

# Stakeholder Report

2016-17





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As the community's college, NTC is committed to providing customer-focused, accessible learning opportunities. The College has six convenient campus locations in Wausau, Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer and Wittenberg, as well as a Public Safety Center of Excellence in Merrill, a Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo and an Agriculture Center of Excellence just north of the Wausau Campus in the Village of Maine. The Wausau Campus also features a Center for Health Sciences, Center for Business & Industry, Center for Geriatric Education, Information Technology & Entrepreneurial Center (iTEC) and an Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center of Excellence.

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# Welcome from the President

At Northcentral Technical College (NTC), we pride ourselves on being the college that cares – about our learners, our employers and the communities we serve. Started in 1912 in a small, two-story building called the Wausau Industrial School, NTC sought to fill an educational need for local learners seeking real world, hands-on experience and skills. Over 100 years, much has changed. Yet, our unwavering commitment to offering high-quality educational opportunities to the residents of north central Wisconsin remains at the heart of what we do.

As we enter the 2017-18 school year, NTC is well poised to continue to meet the needs of our District learners and local businesses. Technical college graduates continue to be in demand – with two thirds of the fastest growing occupations requiring a technical education. NTC remains committed to offering innovative, flexible programs at each of our campus locations to ensure the economy of

north central Wisconsin stays strong with a skilled workforce. We do this because we care about the success of our learners and our region.

In this report, we are proud to share some of the highlights of the work of the college and the NTC Foundation. We hope these stories demonstrate our commitment to being the college that cares.



Lori A. Weyers, Ph.D.  
President



*My plan for the future is to give back to others in the community the way that you have helped me. I am amazed that you have reached out and helped me so much without even knowing me. I will make sure to make your time and effort in me worthwhile.*

— NTC scholarship recipient

## Welcome from the NTC Foundation Board

The NTC Foundation's mission is to have ample resources available to fill financial gaps needed for anyone to achieve his/her educational goals at NTC and for the College to focus on capital and other initiatives that support learners. With approximately 83 percent of NTC students eligible for financial aid, it is imperative that we continue to do this good work together.

In 2016-17, the Foundation committed to expanding donor partnerships across the NTC service area to make a positive difference in the lives of learners and in our communities. And donors rose to the call! Over 700 donors—individuals, businesses and foundations—raised funds to offset educational costs such as tuition, textbooks, testing fees and emergency funds for over 800 students. Through small and large acts of kindness, donors vividly demonstrate care and belief in our learners.

Together we are providing promising futures for our students. We look forward to the possibilities of 2017-18 to change even more lives.



Alan Verploegh  
President, NTC Foundation  
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Northcentral Technical College  
**FOUNDATION**  
*Nurturing Individuals. Growing Communities.*





## GET THE FACTS

# 94%

OF GRADUATES AVAILABLE  
FOR EMPLOYMENT  
ARE **EMPLOYED**

# 30%

OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
**COME TO NTC  
DIRECTLY FROM  
HIGH SCHOOL**

# 345

of Youth Apprentices Served  
Last Year OR Offered Employment

# 93%

OF EMPLOYERS ARE  
**SATISFIED OR VERY SATISFIED**  
WITH THE EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING OF TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE GRADUATES

# 43%

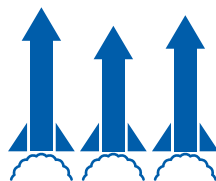
OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
ENROLL AT NTC  
**3 YEARS AFTER  
HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION**

# 1,920

**TOTAL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS  
APPRENTICESHIPS &  
CERTIFICATES EARNED**

# 2/3

OF THE  
**FASTEST GROWING  
OCCUPATIONS**  
REQUIRE A TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE EDUCATION



**OVER 400 SCHOLARSHIPS**  
AWARDED ANNUALLY, TOTALING  
**NEARLY \$400,000**

**LAST YEAR, 56 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
RECEIVED FREE COLLEGE TUITION  
THROUGH NTC PROMISE**



# 12,944

**CREDITS EARNED BY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

# 46

PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE  
**COMPLETELY ONLINE**

**WE HAVE 400+  
TRANSFER  
AGREEMENTS**



**WITH 50+  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
AND PRIVATE 4-YEAR  
UNIVERSITIES WITH  
JUNIOR LEVEL STATUS**

# NTC Foundation Celebrates 40 Years

The NTC Foundation celebrated its 40th anniversary throughout 2016-17 by recognizing the donors and communities who have developed its legacy of changing lives. On May 25, 2017, the year culminated in a Promising Futures donor appreciation event attended by 170 individual and corporate donors, past and present Foundation Executive Directors and Board of Directors, and NTC Board of Trustees.

Attendees spent time reconnecting, meeting and greeting one another. Lori Weyers, NTC President, highlighted the impact donors have had across the College's 10-county service area during her 11 year tenure, including support of scholarships and emergency funds, capital campaigns for equipment and facilities and the current NTC Promise program.

Dwight Davis, past NTC Director/President and past NTC Foundation President/Trustee, returned to the area to provide an overview of the last 40 years of the NTC Foundation's growth and impact, then reminded donors that there is no finish line. He challenged donors to continue changing lives.

Connexus Credit Association, DMI, Greenheck Group, UMR, and WoodTrust provided \$10,000 1:1 match for an impact auction raising funds for the 2018 NTC Promise cohort; additional funds raised from the event currently total over \$12,000. Special thanks to those who made the event successful, including Marathon Cheese, Ballyhoos, Canteen, Down to Earth Greenhouse & Landscaping, Evolutions, NTC Culinary Arts Chefs and students and SUN Printing.





# NTC Recognizes Advisory Committee Contributions in Second Annual Celebration

NTC recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the college's advisory committee members in May at the second annual Advisory Committee Recognition Breakfast.

Advisory committees represent an established partnership between the College and members of the district communities representing business, industry, labor and government. Advisory committee members provide input and make recommendations to the faculty and administration on changes in direction for the programs, including suggestions for improvement, expansion and/or innovation. Over 800 industry participants representing over 430 organizations make up NTC's 50 advisory committees.

Over 90 business professionals attended the breakfast, which recognized advisory efforts in three categories: Chairperson of the Year, Advisory Committee of the Year and Employer of the Year. A cross functional team reviewed the nominations and winners were selected within each category.

***"The award winners exemplify the promotion of technical education and the enhancement of student learning," said Lori Weyers, NTC President. "Through their leadership, they provide impetus for continuous improvement, new programming and innovation at NTC."***

The Chairperson of the Year award recognizes outstanding effort and achievement by a chair of an advisory committee. This year's award recipient, Cory Heckendorf, Diesel Advisory Committee, demonstrates exemplary individual achievement, contribution and performance in his role as chairperson.

Cory was instrumental in the creation of the Diesel Technology program, including curriculum development, identifying equipment and hiring faculty. He actively recruited advisory committee members,

wrote letters of support for grants in support of the program and hired graduates. An outstanding advocate of the program and NTC, Cory has volunteered his time at local high schools and at events to promote the automotive industry and the Diesel Technology program.

The Advisory Committee of the Year award recognizes outstanding effort and achievement by an advisory committee to expand member involvement, increase resources, move programs forward and promote the efforts of the college. NTC's Welding Advisory Committee was named the 2017 recipient of the Advisory Committee of the Year for their efforts to develop curriculum and plan equipment needs. The committee plays an active role in hiring graduates, participating in events and advocating for the profession.

The Employer of the Year award honors one employer whose efforts resulted in an extraordinary impact on NTC, and its students, as well as in the community in which the employer operates. The 2017 recipient of the Employer of the

NTC's Welding Advisory Committee - Advisory Committee of the Year





Year award was Greenheck. The Greenheck Group's participation on advisory committees is tremendous with 16 employees serving on eight advisory committees throughout the College. Greenheck has a longstanding partnership with the College through the support of equipment, student scholarships and sponsorship of key events and initiatives. They were recognized with the Association of American Community Colleges Award of Excellence for Outstanding College-Corporate Partnerships in 2015 for their partnership with NTC.



The Greenheck Group - Employer of the Year

*"The willingness of our advisory committee members to donate their time and share their expertise is critical in order to keep our program content and technology current and viable with the changing workforce needs businesses face today," said Weyers.*



Cory Heckendorf - Chairperson of the Year

# Tactical Safety Range Brings Expanded Training to Public Safety Center of Excellence

NTC's Public Safety Center of Excellence (PSCOE) was established so those who serve in the line of duty can receive comprehensive training at a state-of-the-art complex dedicated to public safety.

Located in Merrill, the 36-acre complex serves both NTC program students and professionals in the field including: police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. As the region's premier training facility for state and local public safety-related and community business professions, NTC's PSCOE includes several facilities for customized training. Over 3,000 officers, firefighters and emergency responders train at the facility every year.

The newest addition to the PSCOE is a Tactical Safety Range that opened in January. The 7,400 square foot facility also includes space for classroom learning to complement the hands-on training.

"When we built this facility, we designed it with an open floor plan concept," said Sara Gossfeld-Benzing, NTC's Dean of the School of Public Safety. "We had to take into consideration the training needs of our departments to provide realistic training options that mimic what they will see in the field."

The floor of the Tactical Safety Range is open, allowing for movement and placement of obstacles as officers train to take cover. The unique design is appealing to many departments, including state and federal agencies that will come to Merrill to train.

Enhancements to the PSCOE aren't limited to criminal justice training. NTC will be breaking ground on an addition to the existing facility for a Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) site for firefighters. The CPAT is a national standardized test that measures a firefighter recruit candidate's ability to function at a fire scene. NTC will be the only indoor, year-round CPAT site in Wisconsin.



To take a virtual tour of the PSCOE, visit [www.youvisit.com/tour/ntc](http://www.youvisit.com/tour/ntc)

## New + Coming Soon

### Timberwolf Suites Set to Open in 2017

NTC has formed a partnership with DeLeers Construction to offer student housing adjacent to the NTC Wausau campus. Timberwolf Suites Student Living is a privately managed student apartment community serving the students of NTC and other surrounding schools. The facility features fully furnished studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments with property amenities including study rooms, high speed Internet, a fitness center and some great outdoor spaces to lounge and cookout.



Learn more by visiting [www.timberwolfsuites.com](http://www.timberwolfsuites.com).

### Partnership with Marian University Supports Need for Technical Education Teachers

An innovative new partnership between Marian University and NTC is addressing the need for more technical education teachers in local middle and high schools. Through this new program, students can complete their associate degree through NTC's School of Applied Technology and Engineering and continue their learning by earning a bachelor's degree and teaching license through Marian University.



# Students Begin Earning Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at NTC through Upper Iowa University Partnership

A cohort of students at Northcentral Technical College (NTC) will begin earning both an Associate Degree of Nursing and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) simultaneously this fall. The concurrent enrollment program is a partnership between NTC and Upper Iowa University (UIU) that gives nursing students the opportunity to complete a BSN degree faster by taking courses for both programs at the same time.

Students who begin the pre-nursing program at NTC can typically complete their general education courses in one year and can apply to the concurrent enrollment program when they are ready to begin core nursing program courses. Additionally, students who begin their college career at another institution may be eligible to apply to the concurrent enrollment program sooner, depending on the credits they have previously earned. Once students are accepted into the Associate Degree of Nursing program at NTC, they can earn their BSN degree online in two years and eight months through the partnership program.

Taylor Kolinski, a Wisconsin Rapids native, previously earned a Bachelor's Degree of Biology from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and will begin the concurrent enrollment program at NTC this fall. According to Kolinski, the program will allow her to graduate with a bachelor's degree in nursing faster than other programs.

It's so convenient because you're doing it at the same time," said Kolinski. "Most bachelor's degrees for nursing you have to complete your associate degree and then go on, but I will graduate with my bachelor's degree only a few months after I graduate with my associate degree."

The partnership is designed to assist in meeting the Institute of Medicine 2010 Future of Nursing goal to increase the percentage of BSN registered nurses in the United States to 80 percent by 2020.

*"A more highly educated nursing workforce benefits the entire community and I commend NTC for their visionary approach to nursing education," said Virginia Wangerin, Director/Department Chair of Nursing at UIU.*



## July

- The College announced several new programs for the 16-17 academic year including Culinary Arts, Health Navigator, Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy, CDL, Allied Health Geriatrics and Geriatric Nursing.

## October

- On **October 5, 2016**, over 4,500 8th grade students throughout north central Wisconsin participated in the 5th annual Heavy Metal Tour, a partnership of the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and the Central Wisconsin Metal Manufacturer's Alliance (CWIMMA), in collaboration with NTC, Nicolet College, Mid-State Technical College, McDevco, the Wausau Region Chamber, Marshfield Chamber and Portage County Business Council. The Heavy Metal Tour showcases and promotes educational and career opportunities in welding, fabricating, machining, engineering and manufacturing trades.
- On **October 11, 2016**, NTC unveiled the Lori A. Weyers Student Leadership Center in honor of President Lori Weyers and her commitment to student leadership and development.
- Nearly 6,000 attendees, including local sixth and seventh grade students, visited NTC's Wausau Science & Engineering Festival on **October 14-15, 2016**. Participants completed hands-on experiments with Michigan Technological University's Mind Trekkers.
- NTC and five other Midwest colleges signed a memorandum of understanding with the USDA and National Corn Growers Association in Washington, D.C. to provide more ongoing education, training and demonstration to future farm producers and agricultural service providers.

## August

- The Branch hosted its first "Demo Day" on **Friday, August 19**, where students presented their corporate innovation projects to Church Mutual Insurance Company.
- The College completed construction projects including a Student Engagement Center

## September

- NTC was ranked as the best college in the state of Wisconsin for online learning by OnlineColleges.com.
- NTC announced it would extend the NTC Promise, an initiative providing free college tuition to qualified high school graduates, to 2017 high school graduates.

## November

- On **November 1, 2016**, Church Mutual Insurance Company was awarded the Futuremakers Partner award from the Wisconsin Technical College System in recognition of its dynamic partnerships with NTC.
- NTC was named a 2017 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds, and publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM Jobs<sup>SM</sup> and Military Spouse, for the sixth year in a row.

## December

- More than 150 students participated in NTC's Winter Commencement at The Grand Theater on **December 10, 2016**. More than 714 students completed the program requirements needed to graduate and 38 percent of those students earned their degree with the gold cord distinction of a 3.5 or higher grade point average
- The Branch hosted "Demo Day" for the fall cohort on **December 9, 2016**. Students presented their corporate innovation project on helping churches attract millennials to Church Mutual Insurance Company.



## January

- NTC was named the fourth Best Online College in America by BestColleges.com for accredited schools offering online degrees.

## February

- Approximately 165 area middle and high school students participated in the Regional SkillsUSA Competition at NTC on **February 3, 2017**.
- Students from NTC's Culinary Arts program participated in the WTCS "Celebration of Student Engagement" at the Capitol Rotunda in Madison on **February 21, 2017**.

## May

- NTC hosted the second annual Advisory Committee Recognition Breakfast on **May 4, 2017** to recognize advisory committee members and businesses who guide the programming and curriculum at NTC.
- Nearly 322 local leaders participated in Leadercast at NTC on **May 5, 2017**. Leadercast is the world's largest one-day leadership event and this year featured speakers including Tyler Perry, Donald Miller and Suzy Welch.
- Over 340 students participated in NTC's Spring Commencement on **May 20, 2017**. A total of 813 students met graduation requirements, with 40 percent of those students earning their degree with the gold cord distinction of a 3.5 or higher grade point average. James McIntyre, President and CEO of the Greenheck Group, was the guest commencement speaker.
- NTC hosted "A Day for NTC Students" on **May 3, 2017**, where \$169,855 was raised for student scholarships.

## March

- The Aspen Institute and the Siemens Foundation announced the 2017 Siemens Technical Scholars, a partnership aimed at increasing awareness about the economic opportunity available through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs and education at community colleges. Five NTC students were among 51 community college students recognized nationwide with scholarships between \$3,500 and \$10,000.

## April

- NTC's Beta Rho Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, was named a top 100 chapter in the nation, the only college in Wisconsin to earn this distinction.
- On **April 21, 2017**, more than 1,500 area eighth grade students from sixteen schools attended a career fair at NTC, where they met with business representatives and completed an interactive career exploration game with NTC career coaches.
- On **April 28, 2017**, NTC celebrated Dual Credit Day district wide with local high schools. In 2016-17, more than 2,100 students from 24 high schools enrolled in dual credit. Students earned approximately 9,100 college credits with NTC, totaling nearly \$1.3 million in college tuition. 21 percent of Dual Credit Seniors in 2017 enrolled at NTC immediately following graduation.

## June

- "Golf Fore Scholarships" was held on **June 16, 2017** to raise money for scholarships for students enrolling in Wood Science programs at the Antigo campus. Wood Science Advisory Committee members and the NTC Foundation coordinate the annual event that started in 2014.

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NTC is governed by a nine-member District Board of Trustees whose members come from throughout the NTC District.

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## FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

Number of Donors	686
Number of Scholarships Awarded	611
Amount of Scholarships Awarded	\$388,802
Emergency Grants Awarded	72
Amount of Emergency Grants Awarded	\$33,485

Day for NTC Students - Wausau (Matching Donor: Judd S. Alexander Foundation)	\$169,855
Day for NTC Students - Antigo Total Raised (Matching Donor: Aspirus Langlade Hospital)	\$15,165
Day for NTC Student - Medford Total Raised (Matching Donor: Nestle Pizza Division)	\$12,075
NTC Employee Giving Campaign (Matching Donor: Somerville, Inc. and Highstreet)	\$90,383
NTC Promise Campaign (Matching Donors: Connexus, DMI, Greenheck Group, UMR, WoodTrust Bank)	\$64,813



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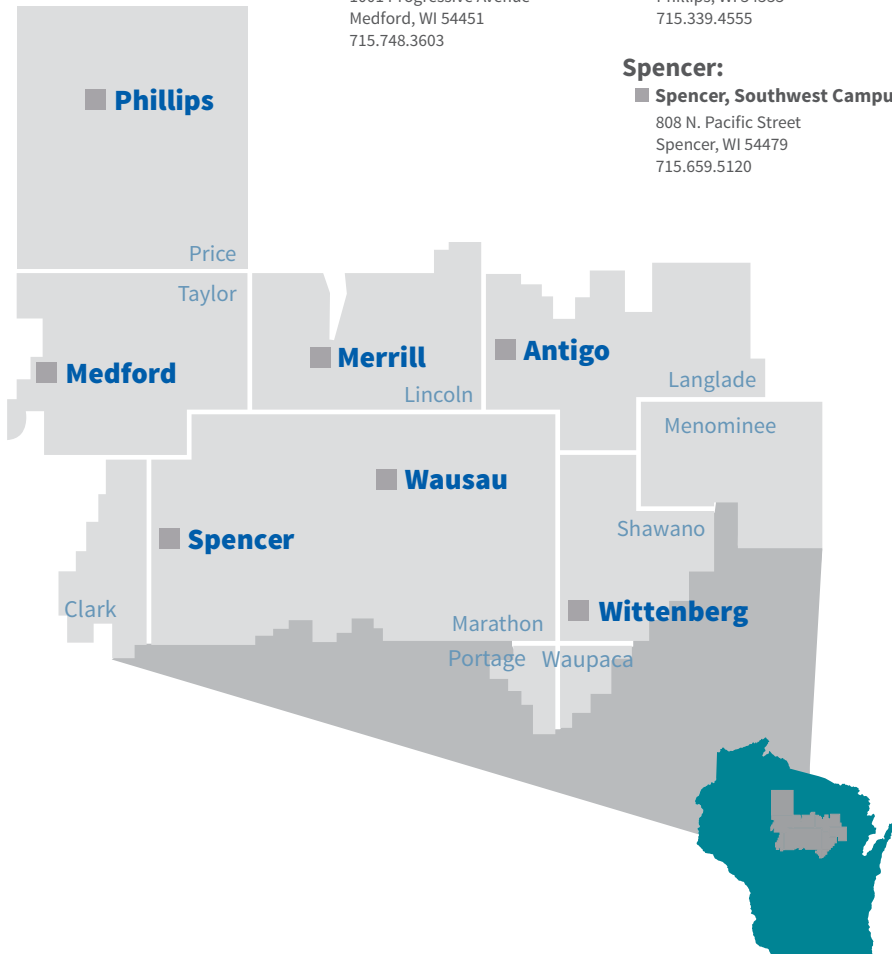
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