President’s Report  
Northeastern Junior College  
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Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.

The 85th annual Colorado State FFA Convention was held on the campus of Northeastern Junior College on June 4th – 6th. Approximately 1,500 FFA students, along with their teachers and some family members, were in Sterling during this time for the State Convention. While here they competed in a number of events and were recognized for their work throughout the school year. Some also received scholarships. During the convention the students had the unique opportunity to experience what living on a college campus is like while staying at NJC.

The Extended Studies Department at Northeastern Junior College once again offered a complete line up of classes geared toward children as part of the 2013 Kids College activities. Classes for students in grades second through eighth were offered during June and July on the campus. Classes offered included Vet Science, The Basic Science of Animals, Your Own Greenhouse, CSI Investigators, Exercise Physiology, Fitness Plus Math = Success, Scrapbooking 101, Fifty Nifty, The Commander-in-Chief, Money Smarts, Cooking 101, Cupcake Creations, Impressionist Artist, American Arts, a Golf Class, Tennis Anyone and even included a Wind Tower Camp.

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

Northeastern Junior College held a graduation and pinning ceremony for this year’s Practical Nursing students who completed the requirements to earn their Practical Nurse licensure. The students were honored on June 27th at 6 p.m. at the Dorothy Corsberg Theatre in E. S. French Hall on the campus of Northeastern Junior College. This event was open to the public and included a reception following the ceremony.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

NJC’s first Summer Bridge/Acceleration Program concluded on July 18th and included a variety of classes: AAA 101, ENG 090, REA 090, and MAT 096. The goal of the Summer Bridge/Acceleration Program – which was offered to recent high school graduates, high school juniors/seniors, incoming college freshmen, and current NJC students – was to give students the opportunity to complete the highest level of developmental classes in
English, reading, and math in order transition into college-level coursework in the fall semester. The summer program was especially valuable to current high school students because it will allow them to qualify for concurrent enrollment in the fall semester. The Summer Bridge/Acceleration Program served 51 students.

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

Hayden Segelke’s name will forever be written in the history books at Northeastern Junior College and the records of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Hayden Segelke from Snyder, Colorado, who has rode proud for Northeastern’s Rodeo Team for the last two years, captured her second College National Finals Rodeo All Around Cowgirl title. The cowgirl who was—and still is—at the top of the nation, did it wearing the black and gold Northeastern Junior College vest. Not only did she win the All Around Cowgirl crown at the big show, but she also led Northeastern’s women’s team to an overall reserve national champion title. The men’s team highlight was a 1st go-round win in the steer wrestling by David Hinman.

Jordan Procyshen of the Northeastern Junior College baseball team was named to the NJCAA Division I First Team All-American for the 2013 season. The catcher from Guelph, ON Canada is the first-ever member of the NJC baseball program to achieve First Team All-American status. During the 2013 season Procyshen hit 15 home runs, which tied him for first place in the nation with freshman teammate J.J. Bissell. His .418 batting average was 21st in the nation and he was tied for 10th in the nation in RBI’s with 65.

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

While Northeastern Junior College’s annual Hope Gala, presented by the NJC Foundation, may have moved to a new location this year at the Plainsman Grill, it didn’t take away from what the evening was all about – raising money to help students attend college. Since 2006, the Foundation has hosted this annual Gala to raise dollars for the Hope Scholarship Fund. The gala was held on Saturday, June 1st and served a total of 230 guests. The scholarship essentially pays for one full year of tuition and fees for a student coming to college directly after high school, provided that he or she has a 2.5 or higher grade point average. By maintaining a certain academic standing at NJC and continuing to pursue a certificate or degree, these students may renew their Hope Scholarship each semester, for up to six semesters if required to complete their degree. With all the donations collected and the money tallied, Northeastern Junior College was happy to announce that they were able to raise $84,535 through their annual Hope Gala.

Last September, approximately 35 individuals were on the campus of Northeastern Junior College to participate in a Botanical Walk which showcased the many campus beautification efforts which had been made over the previous two years. Through an effort spearheaded by the Northeastern Junior College Foundation in which a number of very generous contributions came in from local families and businesses; and with a Colorado Garden and Home Show’s Andrew Pierce Memorial Grant, Northeastern has been able to really give the outdoor area of the campus a facelift. At the time of this
vegetation tour, many of the plants were brand new and had just been installed in the flower beds and walkways. Now, almost a year later, the public was invited to come back and see the vegetation when it is a little more established. Plants are bigger, blooms are brighter and trees are fuller. This second Botanical Walk took place on June 18th at 9:30 a.m. The walk was open to the public.

The 16th Annual Plainsmen Athletic Group (PAG) Golf Tournament was held Saturday, July 20th at the Northeastern 18 golf course. Money raised from the event will be used to fund the efforts of the PAG for the upcoming year. The purpose of the PAG is to secure support, goodwill and dollars to foster and encourage athletic excellence for NJC. The money raised by this group is used to provide tuition, room/board scholarships.