to help make those a reality for our students. Student support and student success remains a top priority in the WNCC Foundation's mission, which is no more apparent than the scholarships the Foundation awards annually.

## 2019 - 2020 Scholarships Awarded

- 51%  General
- 15%  Applied Tech
- 7%  Math/Sci/PhysEd
- 2%  Health Occupations
- 3%  Business/Accounting/IT
- 11%  Social Sciences
- 11%  Other



## Alumni Across the U.S.A.



### 2019 WNCC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Scottsbluff Campus**

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