Transform the student experience.

CNCC held its 2015 New Student Orientation on Saturday, August 22, on both Rangely and Craig Campuses. The mission for the orientation in Rangely was to engage students immediately in a high impact, high energy environment, setting the stage for a positive learning experience and empowering students to take responsibility for their own learning and educational experience. CNCC Ambassadors (volunteer faculty and staff) were given the role of leading students through sessions entitled Challenging Yourself to Succeed, Making Healthy Choices and Embracing Differences. The weekend Rangely orientation culminated with “Sunday Afternoon at the Lake.” This was an opportunity for new and returning student interaction and introduced the concept of place-based learning and familiarized students with the suite of available outdoor recreation choices. This was another opportunity to create tangible learning outcomes through teamwork and effective communication.

Orientation for the Craig Campus new students involved using the “Passport Plan.” Stations and sessions were set up throughout the campus which provided a stamp when each station or session had been completed. Stations included a wide variety of information provided by faculty, staff and advisors. All academic classes had a station. All campus activities and enrollment functions were represented by a station. Among the sessions provided were Desire2Learn, Library and Learning Resources and Campus Safety, Student Life and Health. Many stations provided an opportunity for one-on-one discussion. Students reported a high degree of popularity with this arrangement. At the conclusion of the formal orientation activities all students, faculty, staff and volunteers were invited to join the general public to eat together at a college-hosted community picnic. A large crowd mingled amid a very successful kick-off to the new semester.

Transform our own workforce experience.

On Tuesday, August 18, all faculty, staff and administrators from both campuses convened in the Rangely Community Lecture Hall in the Rector Science Building on the Rangely Campus for the day-long 2015-2016 Convocation. The day began with an introduction by the volleyball team and also by the Rodeo Team giving everyone a chance to start getting acquainted with the students. After the new faculty and staff were introduced, the business part of the day began with a presentation on the state-of-the-college and a discussion of the year’s strategic planning goals by President George. The remainder of the morning included an accreditation update and a Title IX presentation. In the afternoon breakout sessions were provided: College Branding Made Easy, Volleyball
Rules of Play, Rodeo 101, Business Office Loop-de-loops, and How not to face-plant with Facebook (CNCC policies and procedures). For the remainder of the week, convocation activities continued on the separate campuses. In Craig there was an all Craig faculty meeting, ALICE training, D2L refreshers and adjunct faculty training and time for faculty preparation. In Rangely preparations and training were done for arrival of students and their orientation program for the coming Saturday. Time was also set aside for faculty preparation for classes beginning on Monday, August 24.

**Other News**

In the first week of the school year, our Rodeo Team competed in three different community rodeos in Western Colorado. At the Snowmass rodeo our athletes won 1st and 4th in Bareback Riding, 4th in Saddle Bronc Riding, 1st in Bull Riding, 3rd in Barrel Racing and took home 4 of the top 5 places in the Team Roping. CNCC rodeo will host the 6th Rangely Rock N Bulls Pro Rodeo on September 5 in Rangely. The following weekend will find the team in Cedar City, Utah, for the first of 10 collegiate rodeos of the year.

Early returns on student headcount show growth for CNCC: Rangely has 383 students, 225 of whom are in residence halls. Craig has 254 students. Concurrent student counts will be added to these numbers in the next few weeks.