



**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

Northcentral Technical College

1000 W. Campus Drive

Wausau, WI 54401

**Timberwolf Conference Center D100**

**12:15 p.m. Lunch**

**1:00 p.m.** Call to order, compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**II. PUBLIC INPUT**

A. Public Comments

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A. [Approval of meeting minutes from August 8, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

**Motion:** That the Northcentral Technical College Board Approve the meeting minutes from the August 8, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

Voice Vote Required

**IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

A. [Program Completion to Achieve Student Success Plan of Action](#) – Vicki Jeppesen/Angie Servi

B. [2017 – 2018 Board Dashboard Final Review](#) – Vicki Jeppesen/Angie Servi

**V. REGULAR VOTING AGENDAS**

A. [Approve 2017 – 2018 Board Dashboard](#)

**Motion:** That the NTC District Board approves the 2017 – 2018 Board Dashboard.

Voice Vote Required

B. [Approve 2017-2018 CEO Goals](#) – Lori Weyers

**Motion:** That the NTC District Board approves the 2017 – 2018 CEO Goals.

Voice Vote Required

## VI. CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

### A. Approval of consent Voting Agenda

- [Personnel Report](#)
- [Receipts and Expenditures](#)

**Motion:** That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approves the Consent Voting Agenda including:

- Personnel Report
- Receipts & Expenditures

Roll Call Vote Required

## VII. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

### A. NTC Mobile App – Chet Strebe/Katie Felch/Logan Brown/Jon DeGroot/Chris Hornung

## VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

### A. President's Report

- NTC Student Profile/Branch Academy Recommendations – Jeannie Worden/Katie Felch
- Vice President for Learning Update
- Continuing Education Inventory Update – Brad Gast
- TAACCCT Grant Final Report – Vicki Jeppesen/Kathy Spada
- Department of Labor – TAACCCT 4 Grant Presentation 9/26/17 – Washington D.C.
- Comments from Informational Update

### B. Chairperson's Report

- ACCT Leadership Congress 2017 Pathways to Prosperity – 9/25/17 – 9/28/17 – Las Vegas, NV
- WTC District Boards Planning Meeting Update – Paul Proulx
- WTC District Boards Association 2017 Fall Meeting – 11/1/17 – 11/4/17 – Waukesha
  - TECh Ed Award will be presented to Greenheck Fan and NTC

### C. Information

- [Upcoming Meetings/Events](#)
- [Good News](#)

**IX. CLOSED SESSION (Approximately 3:00 CLOSED SESSION or immediately following the above Open Session)**

A. Adjourn Board into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1) (f) and (g) for the purpose:

- Approval of the August 8, 2017 Closed Session Minutes
- Update regarding pending litigation

**Motion:** Adjourn Board into Closed Session to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1) (f), and (g) for the purpose:

- Approval of the August 8, 2017 Closed Session Minutes
- Update regarding pending litigation

Roll Call Vote Required

**X. OPEN SESSION**

A. Adjourn Board into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of the closed session.

**Motion:** Adjourn Board into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote Required

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Meetings of the Northcentral Technical College District Board are held in compliance with Wisconsin's "Open Meetings Law".

*Mission Statement:* Northcentral Technical College is the customer-focused, accessible provider of innovative life-long learning that builds a globally competitive workforce.



**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

Northcentral Technical College

1000 W. Campus Drive

Wausau, WI 54401

**Center for Health Sciences – Room 4011**

The Northcentral Technical College District Board of Trustees met on August 8, 2017 at the Wausau Campus. Chairperson Tom Felch called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Douglas Faragher	E	Ruth Risley-Gray (Ruth left @ 2:30pm)	X
Tom Felch	X	Dale Smith	X
Kristine Gilmore	E	Maria Volpe	X
Lee Lo	X	Paul Proulx	X
Charlie Paulson	X		

**Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

PaHnia Thao reported the meeting was being held in compliance with Open Meetings Law 19.81-19.88 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

A. Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. There were no public comments

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. It was moved by Lee Lo and seconded by Paul Proulx that the NTC Board of Trustees meeting minutes from July 10, 2017 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. REGULAR VOTING AGENDAS**

A. Approve Draft 3-Year Facility Plan – Rob Elliott

It was moved by Lee Lo and seconded by Dale Smith that the NTC District Board approves the Draft 3-Year Facilities Plan 2018-2020. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Student Employment/Work Study Salary Increase 2017-2018 – Karen Brzezinski

It was moved by Maria Volpe and seconded by Ruth Risley-Gray that the NTC District Board approve to authorize the 2017-2018 salary change. Motion carried unanimously.

## **V. CONSENT VOTING AGENDA**

A. It was moved by Paul Proulx and seconded by Maria Volpe that the NTC District Board approves the consent Voting Agenda

- New Gerontology Associate Degree Program
- New Supply Chain Management Associate Degree Program
- Personnel Changes
- Receipts & Expenditures

Motion carried unanimously.

**Roll Call** Vote Ayes: Felch, Lo, Paulson, Risley-Gray, Proulx, Smith, Volpe

## **VI. BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

A. Program Completion to Achieve Student Success – ELT

- ELT provided an update to the Board. A power point presentation is included in the official meeting minutes.
- Program Completion definition is currently being reviewed.
- 19% of our associate degree have 68 credits or more. We have high credits per program.
- Complete College America outlines best practices. 4 year colleges and universities require 120 credits.
- Financial Aid – federal level you get 5 semesters of financial aid and it takes 6 semesters to graduate.
- We are modeling New Mexico Junior College for when a student drops a course.
- Destination Graduation – We will reach out to individuals who left NTC but were close to program completion.
- We are going to rearrange our Associate Degree programs to a range of 60 – 64 credits.
- We are going to look at credentials first, talk to business owners to make sure we meet their needs, and we will also have to work statewide.
- Criminal Justice programs have made a shift and Department of Justices is ok with this.
- We will be making a few visits to other Colleges.
- Kathy Spada is the new adult recruiter. She will work with employers who have a reimbursement program and discuss what we can offer them so they can complete their degree. Help them connect to virtual college so they can complete.
- NTC Forward – credit card that manufacturers can purchase where they can send their staff to NTC, and they get a credential that day before they leave. They will be provided a year-long calendar.
- Investment ATD and NTC is looking at things differently to benefit us.
- We also make sure we are listening to our customers.

## **VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

A. President's Report

- Board Dashboard Executive Summary and Year-End Report 2016-2017 – Vicki Jeppesen/Angie Servi
  - NTC is ranked #1 in the WTCS System in providing and supporting Professional Development.
  - High School dual credit exceeded and awarded nearly \$13k to high schools
  - Business and Industry Solutions did a great job
- Draft Board Dashboard for upcoming year 2017-2018 – Handout, Vicki Jeppesen/Angie Servi
  - A draft was distributed to the Board to review. A draft is included in the official meeting minutes.
  - Board suggests to have some leading indicators with program completion. NTC will revise and bring this back in September.
- Draft CEO Goals – Lori Weyers
  - Lori talked through her goals to the Board.
- Tactical Safety Range Ribbon Cutting, Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence – Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - Base-course is put in the lot and rated.
  - September Board Meeting will be here in Wausau
- Comments from Informational Update
  - The Tactical Safety Range Ribbon Cutting will take place at the Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - We completed the purchase of the Diesel Training Center Building, which is located by the Agriculture Center of Excellence. NTC now owns this building.
  - NTC staff and a few students were invited to attend the Economic Development Announcement held at the Wausau Flying Service by Governor Walker regarding Foxconn.
  - Lori Weyers was invited to testify in support of the Foxconn Legislation at the State Capital in Madison.
  - The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue who leads the Rural Prosperity Task Force held a round-table discussion here at NTC to discuss Rural Broadband and Internet Connectivity.
  - The Governor’s Council Workforce for Investment Meetings were held here at NTC on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.
  - Thanks to PaHnia Thao and her leadership along with Ying Vang, these events were coordinated successfully.

#### B. Chairperson’s Report

- WTC District Boards Association Fall Meeting – Waukesha, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Please let PaHnia know if you are interested in attending this meeting.

#### C. Information

- Business & Industry Annual report
- 2017-2019 Executive Leadership Team Action Plan
- Student Success Scorecard
- Instructional Vitality Process Report
- Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Good News

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION 2:28pm**

- A. It was moved by Tom Felch and seconded by Paul Proulx with unanimous approval to adjourn Board into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1) (c), and (g) for the purpose:
- Approval of the July 10, 2017 Closed Session Minutes
  - Update regarding pending litigation

**Roll call:** Felch, Lo, Paulson, Risley-Gray, Proulx, Smith, Volpe

**IX. OPEN SESSION (Immediately following the above Closed Session)**

- A. It was moved by Paul Proulx and seconded by Dale Smith with unanimous approval to reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of the closed session.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Roll call:** Felch, Lo, Paulson, Risley-Gray, Proulx, Smith, Volpe

**VII. MEETING ADJOURN**

It was moved by Paul Proulx and seconded by Dale Smith with unanimous approval to adjourn. By consensus the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maria Volpe, Secretary/Treasurer  
Northcentral Technical College District Board of Trustees

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## Northcentral Technical College Program Completion Action Plan Fall 2017 Status Update

**To positively impact NTC's associate degree program completion, the following actions have been completed:**

### LEADING AND COMMUNICATING STRATEGIES:

- ✓ Announced College-wide completion initiative in May 2017; reiterated with faculty at College Initiative Days in August 2017 and with staff at In Service in September 2017.
- ✓ Declared Associate Degree Program Completion Initiative as a Higher Learning Commission AQIP Action Project for 2017-18.
- ✓ Provided electronic access to program completion data (IVP data) on the share drive for access by all staff and faculty.



### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES:

- ✓ Provided academic faculty and deans with enhanced IVP data during Fall 2017 College Initiative Days (CID).
- ✓ Provided academic faculty with an outline of course competencies and projects for each general education course so courses best aligned with program objectives can be selected.
- ✓ Distributed list of program completion Best Practices to faculty during Fall 2017 College Initiative Days.

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**RESULT:** 32 Associate Degree (68%) and 15 Technical Diploma programs are currently working on curriculum changes related to the Program Completion Initiative, which will be put in place for 2018-19.

### STUDENT SUPPORT STRATEGIES:

- ✓ Implemented NTC Promise scholarship program and increased student worker wage.
- ✓ Developed and launched NTC mobile app for students' easy access to course/program information.
- ✓ Implemented Final Year Experience to support final semester students (grant funded).
- ✓ Targeted associate degree near-completers to impact 3-year Associate Degree completion rate (grant).
- ✓ Implemented Rapid Response Focus Groups for student feedback on policies, processes, and changes.
- ✓ Enhanced facilities to address student demographic shift and encourage networking (Timberwolf Union; Timberwolf Suites).
- ✓ Implemented pilot drop policy so advisors/faculty meet with students before drop via PeopleSoft enhancement.

**To further advance NTC's program completion initiative, the actions below are being implemented in 2017-18:**

### LEADING AND COMMUNICATING STRATEGIES IN PROGRESS:

- Visit best practice colleges with high associate degree completion rates (Chippewa Valley Technical College; Northeast Community College in Nebraska; Lake Area Technical Institute in South Dakota).
- Support near completers who have not re-enrolled through Destination Graduation (NTC Foundation).
- Develop scorecard to measure efforts toward program completion improvements.
- Implement Tableau software to provide real-time student success data to faculty and staff.
- Enhance the accessibility of reports and data available to all faculty and staff by placing data on share drive.
- Share best practices of successful programs.

### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES IN PROGRESS:

- Repackage associate degree credits to 60-64 credits by Fall 2019 to align with job entry requirements and transferability (some exceptions apply); support curriculum modification needs with cross-functional reviews.
- Communicate Program Completion Initiative goals with Advisory Committee Chairs.
- Build and reinforce Student Soft Skills and continue to strengthen Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) process.
- Participate in a state-wide initiative on Student Success Centers.

### STUDENT SUPPORT STRATEGIES IN PROGRESS:

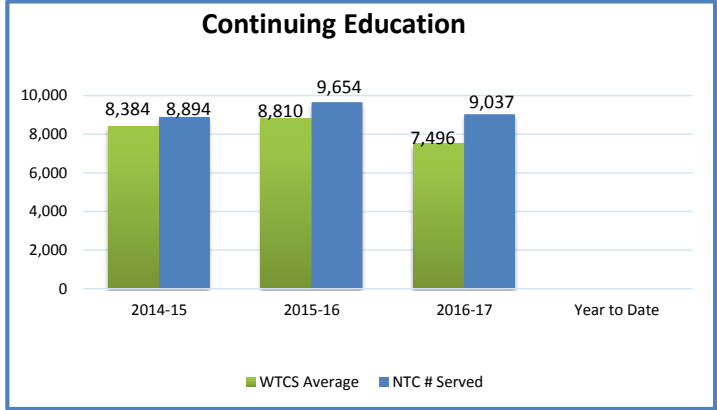
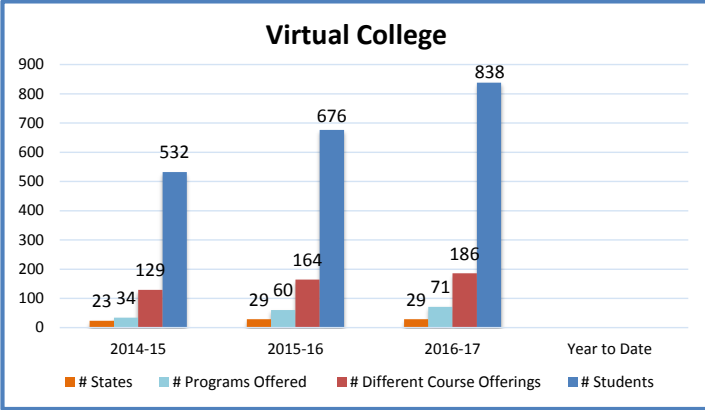
- Expand retention software (Starfish).
- Implement multiple measures for assessing student readiness in the classroom.
- Ensure cross functional teams are aware of program changes to best serve students (e.g., Student Services, Marketing, Transfer & Placement) and review program changes to preserve student transfer opportunities.
- Increase scholarships and emergency grant availability; launch online scholarship applications to increase access and ease of application.



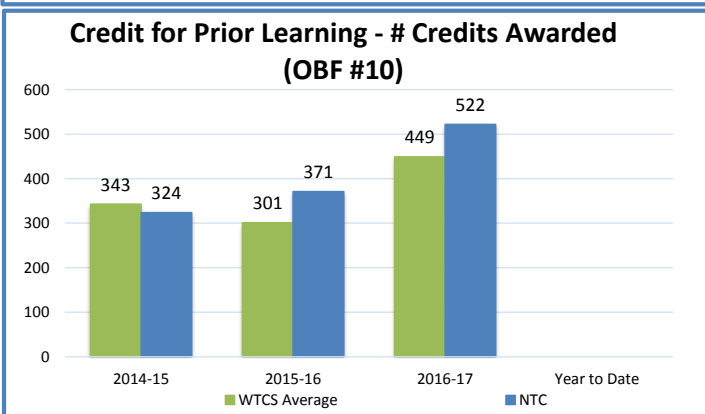
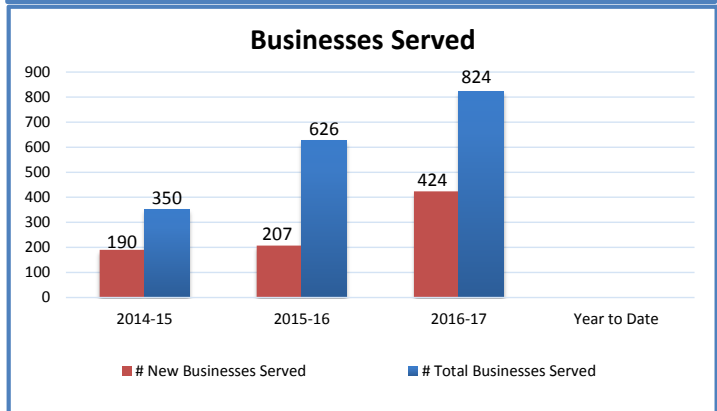
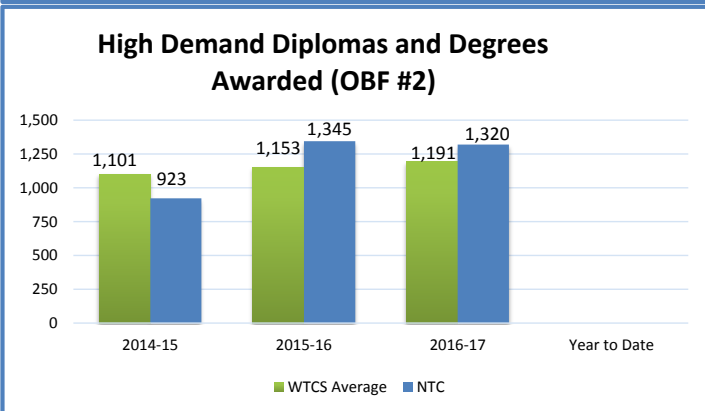
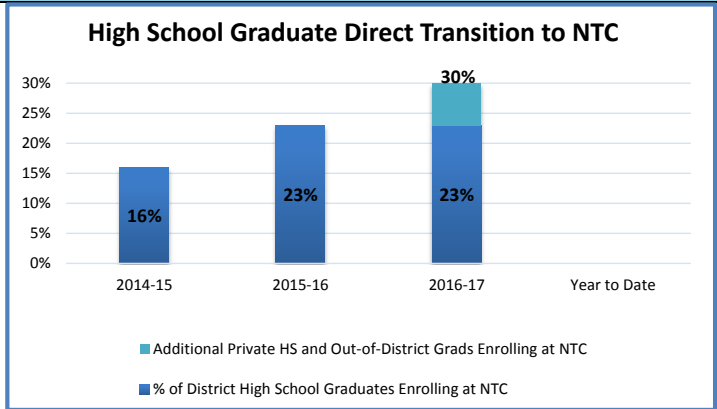
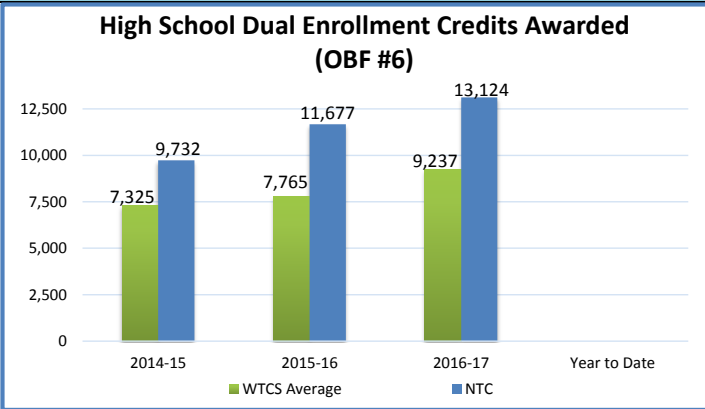


2017-18 NTC Board of Trustees Dashboard - DRAFT

NTC Strategic Direction: Growth & Innovation



NTC Strategic Direction: Strategic Partnerships and Outcomes Based Funding Criterion #6 (Dual Credit Enrollments), Criterion #7 (Workforce Training), and Criterion #10 (Credit for Prior Learning)



**Data Definitions**

**Virtual College:** Number of states served by Virtual College courses, Number of academic programs offered fully through Virtual College, Number of different Virtual College course offerings (both Continuing Education and Program Courses), and Total number of students served (both in Continuing Education and Programs).

**Continuing Education:** Total number served through Continuing Education course offerings.

**High School Dual Enrollment Credits Awarded:** Number of credits earned through Advanced Standing, Youth Apprenticeship, Youth Options, Course Options, Dual Credit, and Contracts with High Schools. This is the WTCS definition and is used for Outcomes-Based Funding calculations.

**High School Graduate Direct Transition to NTC:** Percentage of previous year's in-district public high school graduates who transitioned to post-secondary coursework at NTC within one year of graduation. Additional direct high school enrollments from in-district private high schools and out-of-district schools are added.

**High Demand Diplomas and Degrees Awarded:** Number of WTCS-recognized degrees and diplomas awarded in Top 50 "High Demand Fields", according to a list generated by WTCS using DWD data. This is the WTCS definition and is used for Outcomes-Based Funding calculations.

**Businesses Served:** Total unduplicated number of businesses served through Business & Industry, Public Safety, and Continuing Education areas.

Total unduplicated number of new businesses served through Business & Industry, Public Safety, and Continuing Education areas.

**Credit for Prior Learning - # Credits Awarded:** Number of credits awarded through experiential learning or Credit for Prior Learning assessments within occupational instructional areas. This is the WTCS definition and is used for Outcomes-Based Funding calculations.

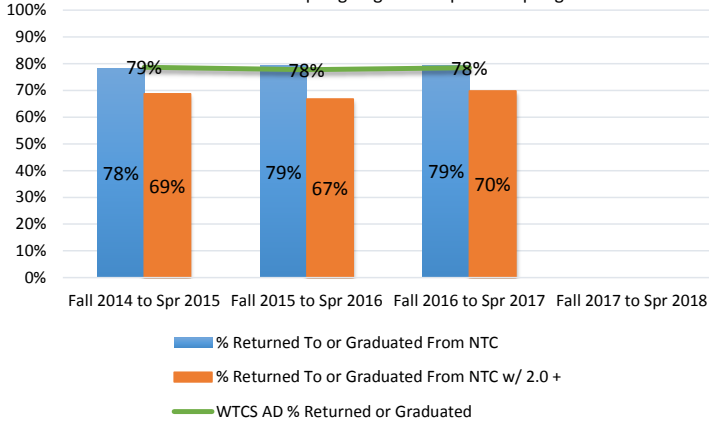
**2017-18 Annual Report Schedule**

<b>July</b>	Organizational Development NTC Foundation/College Advancement Completion Update Student Satisfaction (every other year - 2018) Employee Satisfaction (every other year - 2019)
<b>August</b>	Business & Industry Service Quality Review & Instructional Vitality Processes Three Year Facilities Plan Student Success
<b>September</b>	Learning Update Student Engagement
<b>October</b>	K-16
<b>December</b>	Three Year Information Technology Plan Annual Financial Status
<b>January</b>	Cost per FTE
<b>February</b>	Capital Initiatives Economic Status
<b>March</b>	Marketing Update
<b>April</b>	Operating Budget Framework
<b>May</b>	Affirmative Action
<b>June</b>	Graduate Outcomes Fund Balance Reserve & Bond Rating

DRAFT - NTC Associate Degree Program Completion Dashboard - 2017-18

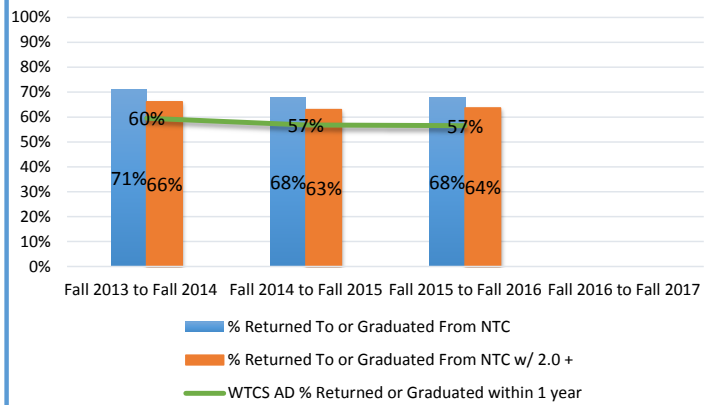
### Fall to Spring Retention and Graduation

Percent of program students enrolled during fall semester who either re-enroll in spring or graduate prior to spring



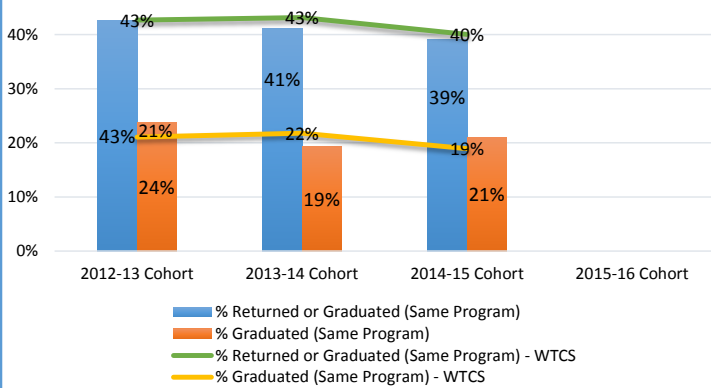
### Fall to Fall Retention and Graduation

Percent of program students enrolled during fall semester who either re-enroll the following fall or graduate prior to the following fall



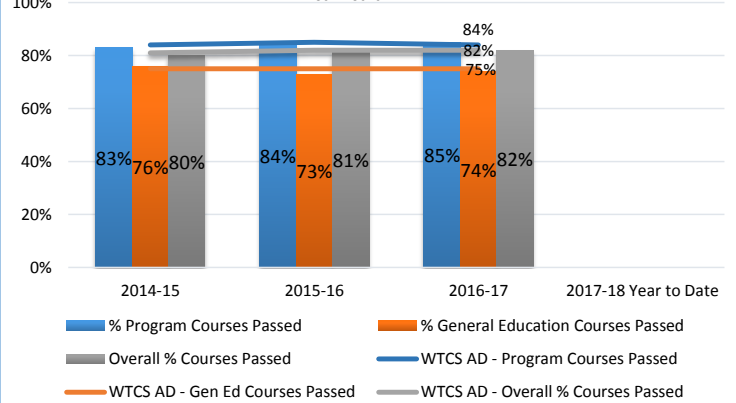
### Three Year Program Graduation and Retention

Percent of new program students who graduate from the same program within three academic years

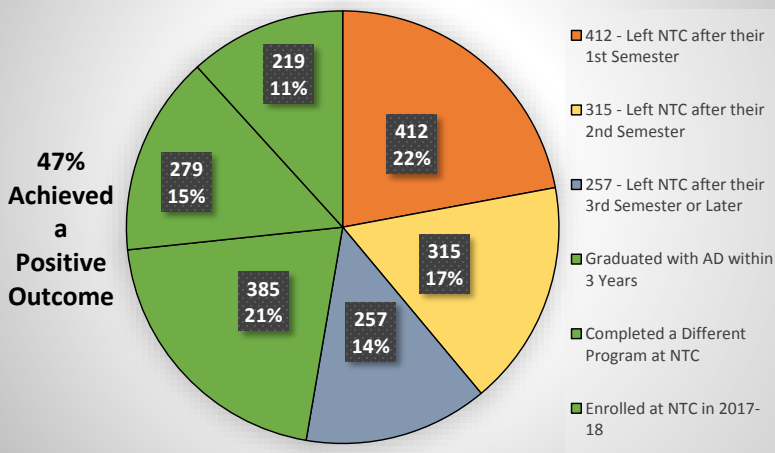


### Course Completion

Percent of post-secondary courses taken by program students that were completed with a C or better. Includes only courses within program curriculum.



### Of 1,867 New Associate Degree Students in 2014-15...



### Associate Degree Completion Improvements Since 2013-14 Cohort:

- Number of new Associate Degree students increased by 4%
- Number leaving the College without a credential decreased by 3%
- Percent graduating from Associate Degree within 3 Years increased by 2%
- Number completing ANY credential at NTC within 3 Years increased by 12%
- 219 students are still enrolled at NTC in Fall 2017
- 47% of students in the 2014-15 cohort achieved a positive outcome (2013-14 was 43%)

## Draft CEO Goals 2017-2018

1. Implement phase two of Achieving the Dream focusing on Program Completion.
2. Develop and implement a plan for the farm to table initiative supporting our culinary and agricultural programs.
3. Develop a plan for the first indoor agility facility in the Midwest at our Public Safety Center of Excellence with a summer of 2018 completion date.
4. Develop a business plan for CE/Public Safety/Business and Industry to move towards a cost neutral model
5. Complete the Agriculture Center of Excellence expansion plan.
6. Continue to build key strategic partners throughout NTC' s District:
  - a. Individual meeting with District Legislators;
  - b. Host K-12 Administrative meetings;
  - c. Continue my leadership role with the Entrepreneurial and Education Center (EEC) Board with Business and Industry partners.
7. Serve in at leadership role with the WTCS Presidents Association:
  - a. Department of Corrections subcommittee member;
  - b. Student Services Administrators - President Liaison

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2017

**TOPIC:** Personnel Changes

**POLICY 1.1 – General Executive Constraint** – The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in execution of her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either imprudent or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics or that results in failure to be accredited.

**INTERPRETATION:** NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 118.22 (2) “...No teacher may be employed... except by a majority vote of the full membership of the board. Nothing in this section prevents the modification or termination of a contract by mutual agreement of the teacher and the board.”

**DATA/RESULTS:** A request is made to approve the following personnel changes:

New Hires:

1. Claudia Antolik, Front Desk Receptionist
2. Silvia Tzinoglou, Certified Nursing Assistant Faculty
3. Amy Southworth, Early Alert Specialist

Resignations:

1. Lorraine Zoromski, Dean of the School of Health Sciences
2. Kathleen Spada, Adult Pathways Coordinator
3. Joshua Fleishman, IT Help Desk Technician
4. Debra Stencil, Dean for the Center for Teaching and Learning

Retirement:

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

Consent Agenda

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

**CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY:** I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed           *Loni A. Weyers*          

Dated September 12, 2017

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2017

**TOPIC:** Receipts & Expenditures

**POLICY 1.1 – General Executive Constraint** – The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in execution of her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either imprudent or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics or that results in failure to be accredited.

**INTERPRETATION:** To avoid *violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 38.12 **District Board Duties (2)** “...All expenditures exceeding \$2500 shall be approved by the district board.” Also, in compliance with Wisconsin statute 38.12(4) District board duties, “The publication proceedings shall include a statement of receipts and expenditures in the aggregate.”

**DATA/RESULTS:** The following Status of Funds listing receipts and expenditures including operating transfers in the aggregate is included for informational purposes as of July 30, 2017.

Preliminary YTD Fund 1 – 7 Revenues: \$7,048,883

Preliminary YTD Fund 1 – 7 Expenses: \$6,096,272

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

Consent Agenda

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

**CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY:** I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed                     Lori A. Weyers                    

Dated September 12, 2017



Board of Trustees Meetings/Upcoming Events - 2017-2018

Date	Event	Douglas Faragher	Tom Felch	Kristine Gilmore	Lee Lo	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Ruth Risley-Gray	Dale Smith	Maria Volpe
<b>2017</b>										
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Annual Organizational Meeting (Wausau)</b>	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
July 13-15	WTC District Board Assn. Summer Meeting (Kenosha)									
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sept 13	A Day for NTC Students (Medford)					X				
<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau Campus)</b>									
Sept 25-28	ACCT Leadership Congress (Las Vegas, NV)									
Sept 27	A Day for NTC Students (Antigo)									
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Tactical Safety Range Ribbon Cutting (Merrill) NTC Board &amp; NTC Foundation Joint Lunch (Merrill) Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Merrill)</b>									
Nov 1-4	WTC District Board Assn. (Waukesha)									
Nov 9	NTC Foundation Regular Meeting (4:00 – 5:30)									
Nov 16	Scholars & Donors Reception (3:30 – 5:30)									
<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
Dec 16	Mid-Winter Commencement (Grand Theatre)									
<b>2018</b>										
<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
Feb 11-14	ACCT National Legislative Summit (TBD)									
<b>Mar 6</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
Mar 7	NTC Foundation Regular Meeting (4:00 – 5:30)									
<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
Apr 26	Scholars & Donors Reception (3:30 – 5:30)									
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
May 10	A Day for NTC Students (Wausau)									
May 19	Commencement (Wausau West Fieldhouse (9:00 – 12:00)									
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									
June 14	NTC Foundation Regular Meeting (4:00 – 5:30)									
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Wausau)</b>									

Updated: 9/14/17

SEAN P. DUFFY  
7TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN



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09/06/2017

Dear Dr. Weyers,

Thank you for hosting my Drug Enforcement Roundtable on August 24 at Northcentral Technical College. I appreciated the warm welcome you offered to me, my fellow panelists, and our audience and was honored to have you involved. Your dedication to supporting central Wisconsin by promoting innovative education and community engagement is well-known and I am grateful you took the time out of your busy schedule to join us for this important discussion.

It is clear we have a critical drug epidemic to address in the 7<sup>th</sup> congressional district and across the state, but it is equally clear there are countless dedicated people like yourself working hard to develop new, innovative solutions to address this crisis at all levels. I was proud to hear about the many ways our local, state, and federal governments are already working together to provide and strategically utilize key resources to fight this battle. I was particularly heartened to learn how hard our Sheriffs' Offices are working to collaborate on solutions that will help actually prevent drug addiction, not simply incarcerate the offenders after the damage is done.

I know there is still much work to be done in this ongoing struggle to save our communities. Thank you again for joining me in this fight to keep our families and neighbors safe from the debilitating consequences of the drug epidemic. I look forward to continuing our work together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean P. Duffy'.

Sean Duffy  
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## NTC registration now underway

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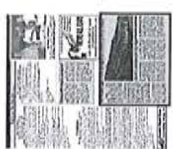
The application fee has been reduced to \$20 during this event, making it even more affordable to start pursuing a brighter future. With the most affordable tuition in the area, NTC is the first-choice for a high quality education that leads to a fulfilling career.

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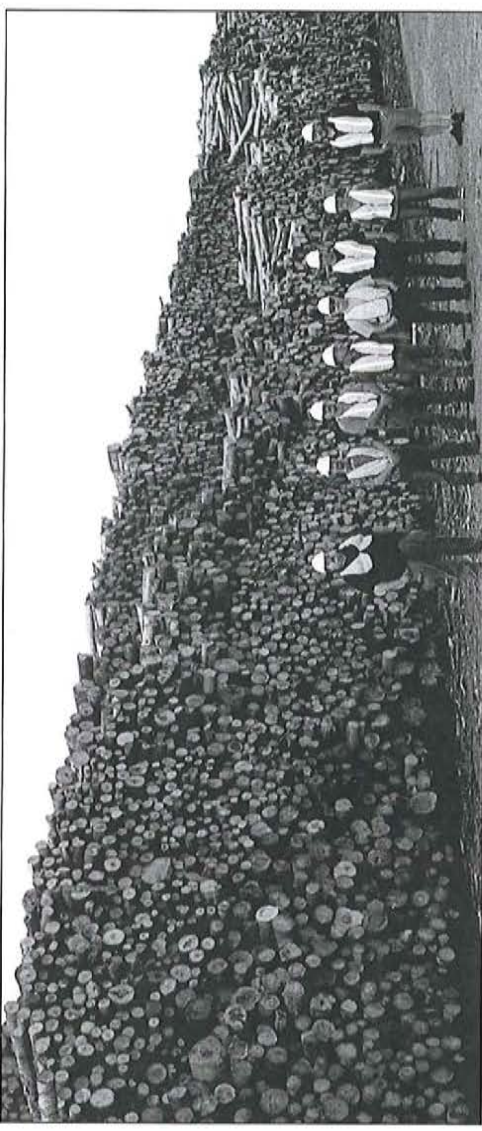
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# FHS teacher gains hands-on experience in forest products industry



Florence County High School science teacher, Autumn Lambert, joined fellow Northwoods teachers the week of June 19 for an Introduction to the Forests Products Industry course at Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Antigo.

The week-long course provided classroom teachers the opportunity to examine the anatomical and physical nature of wood, the manufacturing processes of wood-based materials, current global markets and career opportunities in the field. Teachers participated in active classroom discussions and several offsite tours of different plants that process the raw materials.

"I have taken quite a few continuing education courses, as well as participated in countless professional development courses, conferences and trainings," said Lambert. "Most of these opportuni-

Autumn Lambert, and other Northwoods teachers, visited Louisiana Pacific in Tomahawk and Kretz Lumber in Antigo during the week of June 19 during the Introduction to Forest Products Industry course at Northcentral Technical College in Antigo.

ties focused on pedagogy and content knowledge. This opportunity through Grow North and NTC was a completely different experience. I was an actual student, going through a program that a soon-to-be high school graduate may choose to pursue. I can now return to the classroom and provide a better awareness of the opportunities for students in forest products indus-

try, providing them a chance to run with it right here in Florence County and the surrounding area."

Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation reimbursed teachers for the course, which provided teachers with three college credits that can be applied to their professional teaching license renewal. Grow North is dedicated to the economic development of

the eight most northern and northeastern counties of Wisconsin, through investor and member donations and regional sponsorship events. Grow North secures grant funds from Wisconsin Economic Development Corporations and other state agencies to support economic development through workforce development and broadband expansion for northern Wisconsin.



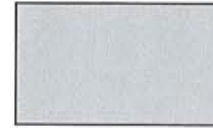


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To become part of a growing group of professionals who are contributing to our local communities by advancing their careers and loving what they do, drop in to an NTC campus near you August 1 to 3 and leave with your fall schedule in hand.

### Prayer to St. Jude

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the helpless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day, on the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you St. Jude.

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# NEW FACE AT FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Kelly Heise, 24, smiles during her swearing-in ceremony July 25 in Stevens Point.

## Heise is SPFD's second female firefighter ever

CHRIS MUELLER  
USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

**S**TEVENS POINT - Kelly Heise hasn't felt at all out of place at her new job.

But Heise, 24, is only the second woman ever to work as a firefighter and paramedic at the Stevens Point Fire Department. The other, Tracey Kujawa, a former chief, left the department in 2014.

Heise, who grew up in Rhinelander, joined the department last month. Before that, Heise studied at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau before working at fire departments in Rothschild and the Rib Mountain and Weston area.

The number of firefighters nationwide went up in 2015 to more than 1.1 million people, but women only accounted for about 7 percent of that number, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Heise, though, has felt welcomed at her new job.

"They talk the same to me as they do to anyone else," she said in an interview. "Honestly, I don't even notice it here."

She spoke with a USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin reporter last week about how she prepared for her career and her first few weeks on the job. Her responses have been edited for length and

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**Has there ever been a moment where you felt singled out because of your gender?**

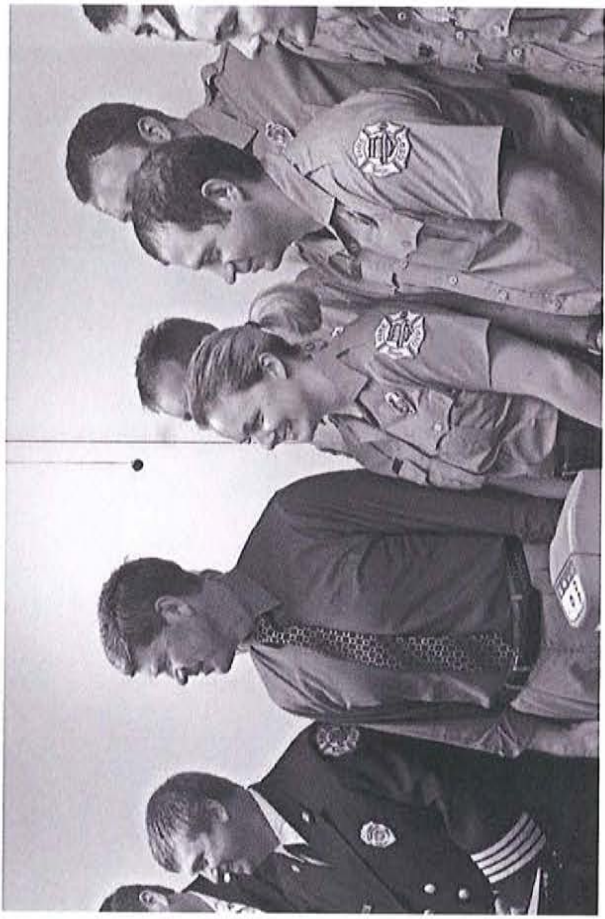
I wouldn't say at all, actually. Every place I've been has been really welcoming. It's a job. You come here during the day and do your job. You're always going to have a couple of people who act differently around you, but the majority of the time I haven't really noticed anything.

**What keeps you motivated to do the job?**

Helping people. We go on calls everyday and, even if it's anything like a stubbed toe to someone who is in cardiac arrest, the big thing to know is they're calling 911 because it's the worst time in their life. To be able to help them is great.

**Why do you think more women don't work in this field?**

I think part of it has to do with the old way of thinking. It was just an expectation that women weren't able to do this. I think, more and more,



CHRIS MUELLER/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN  
 Kelly Heise, 24, poses for a photo with U.S. Rep. Ron Kind on Aug. 1 at the Stevens Point Fire Department.

you'll see women coming into it. We're able to do the same job. We have to do the same training. We have to do the same physical tests. It's more of a capability thing now. If you're capable of doing the job, it doesn't matter.

**How do you deal with the traumatic things you experience on the job?**

Talking about it is a big thing, especially with the

people who are on the scene with you. The other thing I do is work out a lot. I do a lot of that to really help get the energy out if I'm frustrated with something. It gives me time to think and helps me process what the event was and what I could have done better.

**Do you ever feel as if you've got to prove yourself more because of your gender?**

I wouldn't say so. Not here. I think guys have been really great. They tease me all the same. They made a fort out of my bed one time. But they haven't singled me out or anything. They've been really good.

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## NTC extends admissions hours in August

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# Rural residents ask for broadband

## They want federal officials to boost access to service

SARI LESK  
USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

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Perdue, President Donald Trump's

pick to lead the federal Agriculture Department, was confirmed in April. On Friday, he hosted a listening session at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, part of a five-state RV tour called "Back to our Roots."

The tour aims to give federal officials the opportunity to gather input about the 2018 farm bill and needs in rural communities, according to a press release from the USDA. U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson and Rep. Sean Duffy also attended the hearing with Perdue.

Ella Breitenfeldt, a 4-H youth leader, said solving this issue is important for youth and their futures.

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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue visits with stakeholders after a listening session on broadband needs in rural Wisconsin at Northcentral Technical College.

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“Without the opportunities that 4-H offers, as well as many other youth development programs, without broadband and access to those things, which is the future of youth development, we’re missing out on those opportunities,” she said. “We’re missing out on getting ready for our futures.”

Perdue’s tour started Thursday at the Wisconsin State Fair. Tour stops in Wisconsin also include Franklin, Janesville and Elk Mound.

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Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce that four area students graduated from NTC's Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy on May 31, 2017. Those pictured include: front row (left to right), Riley Kurtz, Merrill; second row, Ethyn VanCamp, Merrill; David Knospe, Merrill; James Gabler, Merrill; back row, Paul Clarke, NTC Instructor; Brian Fiene, NTC Instructor; Andrew Kleppe, NTC Instructor.





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## **NTC** extends admissions hours during August

### The fall semester begins at NTC on Monday, August 28

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Take the first step on your educational journey by visiting NTC during extended Admissions office hours in August. For more information about the benefits of attending NTC, visit: [www.ntc.edu/why-ntc](http://www.ntc.edu/why-ntc).





# NTC's President's List

Northcentral Technical College is pleased to announce the President's List for outstanding academic achievements for the 2016-17 academic year. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program earned a 3.75 grade point average or above during the fall and/or spring semester.

- Greenwood: Jennifer Baker, Travis Becker
  - Loyal: Preston Fulwiler, Desiree Martin, Jean McPherson, Cassandra Olson, Brian Wills
  - Owen: Angelica Drietz, Derek Larson
  - Thorp: Karla Jensen-Mcintire, Jenna Shore
  - Withee: Brandon Cwikla, Adam Grice, David Juzwiak.
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## College notes

Mary Fischer, Scott Resler, Nia Schmidt, Kay Schultz and Taygen Viegut were named to the president's list for the spring 2017 semester at Northcentral Technical College. The president's list includes students who have earned at least a 3.75 grade point average or higher.

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Karynna Swatzina, Brittanie Boeck, Jacob Evert, Erin Hennes, Kelsea Kollmansberger, Molly Kaiser, Shannon Kolden, Jacquelyn Lemoi, Brian Raasch, Collin Stuttgen and Jonah Karau were named to the president's list for the spring 2017 semester at Northcentral Technical College. The president's list includes students who have earned at least a 3.75 grade point average or higher.



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Waukesha, The Freeman

# Over 200 job applications in six months

## WCTC, other schools part of lawsuit against 'diversity crusader'

By Ashley Haynes  
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA — District Mutual Insurance has filed a lawsuit on behalf of Waukesha County Technical College, and a large group of other technical colleges, regarding a man who claims the establishments practice "passive racism."

Ittkhar Memon of Black River Falls previously filed a formal charge of discrimination against WCTC after he applied to become an instructor of economics in March of 2013. In April, Memon was informed that he was not hired, which he contends makes WCTC in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1967.

According to the summons and complaint filed by the plaintiff technical colleges on Feb. 28, 2017, Memon claimed "They did not bother to offer

me an interview" and failed to hire him because of his race (Asian), national origin (Pakistani), religion (Islam). See LAWSUIT, PAGE 2A



"At the time we were informed that they were hired, that they had been on the payroll





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and age (44). The charge of discrimination Memon brought against WCTC was found to be unsupported by evidence by an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigator, according to the summons and complaint. WCTC says Memon was not hired because he failed to meet one of the requirements of employment — one year of post-secondary teaching experience.

The summons and complaint says this isn't the first time Memon has filed suit against a college due to what he terms "passive racism." He's applied for over 200 open positions in just six months and claimed he has sued WCTC, two other colleges, and had "19 more to go."

The lawsuit WCTC's insurance company brought against Memon in February involves "the abusive and malicious prosecutions by the defendant." Chippewa Valley Technical College, Western Technical College and Northcentral Technical College are also plaintiffs in the lawsuit. According to the summons and complaint, Memon made "outrageous demands" to com-

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pletely shut down schools and fire their top leadership. Memon has also made demands for exorbitant amounts of money with "no basis in fact or reality," according to the suit.

The complaint also says that he is using taxpayer monies to harrass, defame, and "cease for good" the plaintiff technical colleges. It states that the defendant's "narcissitic attitude and vainglorious opinion of his qualifications have turned from an annoyance to a serious strain." The plaintiffs have called Memon a "diversity crusader who has made various unsupported charges of discrimination against schools."

Calls made to a number listed as Memon's on court documents were not returned. He is representing himself in court. The attorney representing WCTC declined to comment on Tuesday.

There is a motion hearing scheduled on Aug. 23 and a final pretrial scheduled for Jan. 29 of next year.

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# Area students named to president's list

Northcentral Technical College is pleased to announce the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the 2016-17 academic year.

The following students from this area enrolled in a post-secondary program earned a 3.75 grade point average or above during the fall and/or spring semester.

—Aniwa: Matthew Hansen, Katherine Hoepfner, Kris Rutkowski, Nathan Stepanik.

—Antigo: Emily Bastle, Nichole Belsha, Amber Bickler, Alexis Clark, Roberta Clawson, Adam Emenheiser, Sarah Evanson, Rachel Fredericksen, Joseph Geary, Austin Grall, Marissa Hartman, Kelly Hill, Allison Hirt, Ryan Hrovat, Emily Jansen, Amanda Kessler, Leah Marshall, Alissa Merritt, Katie Metko, Justin Olson, Kristi Poltrock, Theodore Prasalowicz, Heidi Rauhut, Michelle Umland, Shandah Volkman, Christy Waldner, Abigail Warren, TaraAnn Warwick, Chas Welke.

—Birnawood: Jacquelynn Bell, Heidi Bowers, Jane Dement, Morgan McAuly, Erin Miller, Kimberly Soukup, Elizabeth Walter, Nicole Mahan.

—Bowler: Charles Piotrowski.

—Bryant: Alec Braatz, Jessi Marshall.

—Elcho: Cortney Cichon.

—Elton: John Kondzela.

—Gleason: Bryer Nichols, Samuel Gooch, Bernadet Leder, Justin Mondeik, Tosha Schreiber.

—Mattoon: Deanna Rekowski.

—Pearson: Asjana Salrin.

—Summit Lake: Samuel Gallenberger

—White Lake: Jacleen Hess, Benjamin Johnson, Misty Schreiber.





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### Phillips, Price County Review

# Healthy job market highlighted by PCEDA

BY PEG ZAEWISCH  
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A robust job market seemed to spark some new energy at the Price County Economic Development Association's recent meeting.

"It is encouraging to see that so many businesses are looking for help," Dennis Rodewald, president of the PCEDA.

However, Rodewald said that means there needs to be more interest in attracting potential employees.

"I have seen numerous newspaper advertisements looking for

workers," he said. "One was looking to fill eleven openings and those were good jobs."

The directors agreed that the word needs to get out to employees that the jobs are here and the pay is comparable to many other places and the cost of living is lower.

Not only rentals, real estate and lower property taxes are enticements for potential workers, but the area is safer than most it was concluded.

Rodewald said the group really has to do a better job at convincing job seekers that the opportunities are here.

There are signs looking for help all over the place, he noted.

It was noted that there are some four new businesses opening in Phillips in the past few months, including an antique shop, women's apparel, and a Nestle Food distribution center.

Dale Heikkinen reported that the Village of Prentice is planning to help the school district tech classes to build another family residence, which is later sold to someone interested in settling in the area.

Park Falls Mayor Dan Leitl said that he is hope-

ful there will be some business start ups downtown when the double construction project is complete. The downtown reconstruction work is nearly complete, but the Highway 182 bridge will not reopen until late October.

The new Kwik Trip store on Highway 13 is well underway with the land needed nearly complete for the ground-up project.

The Dr. Klocknow dental office is moving into a building across from the Pal Cafe which may signal a new influx of tenants to the upgraded downtown,

Leitl said.

Both Bruce Jilka representing the Price County Board and Ginny Strobl reported that there needs to be some more support for ATV trails.

Both noted that the opening of some county roads last year has proven that the machines can be operated on the roads without problems.

Strobl suggested the PCEDA submit a letter of support to the Price County Transportation Committee.

It was further noted that upgrades for internet broadband may be realized if a recent grant ap-

plication by Price County Telephone is approved.

New high tech equipment that relays health conditions to clinics and hospitals is one of the reasons the upgrades are needed.

One of the promotions to highlight the internet updates in the area is going to be the installation of narrow signs running along the bottom of all of the "Welcome to ..." signs across Price County.

The signs would include the information needed to begin an internet search for area

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information.

There are some barriers to the sign installation, but most communities see no problem with adding the sign to their

welcome sign.

The state and federal highway sign regulations must still be worked around in some places, according to the directors.

Rodewald showed the directors how the new signs would look on each

of the nine welcome boards at various community edges. The work to gain approval from each municipality will now begin.

North Central Technical College announced it is joining with some new initiatives with the area

public school district to highlight "Manufacturing Month." It is hoping that there will be programs and tours for students and parents to highlight the kinds of good paying jobs that are available with the appropriate technical training.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT— Northcentral Technical College has announced that David Taggart of Antigo (front) graduated from NTC's Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy on May 31. He is pictured with, back row from left, instructors Paul Clarke, Brian Fiene and Andrew Kleppe.

# Three insurance surprises from Consumer Reports

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

We buy homeowners insurance to protect against the high drama of our greatest fears: tornadoes ripping off the roof, fire racing up the stairs or floodwaters lapping at the front porch. But in reality, the worst rarely happens.

As a result, most of us don't spend a lot of time thinking about homeowners insurance. We get the coverage when we buy our house and then — unless and until something happens — pretty much put it out of our heads.

Here are three insurance surprises from Consumer Reports:

1. You may be paying too much. Many of the respondents to a recent survey Consumer Reports conducted of more than 85,000 subscribers stick with the same company for 15, 20, 30 or more years and seldom shop around for new policies. About 9 percent switched insurers in the previous three years, and more than half reported finding a better price. Homeowners insurance isn't

as price-competitive as auto insurance, but you can still save hundreds to more than \$1,000 per year in premiums by shopping around.

Homeowners insurance requires a careful assessment of your risks and coverage needs. Consumer Reports recommends working with an independent agent who can compare premiums and isn't beholden to just one company. Direct-to-consumer sellers, such as Geico, Farmers and USAA, and captive-agent companies, such as Allstate and State Farm, only offer their own brand. You can find an independent agent at TrustedChoice.com, a website run by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, a trade association.

2. You may not be covered enough. Some homeowners also don't realize that a standard policy doesn't cover everything. For example, 56 percent incorrectly think that flood insurance is covered by a standard policy, according to Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Take

action to save. Consumer Reports suggests working with your agent to buy separate flood and earthquake protection. You may also need a separate hurricane policy if you live in a high-risk zone.

Add-on policies are a must to cover sewer backups or the extra cost of rebuilding according to the latest codes and ordinances. A typical policy covers the structure and out-buildings; the contents of the house; personal liability if you, your family or pet cause damages to others; and additional living expenses if your house is so badly damaged you need a temporary place to live.

3. Don't worry too much about filing a small claim. Some people don't make claims when they have a small loss for fear it will jack up their premiums and cost them more over time. About 22 percent of the survey respondents said they chose not to file a claim for this reason. But the survey also found that 57 percent who filed claims of less than \$5,000 saw no premium increase. Home insurers might raise rates by tacking on a surcharge if the loss is above a certain amount, but the thresholds and surcharges vary by company, type of loss and number of claims filed in a given period.







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# Fifth annual Merrill Community Night Out draws crowd to Festival Grounds

The Merrill Police and Fire departments teamed up to host a community event at the Merrill Festival Grounds last Tuesday evening. The fifth annual "Merrill Community Night Out" focused on services that are offered in the Merrill community.

Previously held at Normal Park, Community Night Out invites residents to enjoy free food, activities, and fun, all while learning about the many services available to the community.

The evening featured booths with equipment of Police and Fire departments, activities for people of all ages, equipment and displays from a variety of community resources, and a chance to visit and ask questions.

Other agencies participating in this event included the Wisconsin Department of Justice Mobile Crime Lab, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Merrill Parks and Recreation, Merrill Community Enrichment Center, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin DNR, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill Street Department, Merrill Water Utility, Lincoln County Crime Stoppers, NITC Center for Excellence, the Merrill Transit System, and more.

Merrill Transit offered bus rides to and from the event all evening at no cost to the rider.



A bird's eye view of Community Night Out from the Merrill Fire Department aerial truck.



Two medical helicopters were on display at Community Night Out. The Spirit helicopter, foreground, had to lift off for a medical flight about a half hour into the event. Collin Lueck photos



Law enforcement vehicles of various types were on display at Community Night Out, including this tracked UTV used by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.



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# Rural residents ask federal leaders to address broadband

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USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

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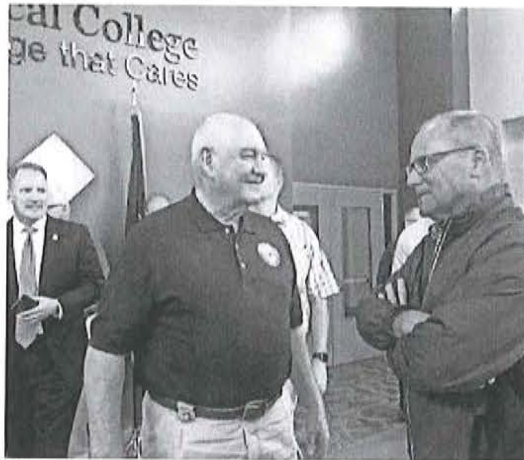
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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue visits with stakeholders after a listening session on broadband needs in rural Wisconsin at Northcentral Technical College on Aug. 4.

Friday he hosted a listening session at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, part of a five-state RV tour called "Back to our Roots."

The tour aims to give federal officials the opportunity to gather input about the 2018 farm bill and needs in rural communities, according to a press release from the USDA. U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson and Rep. Sean Duffy also attended the NTC hearing with Perdue.

Ella Breitenfeldt, a 4-H

youth leader, said solving this issue is important for youth and their futures.

"Without the opportunities that 4-H offers, as well as many other youth development programs, without broadband and access to those things, which is the future of youth development, we're missing out on those opportunities," she said. "We're missing out on getting ready for our futures."

Just days after Perdue's visit to the Badger state, Governor Scott

Walker joined the Public Service Commission (PSC) in announcing \$1,500,000 in Broadband Expansion Grants, awarded to 13 projects in underserved areas throughout the state. Matching funds for these projects amounted to \$2,310,475.60 for a total of \$3,810,475.60 in broadband infrastructure investment.

"As broadband continues to become an increasingly integral part of our lives, I know that Wisconsin businesses and families will be well-served by these continued investments," said Governor Walker. "Internet access is a critical component of education, telemedicine, e-commerce, agribusiness, and tourism, just to name a few. No corner of our state can be left behind."

Governor Walker created the Broadband Expansion Grant Program in the 2013-15 biennial budget and increased funding for the grants in the 2015-17 biennial budget from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million annually. The Governor's proposed 2017-19 biennial budget provides \$11 million more for the program over the next several years.

Colleen Kottke contributed to this story.





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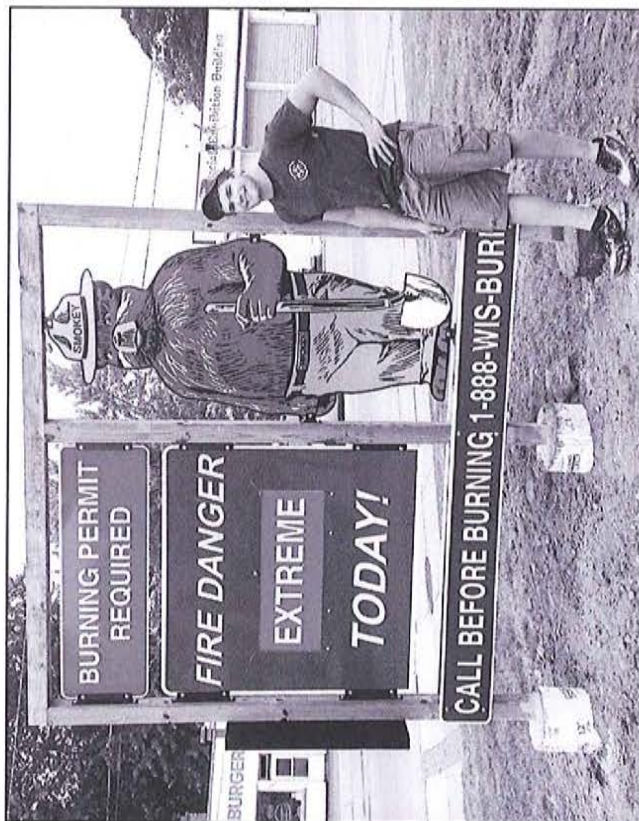
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## Legion Riders

The American Legion has a sub organization called the Legion Riders. One of the group's main focus is to raise money for the Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship helps with college expenses for children of active duty military men and women killed in action or have a 50 percent or higher service connected disability. This year members of the Legion Riders will participate in the parade and ride behind the Athens VFW and Legion members leading the parade. There will be a jar at the Veterans beer bar for any donations toward this scholarship. In 2016, the WI Legion Riders raised over \$59,000 while participating in "rides" throughout the state of Wisconsin. The donations will be presented to the riders after the parade at the Veterans Beer Bar.

## Senior Citizens

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## Eagle Scout project

Nathaniel Morse of Athens stands next to the fire danger sign he constructed last summer to be erected on land next to the Athens Area Fire Department station. Morse is a member of the Athens Boy Scout Troop 350 and he decided to build the fire danger sign for his Eagle Scout project. He thought of the idea for the sign after one time the firefighters came to his backyard to tell him he shouldn't be burning when it's windy outside. He received his Eagle Scout award in February. He is the son of Stuart and Karen Morse of Athens. Nathaniel and his older brother, Luke, are both Eagle Scouts and members of the Army National Guard. They have a younger sister, Courtney, who'll be a junior at Athens High School this fall. Nathaniel Morse will begin Army National Guard boot camp at the end of August and then conduct his All training where he'll be a horizontal engineer. Then he plans to study engineering at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau while still being a member of the Army National Guard.

group met Aug. 10 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Three games of sheephead were played.

## On campus

Northcentral Technical College announced its president's list for the 2016-2017 academic year. Students enrolled in a post-secondary program who earned a 3.75 grade point average or above during the fall 2016 and/or spring 2017 semester are eligible for the honor. Area students named to the list are Sarah Aschbrenner, Richard Bertschinger, Katelyn Felzkowski, Erika Goldbach, Ty Halopka, Sheila Lewandowski, Alex Lorek, Crystal Reid, Kaylyn Schreiner and Joshua Sopot.

## Pasture walk

There will be an evening beef pasture walk on Sept. 12 at Greg Nowicki's farm, R630 Co. Rd. M, Athens. To register for the event, call 715-748-3327 ext. 9.

## Farmer's Market

The Athens Farmer's Market is held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Memorial Park.

## Knitting

Every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m., drop by the Athens branch of the Marathon County Public Library and spend a little time learning basic knitting and crocheting. Yarn, needles and hooks are available. Show what you are working on, learn something new or just hang out in the air conditioning. Talking is allowed and there are no fees.

## Duct tape palooza

Patrons of all ages are invited to get crafty on Aug. 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Marathon County Public Library Athens



# Kulp responds to editorial on Foxconn bill

In last week's paper, you may have seen an editorial that questioned my principles, votes and communications. I certainly welcome the debate as well as the ability to respond in the same paper. First, let's talk about the content of the opinion piece that was written on my vote on Foxconn.

Point #1: Yes, we voted down 22 amendments that were offered by Democrats, but we had already included a number of those ideas in the substitute amendment.

Point #2: An amendment was referenced by the author with a provision that in exchange for \$3 billion in subsidies, they would commit to creating 3,000 jobs by Jan. 1, 2021. This bill is structured so that no refundable tax credits are paid out until there is an investment in infrastructure and buildings and people are hired. If the investment and payroll is smaller, then the credits will also be smaller. In fact, if Foxconn only hires 3,000 people, the tax credits will never come close to the maximum allowed in the bill.

Point #3: Another amendment that was referenced said that 70 percent of Foxconn's new hires must be Wisconsin residents. That is completely unnecessary and would have constitutional and federal issues. With interstate commerce laws, it's unconstitutional to put into statute a percentage of employees from a certain state. I believe the people on the other side of the aisle knew this, but as is often the case, amendments like this become talking points for reelection and to divide people into differing camps.

Point #4: The third amendment mentioned would have created a regional transportation authority to provide bus service so that employees could have access to Foxconn. I find it interesting that the same people who are convinced that this entire idea of Foxconn being a risky enterprise would need to be assured that people can get to it.

Point #5: The author opines that I was "irked" and had "lost my right to lecture" on the free market. He also rightly pointed out that I'm a business person.

That's how I ran for state office four years ago, and how I continue to view things as I filter ideas and concepts that come before me. I promised my friends and neighbors that I would "work hard, listen well, passionately pursue their interests in Madison, and serve with honor, dignity, and respect." I think most people in the 69th District find that refreshing. To suggest that I have "lost my right to lecture anybody" because an editor (a very liberal editor, at that) decided to put me in a group with a label of his choosing, actually strikes my funny bone. It's simply a label that the editor found handy to use to marginalize my vote and voice.

I'm a common sense, accessible, responsive businessman, now public servant, who ran for this job for the right reason: to make the state a better place to live, find fulfilling careers, and raise your family. Everyone benefits when that is the objective!

Now here's what I think about Foxconn, as well as the rationale I used as I processed the transformational opportunity that it presents.

Whenever a person talks about the "free market," well, I have to admit, this is messing with the free market a bit. That gives me a little bit of heartburn.

If this were a deal to bring a company into the state to compete with existing businesses that already provide the same services, that would be an entirely different vote for me. But let's just think about what this is. This is something entirely new to our state. This is a worldwide market. It's outside money coming into our state. Ten billion dollars of outside money being brought to the state to build a plant. It's money that's coming from a company that started out in 1974 making plastic knobs for televisions.

This is a company that understands a changing industry. It's a company that understands innovation and entrepreneur-

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neurship. It's been shaping and driving the industry it's in for decades. Now they're no longer producing plastic knobs, they are producing 8k TV sets that are exciting the imagination of this and the next generation.

Foxconn is a company that's added 76 jobs per day, 365 days a year for 43 years, and it's a worldwide market. That's putting it into perspective!

This is a completely new industry with a worldwide market. It's an industry that has the ability to be a magnet to bring people from other parts of the country and other states. It's bringing a company to our great state that is flexible and innovative that doesn't have any peers or competitors anywhere in the state or the country!

When you have higher education representatives giving testimony like Marquette University President Dr. Lovell, and the UW System President Ray Cross, saying that they are "exuberant" and that this opportunity is "transformational," well, those are the kind of things that make it an easy choice for me. It makes it easy for me to say this is an investment that makes sense. I'd hate to bet against some of the most forward thinking people in our state, and their eagerness to see this get done!

This will direct and focus what our technical college students and university students learn all over the state. Dr. Lori Wevers from Northcentral Technical College in Wausau came down and testified in whole hearted support. She understands the cooperation that is required between industry and work ready, highly trained students. Lori and the other presidents of our world class tech colleges will make certain that students learn the content, and have the experience and training necessary to fill this need. In her words, "We are poised and ready!"

It will change and transform indus-

tries in a positive way. New businesses that may not even be able to imagine right now in 2017 will likely spring up and employ dozens and hundreds of people from here and other states and even countries! They'll make Wisconsin their home because of these opportunities.

Five, ten, and fifteen years from now, when there are completely different people in these seats, I have every confidence that the people in these seats will look back and applaud our vision.

This is a process with built in transparency and accountability! This process will have benchmarks and it will be pay-as-they-grow. I respect the hard-working taxpayers in the state way too much to fritter away their money without these safeguards built in.

We, and the people that follow us in these seats, will make sure this company follows the rules. Sure, we've removed a bit of government red tape in matching what well over 40 other states have done. Maybe we should do that for other businesses as well, and that's a discussion I'm hoping to have very soon.

This is about benefitting the lives of each every one of the people that call Wisconsin home. It's about giving students a reason to stay here. It's about bringing the best and brightest from other states to see what Wisconsin has to offer! It's about "gaining brains," not seeing a continual "brain drain" that we've heard so much about!

It's about letting moms and dads find careers here, giving them a quality of life they could only imagine before. It's about retirees and grandpas and grandkids being able to see their grandkids settling here in Wisconsin, and not flying halfway around the country and the world to see them!

If we had allowed Foxconn to pass us by, I have little doubt that the media would be castigating us for it, and claiming it as proof that Wisconsin is headed in the wrong direction. But this was too big an opportunity to let go, and so we didn't let it go. This was the right vote for Wisconsin.

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### State, local leaders help address drug crisis across WI

By Daniel Keltz, Multimedia Journalist [CONNECT](#)  
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WAUSAU (WAOW) - Lawmakers from the state and federal level, along with law enforcement from across Wisconsin, gathered at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau on Thursday to map out their next move in fighting the drug epidemic in the area.

The taskforce was spearheaded by Rep. Sean Duffy as a way to bring people together with different backgrounds and collectively solve the problem they said is plaguing the community.

"Come up with solutions to address this crisis," Duffy said.

Six sheriffs joined in on the conversation to let lawmakers know what's working out on the streets, and what isn't.

"Treatment is essential. Treatment and prevention," said Marathon County Sheriff Scott Parks. "I think those are the themes we heard here today, it's not always necessarily incarceration."

Sheriff Parks went on to say that he believes it's still an uphill battle to completely clear the community of drug addiction.

"[Law enforcement is] saying prevention is the best expenditure of money and I'm thrilled because they're right," said Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel. "This was very enlightening."

Almost everyone involved in the discussion talked about cutting off the supply chain, by having tighter security at the Mexican border.

"For our community, border security is about curtailing the drug flow into our communities," Duffy said.

Leaders at the meeting said that sending the right message to kids will deter them from trying hard drugs.

They said part of the solution is keeping marijuana illegal, as they said 70 percent of meth and opioid users admit to using marijuana first.

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## Wis. lawmakers, law enforcement discuss drug epidemic in communities



By Kevin Carr | Posted: Thu 4:17 PM, Aug 24, 2017 | Updated: Thu 6:35 PM, Aug 24, 2017

**WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW)** -- In response to the growing drug abuse epidemic in Wisconsin, leaders from local, state and federal levels are working together to find solutions.

Wisconsin Republican Congressman Sean Duffy hosted a drug enforcement round table discussion at Wausau's Northcentral Technical College Wednesday. Attorney Brad Schimel, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and a panel of sheriffs were among the participants.



The discussion involved the recent abuse of opioids and meth in Wisconsin communities and the impact it's having on them.

"I think what we've come away with is we need money and resources for treatment. Which is trying to deal with the demand side. But also, we have to deal with the supply of the drugs coming in," Republican Congressman Sean Duffy explained.

Marathon County Sheriff Scott Parks said the problem has led to the jail becoming overcrowded due to the higher number of arrests.

"The facility is built to house 279 persons. We have that facility filled and unfortunately we're housing a number of persons adding up to 400 total in 5 different counties," Parks said.

Duffy said securing the southern border with Mexico could help with the drug supply issue. But he and other leaders are also calling for a change in conversation about these drugs -- to change the way people think about them.

"We've had great campaigns across America to talk about littering, seat belts and smoking," Duffy said. "we have to figure out how to have a broader messaging conversation with the American people, but specifically with our kids about how devastating these drugs are in their lives."

Sheriff Parks said it won't be easy, but hopes somehow, more funding can be made available to help law enforcement better tackle the epidemic.

"It's a huge problem, and it's not going to be addressed overnight," Parks said.



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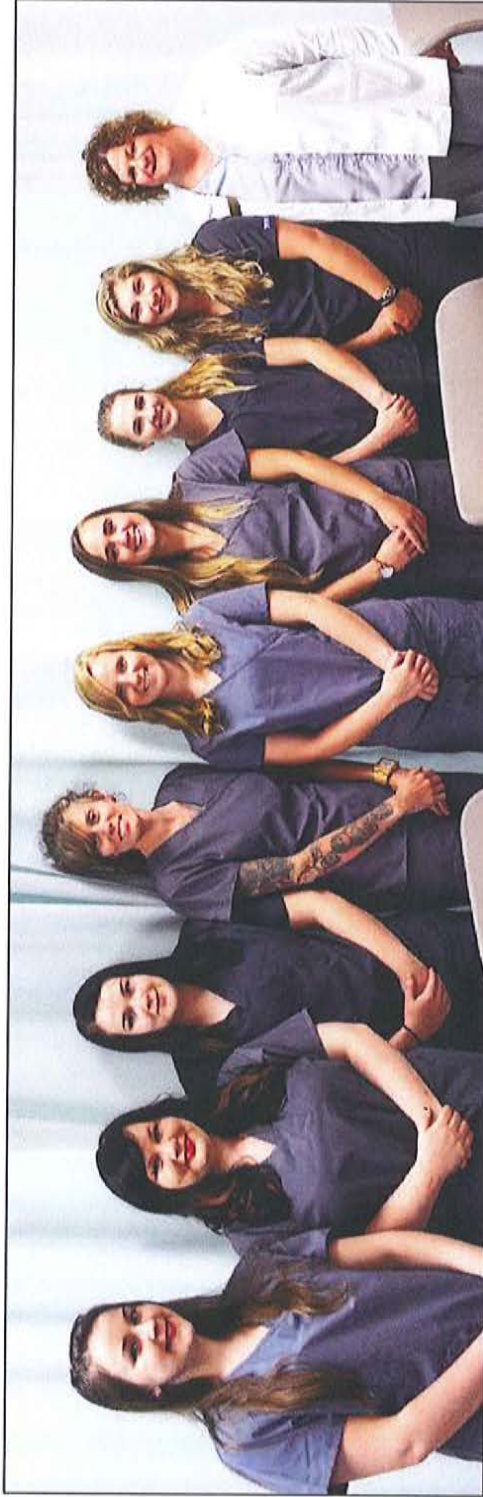


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The summer 2017 Nursing Assistant class completed their classroom and clinical lab recently at the **Northcentral Technical College Phillips Campus**. The Certified Nursing Assistant program prepares future caregivers to perform basic nursing skills under the supervision of a nurse for job entry as nursing assistants and home health aides in health care agencies. Pictured, from left to right: Katrina Dunbar, Amber Charlton, Kaitlyn Overby, Angie Cuddeback, Lorren Sauter, Katelyn Tinnen, Taylor Bortz, Bailee Scharp, and instructor Heather Lontcoski. The next class begins Sept. 11, 2017. More info: (715) 339-4555 to register.



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# Fall sign language courses at NTC

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Wausau is offering two sign language classes this fall.

**Beginning Sign Language.** Students enrolling in this course will learn basic techniques for communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing persons, including fundamentals of sign language skill development—all in a fun and relaxed environment. Classes are at the Wausau campus on Tuesdays, Sept. 19 through Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m.

**Intermediate Sign Language.** This course will allow students to build upon a basic knowledge of signing and learn intermediate techniques for communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing. It will also explore expanding your sign language skills, including sign language skill development and key signs to use to communicate effectively. Classes are at the Wausau campus on Tuesdays, Nov. 7 through Dec. 12 from 6-8 p.m.

To register, call 715-675-3331 and press 1 or visit [www.ntc.edu/ce](http://www.ntc.edu/ce).



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### **Foxconn will benefit northcentral Wisconsin suppliers**

Submitted: 08/25/2017

Wausau - Foxconn will bring thousands of jobs to Wisconsin. But that plant will be located in the southeastern part of the state, which leaves people in northcentral Wisconsin wondering how they'll benefit from it.



Foxconn plans to bring a \$10 billion plant to Wisconsin. But that isn't the only thing it's bringing. "Restaurants and other facilities and things like that and schools and things to support the infrastructure," said Director of Brand Strategy and Digital Commerce for the Accurex Entity at the Greenheck Organization Brian Rivet.

Those facilities are going to need suppliers like Greenheck.

"As an HVAC manufacturer we can plug in to those types of construction projects and provide the products for those projects," said Rivet.

And of course the plant itself will need suppliers too.

Gov. Scott Walker visited North Central Technical College in Wausau today to show suppliers how they can get involved in the Foxconn deal.

While the physical plant will be built in southeast Wisconsin, northcentral Wisconsin can still get in on the action and the benefits of the plant.

"We want to make sure businesses right here in northcentral Wisconsin are part of that supply chain, which will help small businesses as well as those businesses that might be starting up can meet the needs of a company like this," said Walker.

A lot of the work being done in the supply chain directly relates to what students are learning to do at North Central Technical College.

"This is the sort of thing they're training; they want to be in an industry like Foxconn," said Walker.

For students entering the workforce, Foxconn is bringing the jobs AND the money.

"Just in construction alone they estimate \$5.7 billion worth of their construction will be sourced right here in Wisconsin," said Walker.

Not only is it directly supplying jobs in northcentral Wisconsin, but with the growing demand from suppliers, local manufacturing facilities are expanding too.

"If we're able to grow because of those things and have new opportunities, obviously we need people to continue to build those things," said Rivet.

Walker said that the University of Wisconsin had an economist look at the Foxconn deal and said for every dollar the state puts into Foxconn, the state will get back \$3.90.

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### Governor Walker in Wausau, talks Foxconn

By *Courtney Terlecki, Multimedia Journalist* [CONNECT](#)  
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WAUSAU (WAOW) - Governor Scott Walker was in Wausau Friday to discuss Foxconn. He spoke at North Central Technical College to about 20 business and civic leaders on how they can be part of the supply chain for the Foxconn development.

A recent poll indicates less than 40 percent of registered voters in two central Wisconsin senate districts approve of the \$2 billion in incentives the state is offering.

Governor Walker said he wasn't surprised.

"People look at the poll, they'll notice the poll never gave them any of the benefits, so if you only see the downside and don't see the upside, not a real shock as to what the results of the poll would be," said Walker. "Which leads to my argument the same groups that push for the poll are the same groups looking for a reason against it."

The telephone poll was sponsored by the Wisconsin River Alliance and taken August 18 through the 20.

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## Classes begin at Northcentral Technical College



By WSAW Staff | Posted: Tue 10:11 PM, Aug 29, 2017

**WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW)** -- It's back to school at Northcentral Technical College, and they kicked off the new year in style.

Today students and staff gathered in the courtyard to celebrate the new semester.

The event included lunch, live music, and even a magician.

Students say it's a great way to kick off the new school year and connect with other students.

"They can come in and connect with people from different programs and make friends. It is really great, especially on the second day of school because people are coming from all over, Phillips, Medford, and they don't really know anyone so it's a great way for people to meet each other," said student Adrianna Truax.

There were also campus resources like financial aid, work study, and veteran services on hand to answer any questions the students may have.



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# Miss Teen Rodeo enjoys interactions

By Benjamin Wideman  
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**DE PERE** — If not for social media, who knows what Erica Wolf would be doing this summer.

But, thanks in part to Facebook, she's riding a memorable journey as Miss

Teen Rodeo Wisconsin 2017-18.

"I was on Facebook just looking around one day and I saw Katelin (Bradley, the current Miss Rodeo Wisconsin) shared something saying they were looking for contestants for the Miss Teen Rodeo," said Wolf,



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Erica Wolf, 18, of Birnamwood has been riding horses since she was 2 years old.

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18, of Birnamwood. "So I had this crazy idea one day that I'd give it a try, even though it was only two weeks before the pageant. And now here I am — Miss Teen Rodeo Wisconsin. And I love it. It's everything I imagined — plus some."

Wolf's most recent appearance as Miss Teen Rodeo Wisconsin came Aug. 18-19 at the Brown County Fair's PRCA Rodeo in De Pere. She and Bradley assisted at the evening rodeos and promoted rodeos and the state of Wisconsin by interacting

with fairgoers.

"Being with the kids is my favorite part," Wolf said. "I like getting kids more involved with the rodeo and teaching them what it's all about."

Wolf, who was born in Shawano, sat atop a horse for the first time at 2 weeks old and began riding at the age of 2. Her horse, Breeze (a half quarter horse/half Arabian), has been in the family all 18 years of Wolf's life. "This is my baby," Wolf said.

Wolf graduated from Bowler High School this past spring and plans to attend Northcentral Technical College in Wausau in pursuit of a nursing degree.

She said serving as Miss Teen Rodeo Wisconsin has boosted her confidence and communication skills.

"It wasn't that long ago that I used to be the shy little girl hiding in the corner with my face turning red," she said. "Now, because of my experiences as Miss Teen Rodeo, I'll walk up to someone and say, 'Hi, how's it going?' and be more outgoing. I've learned a lot so far."

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## NTC students win design competition during Harley-Davidson of Wausau's Ride for MDA

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(Photo: For USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin)

Seven Northcentral Technical College students worked together and won a design competition that was part of Harley-Davidson of Wausau's Ride for MDA.

The competition was open to any local metal fabrication shop, organization or school, and the winner was decided by a popular vote that helped raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mechanical design engineering technology students Jake Denny of Phillips, JoAnne Krahn of Wausau and Justin Mondeik of Gleason collaborated with machine tool operation students James Domka, of the town of Guenther, James Flees, of Wausau, Joshua Schmidt, of Gleason, and David Tryba, of Hatley, on a light fixture that incorporated elements representing their academic programs along with a Harvey-Davidson logo that was

etched into the design.

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A horizontal banner for Northcentral Technical College. On the left is the college's logo, which includes a stylized tree and the text "Northcentral TECHNICAL COLLEGE". In the center is a photograph of a student in a blue shirt sitting at a desk, working on a laptop. On the right, there is a blue background with white text that reads "MORE LATE START COURSES. MORE POSSIBILITIES." and a white button with a blue arrow and the text "Learn More".

# NTC students win design competition

Seven students from the Mechanical Design Engineering Technology and Machine Tool Operation programs at Northcentral Technical College (NTC) were recently presented with a trophy after winning a design competition during Harley-Davidson of Wausau's Ride and Event for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

The competition was open to any local metal fabrication shop, organization or school, and was decided by a popular vote that helped raise money for MDA.

Mechanical Design students Jake Denny (Phillips), JoAnne Krahn (Wausau) and Justin Mondeik (Gleason) collaborated with Machine Tool students James Domka (Town of Guenther), James Flees (Wausau), Joshua Schmidt (Gleason) and David Tryba (Hatley) on a light fixture that incorporated elements that were representative of their academic programs, along with a Harley-Davidson logo that was etched into the design.



NTC Mechanical Design Engineering Technology students Justin Mondeik (left) and Jake Denny (right) are presented with a traveling trophy by event organizer Randy Wanner for their work in designing the award-winning light fixture.



## Farm to Fork: Wisconsin's growing power of ginseng

Rooting for the Sweet Side to Ginseng



By WSAW Staff | Posted: Mon 7:42 AM, Sep 11, 2017 | Updated: Mon 8:10 AM, Sep 11, 2017

**WAUSAU, Wis., (WSAW)--** The the first year, Wausau will celebrate ginseng with the inaugural International Ginseng Festival.

The festival will take place over three days, September 15-17, 2017 at downtown Wausau's 400 Block city square park and along adjoining streets.



Ginseng on the wood background

To talk about how it's grown, Sunrise welcomed Kirk Baumann of Bumann's Ginseng.

Ginseng is a prized perennial herb, in the form of a root, that the Chinese use in their practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). The version of Ginseng grown in central Wisconsin is native to North America and is scientifically referred to as *Panax quinquefolius*.

Wisconsin has the perfect climate and glaciated soil conditions that give our Ginseng its unparalleled flavor and active medicinal qualities which are highly sought after by end users in Asia.

The Chinese believe to be healthy the body must be in balance, one commonly hears this referred to as Ying and Yang. It is believed that American Ginseng helps to achieve that goal. In the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine, ginseng is used for a variety of things; to boost your immune system, aid in control of blood sugars, cool the body, deal with stress and is very good for fatigue. American medical research pales in comparison to the research done in China but of recent and of somewhat local nature, was research performed by the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Mn, using our Wisconsin Ginseng.

To cook with ginseng, Sunrise 7 was joined by Chef Travis Teska, Culinary Arts Instructor at Northcentral Technical College.

**RECIPE: Cardamom Clove and Ginseng Ice Cream**

20 each Cardamom pods  
5 each Cloves, whole  
3oz Ginseng, fresh, washed and sliced  
24 oz Heavy Cream  
8oz Milk

Heat spices, ginseng, cream and milk just to a simmer. Turn down very low and simmer about 30 minutes. Let rest 30 minutes then add:

1 cup Sugar  
Strain through a fine sieve and temper in:  
3 each Whole eggs,

Cook over medium heat until 170F, quickly cool in ice bath, etc.  
Once cool freeze in ice cream maker.

**Wisconsin Fruit Compote**

3 each Apples, fresh, peeled and diced  
½ each Vanilla bean, split  
2 T Butter, unsalted

Cook in butter over medium heat until just starting to soften, add:

½ cup Apple cider  
¼ cup Maple syrup  
¾ cup Dried cranberries, chopped  
3 T Golden raisins  
1 cup Water

Cook over very low heat about 30-40 minutes. Chill.