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

Northeastern Junior College was selected to participate in the Deerbrook Charitable Trusts funded Plus 50 Encore Completion Program to be a Plus 50 Champion College in the program launched by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). This program will provide opportunities for additional community colleges to expand programs and services for the age 50 and over population, leading to completion of degrees, certificates and not-for credit credentials in the high-demand fields of healthcare, education and social service The Plus 50 Encore Completion Program will have particular resonance in light of the national focus on completion. The overall goal of the AACC’s Plus 50 Encore Completion Program is to increase plus 50 students in their labor market competitiveness while improving their communities. NJC will collaborate with all participants in the Plus 50 Initiative and share experiences and outcomes with community colleges nationally.

Northeastern’s student recruitment department hosted a Discovery Day campus visitation event on Friday, November 9th, hosting 46 prospective students and their parents. Students were provided information about the benefits of attending a two year school and Northeastern Junior College specifically. Guests are provided campus tours, meet with academic areas, dine in the cafeteria and mix with current students to learn about the NJC experience.

Northeastern’s Extended Studies Department continues to provide a number of classes to the community as a whole and to the 50-Plus population as part of its specialized programming. The Ladies Lunch Out series provided a historical session at the local museum where guests were treated to lunch and a program where locals dressed up and played the role of famous people from Sterling/Logan County’s past including the first school teacher, the first mayor, the first banker and so forth. It was a unique way to provide a history lesson to locals and others.

Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.

NJC is participating with the Logan County Economic Development Corporation in the recruitment of a new, yet unidentified manufacturing prospect considering relocation to the Sterling area. The college was asked, and gladly complied, to provide a letter of support
indicating its availability to provide customized training for the employees of this prospective new industry.

**NJC recently received a CREATE Grant that will help students with tuition for EMS courses including an EMT Basic, EMT Refresher, and two Emergency Medical Responder courses. It will pay about 50% of the tuition and fees for each student that is affiliated with an agency. The classes will be offered in Akron, Holyoke, Yuma and Sterling.**

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

**Northeastern Junior College’s automotive technology program was recently the winner of an Atech Powertrain Systems Trainer with GM Electronic Ignition System Trainer during the Colorado Automotive Teacher’s Society (CATS) conference. This $8,750 unit will be used as an instructional aid in teaching one of the four certification areas for NATEF task coverage.**

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

**Northeastern conducted a practice “lock down” drill on campus on November 12th, giving its Incident Command Team and faculty, staff and students an opportunity to see the emergency notification system in action. Such drills are conducted in part to help recruit more student participation in the opt-in emergency notification service on campus, especially the text message option which is how most students surveyed said they will get information the quickest. More than 1,100 individuals were in the system for this drill and a slight increase in text option registration was realized.**

**The NJC Athletic Department held its annual Cajun Boil on October 20th. They netted a profit of approximately $37,071.80. Over 500 individuals enjoyed a night of Cajun Food/Cajun Style (dumped on the table, eat with hands crawfish, crab, sausage, corn & potatoes). The event was sponsored by the NJC Foundation and put together by the NJC Athletic Department and the Plainsman Athletic Group. The dinner was followed by a silent and live auction featuring items from local businesses including a trailer from Sterling Trailers and a $500 travel voucher from Sterling Travel.**