

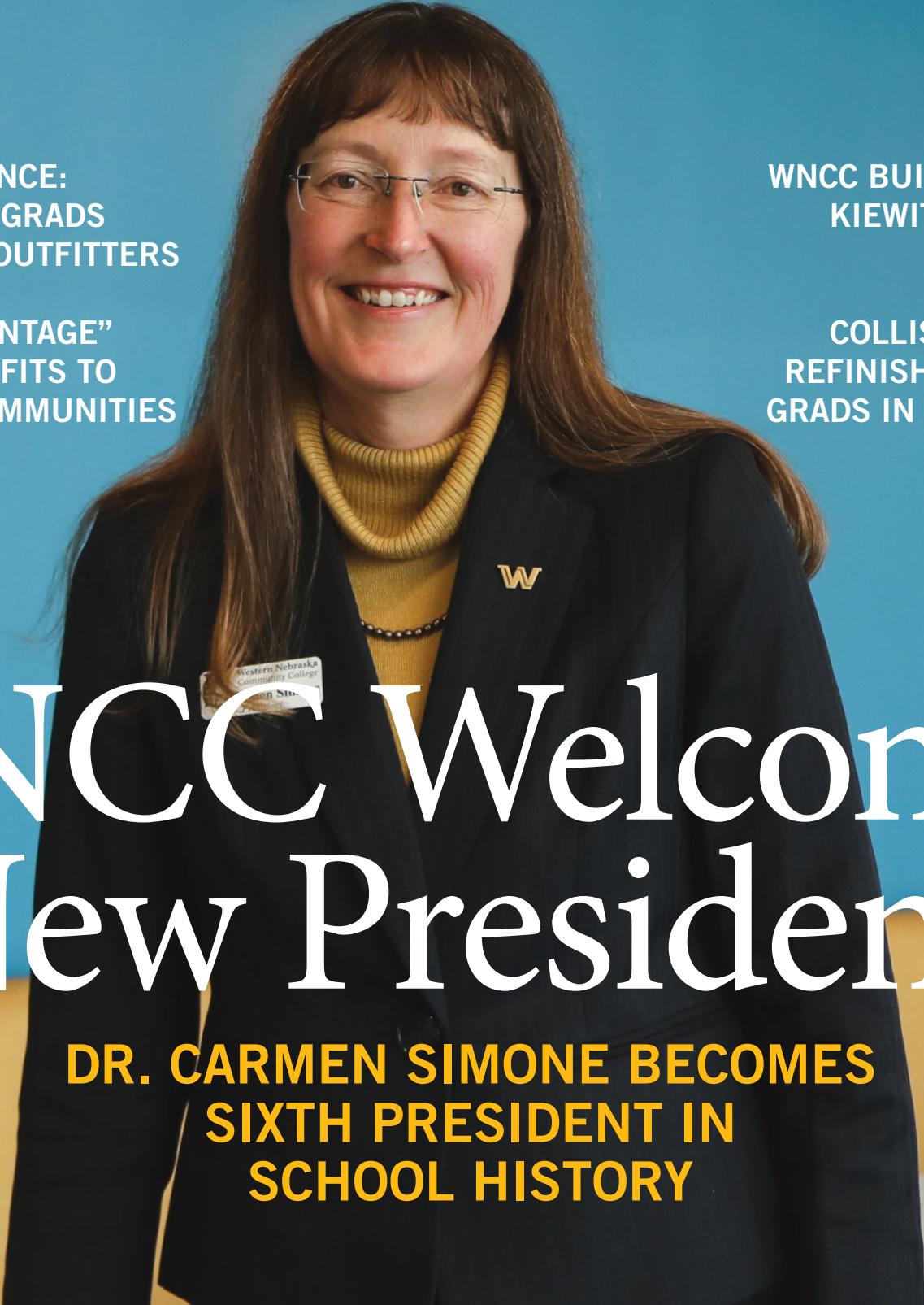
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WNCC Welcomes New President

**DR. CARMEN SIMONE BECOMES
SIXTH PRESIDENT IN
SCHOOL HISTORY**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. CARMEN SIMONE



When I first heard I was selected to become the next president of Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC), I was excited to embark on this special journey. Now, three months in, I've found WNCC exceeds my expectations in every way. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome and making me feel at home from day one. The phrase "Nebraska Nice" holds true, especially in this part of the state.

In my short time here, I've learned about some special people with incredible stories. Take Leigh Thompson, who overcame serious obstacles and setbacks to return to school and work toward her Associate Degree of Applied Sciences in Human Services. Leigh is just one of many examples how community colleges enrich the lives of their students. You can read more about Leigh on page 6 of this issue.

WNCC continues to be the springboard for changing student lives and positively affecting our world. Here, student success is our top priority and we strive to make sure everyone is able to pursue their dreams.

It starts with exciting grant programs like STEM CONNECT, that provide academic and financial support to students like Gracey Perez. This grant awards scholarship money for two years of education at WNCC, and an additional two years at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. For more information on STEM CONNECT, turn to page 15.

Throughout the year, I will continue to be involved and engaged with our communities as I learn the culture of Western Nebraska. As president, I will nurture the strong relationships we need to reinforce our institution's continued success. There is still much work to be done and together, we will rise to meet the challenges ahead. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carmen Simone
President

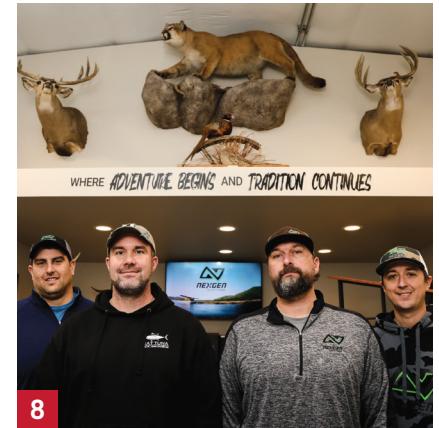
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The WCCA Board of Governors selected Dr. Carmen Simone as the sixth president of WNCC in November 2019.

WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS SELECTS Dr. Carmen Simone WNCC President

BY LYNNE KLEMKE, WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIR

In November, the Western Community College Area Board of Governors named Dr. Carmen Simone as the sixth president of Western Nebraska Community College after an extensive, nationwide search.

Simone, who began her tenure with WNCC in January, brings experience as a community college president, faculty member, division chair, administrator, and Higher Learning Commission peer reviewer. This diverse résumé helped her to stand out from other applicants.

“I am deeply humbled the Board of Governors has entrusted me with the leadership of Western Nebraska Community College,” Simone said. “I look forward to building strong relationships across our campuses and within our communities.”

Simone comes to WNCC from the University of South Dakota Community College for Sioux

Falls, where she served as founding vice president and dean. She also brings five years of experience as president of Trinidad State Junior College in Colorado. Simone holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Colorado State University and a bachelor’s in chemistry from the University of North Dakota.

As president, Simone looks forward to working with all to lead WNCC into the future.

“Without question, Western Nebraska Community College is an outstanding asset to the Nebraska Panhandle—and it always will be,” she said. “I am eager to work with others to create a shared vision for the future so we can continue serving our students and communities with excellence.”

On behalf of the WCCA Board of Governors and Western Nebraska Community College, I would like to welcome Dr. Simone. We look forward to working with you.

Dr. Gramberg Leaves a Lasting Legacy

By Lynne Klemke, WNCC Board of Governors Chair

After 21 years of service, Dr. Merlyn Gramberg tendered his resignation from the Western Community College Area (WCCA) Board of Governors, effective Dec. 31, 2019. Dr. Gramberg joined the WCCA Board in 1999, after he retired from his administrative position at Chadron State College.



In this position, Dr. Gramberg was one of the key members of the board that drove the growth of WNCC. In fact, much of the institution that you see today can be credited to Dr. Gramberg and his colleagues.

On behalf of the entire Board of Governors, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Gramberg for all his hard work and dedication to the community, students, and staff of WNCC. You will be missed but your legacy will continue to shine.



Robin Hayhurst began her career at WNCC in 2005 as an adjunct instructor and has since worked to develop WNCC's Education program.

Robin Hayhurst Thinks the World of Her Students

BY JENNIFER PEDERSEN, ACADEMIC
ENRICHMENT, LANGUAGE, & ART
DIVISION CHAIR

For instructor Robin Hayhurst, teaching is all about the student. At Western Nebraska Community College, our students continue to create the warm and welcoming environment she has come to know and love since 2005.

“One of the first things I noticed when I started here as an adjunct instructor is when I walked the halls and every student would say ‘hello’” Hayhurst said. “Every faculty and staff member would too. There is such a friendly and open atmosphere here and our students create it.”

Hayhurst began her career at WNCC as an English adjunct instructor, then became a tutor for the Writing Center, a Foundation Education instructor and a retention specialist, all before settling into her role as a full-time English instructor. In addition to teaching, Hayhurst has been instrumental in developing WNCC's Education Program, a point of personal pride.

“I'm so pleased with the program we are putting together. I'm honored by the connections I have with the local school districts and I am delighted we are bringing more students to WNCC.”

She is also active in WNCC's curriculum development, launching an Educational Psychology course this semester. In the fall, the program will add a fourth core course, Introduction to the Exceptional Learner.

Hayhurst earned the Faculty Employee of the Year award in 2019 but she knows those types of awards wouldn't be possible without the culture and links of WNCC students across the globe.

“At a small community college in western Nebraska, we are connected to the entire world. I think this is so extraordinary for the area and something that just enhances everything that we do.”

Kiewit Foundation Scholarship Recipient Beats the Odds

BY JENNIFER REISIG, WNCC FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For a long time, going back to school and earning a degree wasn't an option for Leigh Thompson. Leigh dropped out of high school at 16. She battled stints of homelessness, abuse and unemployment for 10 years before crossing paths with Michelle Wyre from the Nebraska Department of Labor, Workforce Development Office. Wyre nudged Leigh to try going back to school.

"I didn't like school and never thought I could go back," Leigh said. "But Michelle opened my eyes and showed me I could do it. And with her help, I looked into and signed up for classes."

Leigh was able to return to school with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to help cover the cost of her education. After she started attending Western Nebraska Community College, Leigh was accepted into the Peter Kiewit Foundation Scholarship cohort.

The Kiewit Foundation Scholarship program provides educational tools, resources, and funding to help students intending to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.

"Having the honor of being chosen by WNCC for the Kiewit Foundation Scholarship was a wonderful surprise

and has allowed me to focus on attending school full time," Leigh said. "With all of the great information and support, I am succeeding at WNCC and last semester I obtained a 3.75 GPA, something I never thought I could achieve."

With the help of the Kiewit Foundation Scholarship, WNCC resources, and her drive to succeed, Leigh started a practicum at Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska in January. She is on track to graduate in December of 2020 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Human Services.

After graduation, Leigh hopes to become a licensed drug and alcohol counselor and case manager to help as many people in need as possible. Thanks to her hard work and the support of the Kiewit Scholarship, Leigh definitely has a bright future in helping others beat the odds.

Leigh Thompson found her career pathway at WNCC, and with the help of the Peter Kiewit Foundation Scholarship, she is on track to graduate in December 2020 with an associate's in Human Services.





Kiewit Foundation Scholarship is a Lifeline to Opportunity

Since 1999, the Peter Kiewit Foundation has generously provided funding to the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation for scholarships. In 2016, funding was expanded to include the cost of support services to ensure the success of recipients.

The Kiewit Foundation currently offers \$30,000 in scholarships for up to 30 WNCC students per year. An additional \$15,000 is also available for student support services, which WNCC uses to provide recipients with laptops, orientation events, and other annual support. Without the Peter Kiewit Foundation and other donor organizations, students such as Leigh Thompson would not have opportunities to succeed.

Along with scholarships and student support, the Kiewit Foundation also donated to the recently completed campus renovation, including the Scottsbluff Campus Main Building.

“WNCC is a key partner in our efforts to increase the number of students who progress in their education and secure meaningful employment,” said Pat Thraen, Program Officer for Youth Pathways to Success at the Peter Kiewit Foundation. “We look forward to our continued successful partnership with the college.”

If you are interested in learning more about the WNCC Foundation, or becoming a donor, please contact foundation@wncc.edu or call **308.635.6550**.

“The Peter Kiewit Foundation’s commitment to student success is awe-inspiring. We are grateful for their high-impact support and to work alongside them as we grow the workforce of Nebraska.”

—Jennifer Reisig, WNCC Foundation Executive Director

“Having the honor of being chosen by WNCC for the Kiewit foundation scholarship was a wonderful surprise and has allowed me to focus on attending school full time.”

—Leigh Thompson



WHERE *ADVENTURE BEGINS* AND *TRADITION CONTINUES*



FACES *of* EXCELLENCE



“We have a unique ability to recognize issues customers may face when they are in the outdoors. Our expertise allows us to combine products and information to help them enjoy their experience.”

— Trent Santero

NEXGEN OUTFITTERS' WNCC I&E CENTER GRADS LIVING THE DREAM

BY PAULA ABBOTT, SIDNEY CAMPUS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The six founders of Nexgen Outfitters, Jeremy Nesbitt, Alex Mousel, Mike Riddle, Stacy Schumacher, Ryan Wellman, and Trent Santero, knew about the excellent resources of the Western Nebraska Community College Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center on the Sidney Campus. What they didn't expect, was the level of personal attention and support they would receive as part of the program.

The group of former Cabela's employees found the attention to detail and caring culture helped them get through the challenges of starting a company from scratch.

“When you are a start-up, there are times where things just don't go right,” Santero said. “The staff at WNCC was so inspirational and supportive of us. They probably got us through more issues than anything else. They were really a family at the office and helped us in ways we never expected.”

The co-founders have a passion for the outdoor lifestyle and they feel this gives them an advantage in the retail world. They know and use the gear they sell, so they can provide first-hand knowledge and specific equipment recommendations to their customers.

“We've grown up truly living and endorsing the outdoor lifestyle,” Santero said. “We have a unique ability to recognize issues customers may face when they are in the outdoors. Our expertise allows us to combine products and information to help them enjoy their experience.”

The long-term focus for Nexgen is building a convenient e-commerce site with the helpfulness of a personal shopping experience. To prepare for inventory storage and shipment, the company built a new distribution site in October 2019. But they soon found customers would regularly come inside to ask about products. Recognizing the need, they transformed half of their building into a retail store, which has become the company's primary source of revenue. Nexgen has also become a certified Hoyt Archery dealer with a fully-equipped shop and an indoor archery range.

Nexgen Outfitters started as an idea. With months of hard work and the help of the WNCC I&E Center, the co-founders were able to bring their dream to life. To learn more about the company, visit their website at NexgenOutfitters.com.

The WNCC I&E Center continues to provide resources for startup companies like Nexgen. For more information, including how to apply, contact me at abbottp@wncc.edu or 308.254.7404.



With a business plan and a knowledge of the outdoor industry, the founders of Nexgen Outfitters reached out to the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center on WNCC's Sidney Campus. With the space, funding, and other resources, Nexgen graduated from the center and opened a new headquarters in Sidney.

Pictured from left are Nexgen founders Jeremy Nesbitt, Trent Santero, Mike Riddle, and Alex Mousel. Not pictured are Stacy Schumacher and Ryan Wellman.



**CHADRON STATE COLLEGE
PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS
STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES**

The Panhandle Advantage

BY JOHN MARRIN, INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

In early February, Western Nebraska Community College President Dr. Carmen Simone and Chadron State College President Dr. Randy Rhine signed a collaborative partnership between the two institutions to better serve the communities of western Nebraska.

The partnership, coined The Panhandle Advantage, will provide seamless transfer opportunities for students hoping to turn their two-year degree into a bachelor's, similar to the path that students majoring in Elementary Education or Business Administration are already on. WNCC and CSC will continue to develop programs that are transferrable, in addition to collaborating on other efforts, including shared advising, community education, and scholarship opportunities.

With the use of online, Interactive Video, and face-to-face classes, WNCC students can secure their associate degree at any of its three campuses. At CSC, a bachelor's can be almost entirely completed using the same blended technologies, with the exception of the student teaching component for Education degree seekers.

"By working together, WNCC and CSC are able to support students with a clear pathway and, because of the workforce connection, this collaboration is especially meaningful for our communities," Dr. Simone said. "There are great careers available in the Panhandle for graduates of these first two programs, which is exactly why business administration and elementary education were chosen."

The Panhandle Advantage allows a student to receive a high-quality education right here in the Panhandle for a fraction of the price at other institutions; all while enjoying the same services that are offered to on-campus students.

Western Nebraska Community College and Chadron State College signed a collaborative partnership to help develop programs and assist transfer students, in addition to collaborating on other efforts, including shared advising, community education, and scholarship opportunities.

Pictured from left: WNCC Interim Executive Vice President John Marrin, CSC School of Professional Studies & Applied Sciences Interim Dean Dr. Margaret Crouse, WNCC President Dr. Carmen Simone, WCCA Board of Governors At-Large Representative Dr. Thomas Perkins, NSCS Board of Trustees Chair Gary Bieganski, and CSC President Dr. Randy Rhine.



Matthew Broderick was selected as the first of two new Security Resource Officers on the Scottsbluff Campus from the Scottsbluff Police Department.

EMPHASIS ON Student Safety BRINGS NEW SECURITY OFFICERS TO SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS

BY JOSHUA VESPER, ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH & SAFETY COORDINATOR

The safety and security of our students is a priority at Western Nebraska Community College. In an effort to further enhance safety across our Scottsbluff Campus, WNCC has partnered with the Scottsbluff Police Department (SPD) to provide two, full-time resource officers.

Matthew Broderick began serving as the first WNCC security resource officer in January. He has served the community as a member of the SPD since September 2010 as a field training officer and a member of the SPD bomb squad. The second security officer will be selected from SPD and begin later this year, allowing the department time to train their replacement.

“We are looking forward to this partnership,” Broderick said. “WNCC is taking proactive measures to make the safety of students and faculty a priority and I’m looking forward to working with the college as we envision and develop this program.”

Broderick’s office is located in the Scottsbluff Campus Main Building. He hopes his presence will add another level of security to the campus and provide an additional on-site resource to address specific safety questions and concerns.

Broderick can be reached directly at SRO@wncc.edu or by phone at 308.635.6111. In case of emergency or life-threatening situations, always call 911.

THE WNCC COUGAR SPORTS TOP TEN:

ALL-DECADE EDITION

BY MARK REIN, SPORTS INFORMATION ASSISTANT

- 1 National Title • 19 Region IX Titles
- 24 All-Americans • 110 Academic All-Americans



Over the past 10 years, the athletic programs at Western Nebraska Community College have won a national volleyball title and a combined 19 Region IX titles. This list of Cougar sports achievements reflects the hard work and dedication from countless athletes, coaches, and supporters who continue to represent WNCC with pride.



1 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS NATIONAL TITLE | The WNCC women's volleyball team began the decade by capturing the school's second national volleyball championship in four years with a five-set win over San Jacinto. Fernanda Goncalves was named the tournament MVP. Kuulei Kabalis and Debora Araujo earned spots on the all-tournament team. The Cougars finished the year at 43-4.

2 MEN'S BASKETBALL RECLAIMS TOP SPOT WITH REGION IX TITLE | In 2018, the Cougars beat Otero Junior College 86-78 in La Junta, Colorado to claim their first Region IX title since 2001. WNCC finished the season 27-8.

3 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FIVE REGION IX TITLES | WNCC took home the Region IX trophy five times between 2010-19. The biggest win came in 2017 when the Cougars, under interim head coach Chad Gibney, held Eastern Wyoming College to just two points in the final five minutes, including an exciting last-second defensive stand to earn a 53-51 win. The championship sent WNCC to the national tournament in Lubbock, Texas and started a three-year title streak for the Cougars.

4 WNCC SOFTBALL TEAM WINS SIX REGIONAL TITLES | Over a 10-year span, five titles were won under the leadership of former coach Maria Winn-Ratliff. The Cougars started and ended the decade with regional titles and current head coach Katelyn Groves played important roles in both, as a sophomore on the Cougar team in 2010 and as the head coach in 2019.

5 WNCC UNVEILS WNCC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME'S INAUGURAL CLASS | In 2018, WNCC established the school's athletic hall of fame, inducting former Cougar stand-outs Bobby Jackson and Dick "Night Train" Lane. Jackson starred for the Cougars from 1992-95 before playing in the NBA where he garnered many Sixth-Man of the Year honors.

Lane played football for the Cougars in 1947 before a glorious NFL career. The majority of his professional career was spent with the Detroit Lions. Lane was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1974 and was highlighted on the NFL's 100 All-Time Team at Super Bowl LIV.

6 WNCC'S ALEX ACHTERMANN SELECTED IN MLB DRAFT | In 2019, the Colorado Rockies chose Achtermann in the 30th round with the 909th overall pick, becoming the fourth Cougar in school history to be selected in the MLB draft.

7 FORMER WNCC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH CHRIS GREEN INDUCTED INTO NJCAA HALL OF FAME | Coach Green spent nine years at the helm of the Cougars, compiling a 453-55 record while leading the Cougars to nine straight national tournaments and a national title in 2007. On Nov. 16, 2011, Green became the third WNCC coach to be inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame.

8 WNCC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL NEARLY WINS THIRD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP | WNCC came within a set of winning a third national volleyball championship in the 2015 NJCAA national tournament. The Cougars came up short in a five-set thriller to the College of Southern Idaho. WNCC had 2-1 set-lead before CSI stormed back to win the title. Fabriana Andrade and Jady Gerotto each were named to the all-tournament team. WNCC finished the season 42-5.

9 WNCC HOOPSTERS BREAK TWO LONG-STANDING BASKETBALL SCORING RECORDS | In 2019, Merle Wiehl and Jervay Green entered the basketball record books. Wiehl broke a 36-year-old record when she set the single season scoring record with 756 points. She also became the school's all-time career scorer with 1,313 points. Green broke the single-game scoring record with 51 points against Iowa Lakes Community College. Both players went on to play NCAA Division I college basketball.

10 COUGAR WOMEN'S SOCCER ACHIEVES 13-WIN SEASON | In 2019, WNCC finished the season with 13 wins, the second most in school history. The 2019 Cougar women were ranked in the national polls for two weeks after starting the season 5-0.

For Cougar Athletics news, schedules, stats and more, visit wnccathletics.com.



Enevoldsens Make WNCC a Family Tradition

BY MARY SHEFFIELD,
ALUMNI RELATIONS &
STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

Hal Enevoldsen is proud of the education he earned at Western Nebraska Community College. The Potter, Nebraska native is also gratified because six of his seven children—Drew, Erika, Jentz, Talia, Donica and Hunter—all studied at WNCC in some capacity. Hal, Drew, and Jentz all earned associate degrees at WNCC.

“I tell people (about WNCC) every chance I get,” Hal said. “I try to encourage other parents to look into the school, too. At WNCC, you’re getting a quality education and you’re not going broke doing it.”

Looking back, Hal attended WNCC (then called Western Technical College) in Sidney because he had a desire to study mechanics and work on his prized Ford® Mustang. But Hal believes he received much more. He considers his time at WNCC as a launch pad for his career, preparing him to earn a landscape architecture degree from Kansas State University.

When he returned to Potter in 1982, he started Western Nebraska Landscape and Design, which later became Landtec. He ran the company until 2005, when he decided to join the family business, The Potter State Bank of Potter.

“WNCC taught me how to think and reason more than any other school I attended,” he said. “It was the springboard for those critical skills.”

When his children neared college age and decided to attend WNCC, he was pleased they followed in his footsteps.

“I know how much I appreciated the school and their experiences were very similar,” he said. “It’s still a place where student learning is the most important thing.”



Hal Enevoldsen and six of his seven children have all taken classes at Western Nebraska Community College. Hal and sons Drew and Jentz all earned their associate's degree from WNCC.

Top Row (from left): Jentz, Drew, and Leif Enevoldsen. Middle Row: Lynn, Hal, and Hunter Enevoldsen. Bottom Row: Talia Gingerich, Erika Revord, and Donica Enevoldsen.



STEM Scholarship Program Covers Costs Beyond College

BY DR. SCOTT SCHAUB,
ENGINEERING INSTRUCTOR

Freshman Gracey Perez was selected to the first WNCC STEM CONNECT cohort. The STEM CONNECT program provides scholarships, academic support, and networking opportunities to students interested in entering a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.

When Western Nebraska Community College introduced the STEM CONNECT scholarship program, Gracey Perez knew she had to apply.

STEM CONNECT is a five-year, \$3.56 million grant from the National Science Foundation for WNCC, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Southeast Community College. The grant funds scholarships and academic support for talented, low-income students with an emphasis on helping underrepresented minorities, women, first-generation, and rural students.

Successful applicants must demonstrate an interest in entering a science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) related field. The scholarship offers

up to \$8,000 per year for two years at WNCC and is transferrable to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for an additional two years if the student wishes to continue their education.

Perez, a Computer Science major from Gordon, Nebraska, was looking for ways to help pay for her valuable education. But she was also attracted by the STEM CONNECT program's ability to introduce her to students and professionals who can assist her transitions into an academic university and future career.

"I am so very grateful to be able to transfer to one of the schools I have always wanted to attend, without a fear of it being a financial burden on me," Perez said. "I'm excited for what is to come and

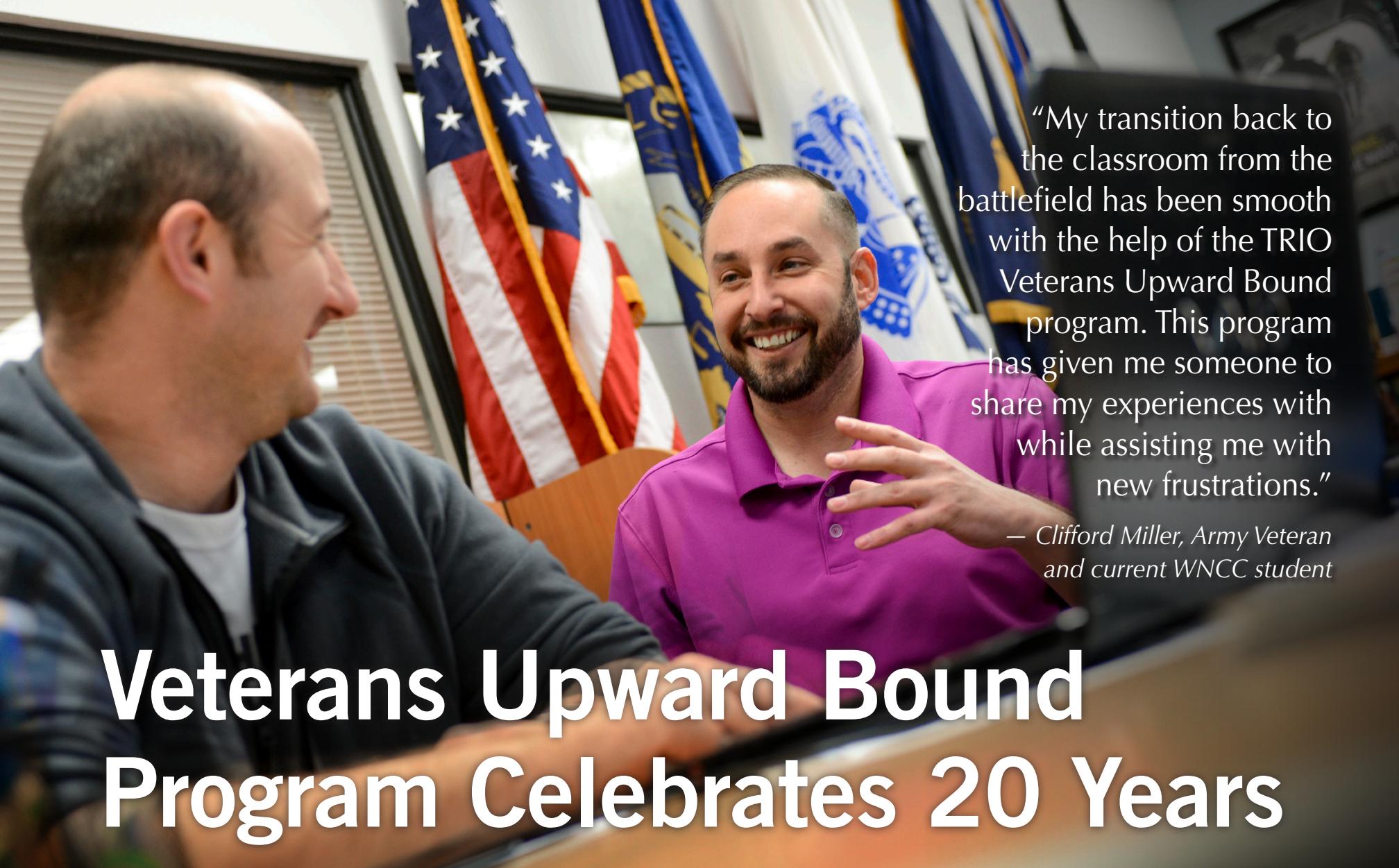
I look forward to what I will accomplish with this scholarship to help me."

Perez knows there is more to the award than financial aid. It's also a way to build a strong network.

"I'm excited to meet people who can help me academically or broaden my horizons by introducing me to new ideas. It's a wonderful opportunity and I plan on making the most of it," she said.

When it comes to forging a path to a bright future, Gracey Perez has shown, she has it covered.

To learn more about the STEM CONNECT program, visit wncc.edu or contact me at **308.635.6739** or schaubs@wncc.edu.



“My transition back to the classroom from the battlefield has been smooth with the help of the TRIO Veterans Upward Bound program. This program has given me someone to share my experiences with while assisting me with new frustrations.”

— Clifford Miller, Army Veteran and current WNCC student

Veterans Upward Bound Program Celebrates 20 Years



The TRIO Veterans Upward Bound program has helped veterans readjust to civilian life, focus on studies, and find new career paths for 20 years at WNCC.

BY NORMAN COLEY, DEAN OF STUDENTS, TRIO DIRECTOR

Serving U.S. veterans pursuing an education has long been a priority for Western Nebraska Community College. Since 1999, the TRIO Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program has helped veterans with financial aid applications, career advising, tutoring, and other referrals as they readjust to civilian life.

In October 2019, the VUB program celebrated its 20th anniversary with a luncheon and ceremony. Entertainment included live music from Justin Kane, a nine-year U.S. Navy veteran, singer-songwriter, WNCC alumnus and VUB program participant.

“We are proud of all the members of our program, including their personal achievements, and service

to our country,” Christine Wolf, Veterans Upward Bound Program Assistant said. “I am grateful to the WNCC administration for continuing to support and honor a commitment made 20 years ago and we are always working to improve the services needed for our veterans.”

WNCC’s service to veterans has only improved since the creation of the VUB program. For nine consecutive years, WNCC has been named to the “Best for Vets” institution list by *Military Times Magazine*.

To learn more about the TRIO Veterans Upward Bound program, visit wncc.edu or call 308.635.6120.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WNCC



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 25 Education Day Open House, Scottsbluff
- 26 PTK Induction, Sidney
- 27-28 Vocal Music Gala, Gering Civic Center
- 28 Health Sciences Look & Learn Monument Mall, Scottsbluff

MAY

- 2 Honors Recital, Scottsbluff
- 3 Jump, Jive & Swing, Scottsbluff
- 4 Late Night Breakfast, Scottsbluff
- 4-8 Finals Week
- 9 Spring Commencement
- 25 College Closed, Memorial Day
- 26 Summer Classes Begin

APRIL

- 8 Applied Technologies Day Open House, Scottsbluff
- 10 College Closed, Good Friday
- 16 Cougar Leadership Award Ceremony, Scottsbluff
- 17 Student Organization Lunch, Sidney
- 23 Student Awards Ceremony, Sidney
- 24 Campus Arbor Day Tree Planting, Sidney
- 26 Spring Band Concert, Scottsbluff
- 30 WNCC Student Art Exhibit, Scottsbluff

JUNE

- 25-26 First 5-Week Session Finals
- 29 Second 5-week Session Begins

JULY

- 3 College Closed, Independence Day
- 16-17 8-week Session Finals
- 30-31 10-week & 5-Week Session Finals

AUGUST

- 17 Fall Classes Begin



COUGAR ATHLETICS—FOR NEWS, SCHEDULES, AND MORE—WNCCATHLETICS.COM



“I wanted to paint my old truck and took the classes just to see what they were like. I really enjoyed the program. Both the instructor and I thought I could make a career out of this!”

—Raphael Rios
Current Collision Repair
& Refinish Technology Student

COLLISION REPAIR & REFINISH TECHNOLOGY Great Careers Are No Accident

BY DR. CHARLIE GREGORY, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The demand for professional collision repair and refinishing technicians is growing. Just ask Western Nebraska Community College instructor Corey Batt, who regularly receives calls from repair shops throughout the Panhandle. These employers always ask if he has students from Collision Repair & Refinish Technology program who are ready to hire.

“There are a lot of jobs available in this field and we train students for those opportunities,” Batt said. “Our program provides training for jobs which are abundant nationwide, not just here in Scottsbluff. That’s a huge advantage for our students.”

WNCC’s Collision Repair & Refinish Technology program offers more than just a classroom education. This program features a hands-on approach to promote fast and thorough learning. Each student has access to all the tools and equipment necessary to succeed in the program. With small class sizes, students have plenty of personal instruction to

master the art of collision repair. Training addresses everything from basic body, dent, and sheet metal damage to heavy collision and frame restoration.

WNCC offers three certificates within the program: Non-Structural Collision Repair, Automotive Paint and Refinish, and Structural Collision Repair. With just 15 additional credits of general education classes, a student can graduate from the program with an Associate of Applied Sciences degree.

The annual wage for Automotive Body and related repairers in Nebraska averages more than \$44,000 according to the Nebraska Department of Labor. So students in WNCC’s Collision Repair & Refinish Technology program are able to enter the workforce sooner and receive a higher return on their education investment.

For more information on our Collision Repair & Refinish Technology program, contact Batt at cbatt@wncc.edu or 308.635.6137.



Students in the WNCC Collision Repair & Refinish Technology program like Raphael Rios, pictured on the right, can earn three certificates on their way to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in just two years.

1. Source: Nebraska Department of Labor, Education, and Economic Development, *Wages for Occupational Employment Statistics, 4th Quarter 2017*. Website: <http://h3.ne.gov/searchResultsDetail.xhtml?socode=493021>

WHAT COLOR IS YOUR FUTURE?

You have plenty of decisions to make at college. One of the most important is choosing a program of study. The Nebraska Career Education's career clusters are meant to make that decision easier. Our programs of study have been sorted by industry so you can more easily identify a program that fits within your interests.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Agriculture Science (Pre)	AS
Biology/Ecology	AS
Food Science (Pre)	AS
Forestry/Wildlife Management (Pre)	AS
Rangeland Management	AS

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.

Business Administration	
• Accounting Option	AA, AS
• Business Administration Option	AA, AS
• Management Information Systems Option	AA, AS
Business Technology – Executive Assistant Option	
• Executive Assistant Option	D, C
• Information Technology Technical Support Option	AAS, D
• Medical Office Management Option	AAS
• Staff Accountant Option	AAS, D, C

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Your passion is making human connections. Your tools might be a canvas, stage, or computer but it's your creativity that brings people closer together.

Computer Sciences (Pre)	AS
Fine Arts	
• Interdisciplinary Option	AFA
• Music Option	AFA
• Music Performance Option	AFA
• Musical Theatre Performance Option	AFA
• Theatre Arts Option	AFA
• Visual Arts Option	AFA
Information Technology	AA
Information Technology – CyberSecurity Option	AA

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.

Biomedical Research (Pre)	AS
Chiropractic Medicine (Pre)	AS
Dental Hygiene (Pre)	AS
Dentistry (Pre)	AS
Dietetics	AS
Emergency Medical Services	AAS
Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic	C
Exercise Science	AS
Health Information Technology	AAS
Health Information Technology – Coding Technician	D

HEALTH SCIENCES continued

Medical Laboratory Technician	AAS
Medical Laboratory Technician – Phlebotomy	C
Medical Technology (Pre)	AS
Medicine (Pre)	AS
Nursing	
• Associate Degree	ADN
• Practical	D
• Pre-Professional	AS
Pharmacy (Pre)	AS
Physical Therapy (Pre)	AS
Physics	AS
Radiologic Technology (Pre)	AS
Surgical Technology	AAS
Veterinary/Comparative Medicine (Pre)	AS

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.

Criminal Justice Studies	AA, AAS
Education	
• Early Childhood	AA, AAS
• Elementary	AA
• Music	AA
• Secondary	AA, AS
Foreign Language (Spanish)	AA
General Studies – Social Sciences	AA
Human Services	AA, AAS, C
Psychology	AA
Social Work	AA

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.

Automotive Technology	AAS, D, C
Aviation Maintenance	C
Chemistry	AS
Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology	AAS, D, C
Engineering (Pre)	AS
General Studies – Math & Science	AS
Physics	AS
Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology	D, C
Welding Technology	AAS, D, C

DEGREES

AA.....Associate of Arts	AFA.....Associate of Fine Arts
AAS.....Associate of Applied Science	D.....Diploma
AS.....Associate of Science	C.....Certificate
AD-N.....Associate Degree Nursing	

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STEP 3

Complete the Housing Application



STEP 4

Meet with an Advisor



STEP 5

Register for Classes



STEP 6

Attend a New Student Orientation



**Summer 2020 Classes
Begin May 26**

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