Transform the student experience.

We have previously reported on the partnership between the aviation programs of CNCC and Metropolitan State University. We are soon to complete our first full summer flying season for this partnership. The program’s success has exceeded our expectations. Moreover, there is a waiting list for aviation classes for the Fall semester. This is the first time in anyone’s memory that we have had a waiting list in this program. We are very excited to announce the appointment of David Boles as the new Aviation Technology Program Director. Mr. Boles comes to us with twenty years of managing professional flight programs. For the past six years he has worked internationally setting up and managing several large flight facilities in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Since last reporting, the first CNCC Paleo Dig has been completed. Over 100 volunteers and visitors participated in the 9 week expedition to remove 20 tons of sandstone to reveal a nearly intact duck-bill dinosaur skeleton. The bones that could be removed this year have been encased in protective material and moved to the repository in Craig where students will learn the techniques of removing the protective material and preserving and preparing the fossils for study, testing and exhibit. The goal is to return to the site next year to remove the remaining overburden and reveal the remainder of the skeleton.

Transform our own workforce experience.

We are always proud when we observe our faculty and staff advancing in professional development and serving as national leaders in their professional pursuits, as in this story: On June 24-26, Rick Mossman, who is the Director of the CNCC National Park Service Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Programs (S.L.E.T.P.), met with the other Directors of the seven approved S.L.E.T.P. programs at the National Conservation Training Center in Virginia with national staff for the annual meeting. This particular meeting was a watershed event as the 650 hour S.L.E.T.P. curriculum was reviewed and completed. The increased hours (from 400 hours) curriculum will go into effect January 2016. Rick Mossman provided the official report on this meeting which was published in the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program News and in the National Park Service Morning Report nationwide.
Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

Since moving all college programs in Craig, except Community Education, to the new campus in 2012, CNCC has continued to own, operate and manage the Bell Tower Building which was the main home building of the college in Craig for many years. We have made the building available at no or low rental charge to community organizations and for non-profit networking and collaboration activities. Some of the tenants are United Way of Moffat County, Senior Social Center, Mariana Raftopoulos Business Incubator, Yampa Valley Data Partners, Medicare Counseling Office, and Craig/Moffat County Economic Development Partnership. Soon the American Red Cross and Legal Aid Services may join the others. To further perform our promise to support transformational partnerships, CNCC has at its expense upgraded the wireless network in the Bell Tower building for the benefit of all tenants. Those who wish to pay a share of the operational costs are encouraged to do so.

Other News

In CNCC Rodeo news, three out of four CNCC athletes who had earned the right to participate in the College National Finals Rodeo qualified for the championship round on June 20 in Casper. Bareback rider Colton Onyett finished as #12 in the nation. Sophomore Team roper Brody Adams and his partner (former CNCC student Clay Crozier) finished as #4 team ropers in the nation. CNCC rodeo coaches will be bringing in our largest rodeo team to date this Fall. The CNCC Spartans will continue to be a competitive force in the Rocky Mountain region and on the national level as we begin our fifth year as a CNCC athletic program.