Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college education programs.

Classes commenced August 20. Headcount and FTE as of the first week showed that we were ahead of the count on the same day last year. We had yet to start several programs (Cosmetology in Craig and NPS Academy in Rangely). These classes will add to our count for this year. Also at that time we did not have any count of high school students in dual enrollment classes. Also, on-line students had not yet been counted. So, the trending at this early stage is positive over last year. Aviation flight program was full as were Dental Hygiene and Nursing. Our NPS academy continues to show a wait list.

Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado business and communities shall be met through the development of a highly skilled workforce.

A recent meeting with Shell Oil Company reached an agreement that we had fulfilled our obligation relating to our process technology program which had been funded by Shell. Shell agreed that we would not be required to expend remaining funds on this closed program. The original Shell grant has nearly half of the money still in our accounts. Shell has agreed that we can expend it on STEM support programs and on a leadership center.

We are presently in conversation with Peabody Coal Company and Tri-State Generation, to determine the extent of a partnership by which our Craig Campus can provide MSHA and OSHA training as needed by both companies and by sub-contractors who need this training prior to entering upon the properties of the companies.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting edge instruction and educational services.

We have successfully recruited and hired well-qualified program directors and instructors in psychology, equine science, cosmetology, NPS academy, aviation, library science, early childhood education and dental hygiene.

Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

We now have AED’s (Automated External Defibrillator) in all our buildings. We are coordinating with the local hospital district through our community education program to train sufficient staff and faculty to have someone in each building qualified to operate a unit as needed.
Other News:

We recently hired a full-time cashier on the Rangely campus which satisfies the last remaining audit finding with respect to financial controls.

We will experience significant leadership turnover in our Dental Hygiene program over the next two years as retirements see the loss of the director, lead instructor, dentist and several long time faculty members. We will do everything necessary to assure that our recruitment and new hires will serve this fine program at the high level we have come to expect.

Due to lack of student and community demand we have closed our service center in Hayden as a cost-cutting choice. Concurrent education in the Hayden High School will be managed by staff at the Craig campus and our service center director in Oak Creek.

With the resignation of our Foundation Director, we are collaborating with our foundation board of directors to hire two separate replacements: a foundation director and a grant writer. While this choice will cause higher initial costs, it is believed that the talents required for each function differ from the other, and this focus will generate more revenue from each director.

Accreditation team visit occurs on September 24, 25 and 26.

October 13, 2012, marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Rangely Campus in 1962. We will pause on that day to re-dedicate Colorado Northwestern as it begins its second 50 years.