

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 4, 2025
TIME: 1:00 P.M. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)
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CALL TO ORDER

- A. Compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Public Comment

Public Comment periods are not considered to be public hearings or a forum for public debate. No person may speak more than once to an issue or for a period longer than three (3) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak during this period must complete the sign-in form at the meeting location no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The total amount of time devoted to public comment at any given meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- A. Student Representative Update – Grace Koehler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- A. [Approval of 2025-2026 Capital Budget](#) – Chet Strebe
- B. [Wausau – Accommodations, Testing + Security Renovation](#) – Chet Strebe
- C. [Wausau – Ag Center Utilities Building Renovation](#) – Chet Strebe
- D. [Wausau – Ag Center Heifer Barn Addition](#) – Chet Strebe
- E. [Wausau – Workforce Learning Center Leased Offices + A Building Entrance Renovation](#) – Chet Strebe

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:

- a. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
- b. [Personnel Changes](#)

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- A. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in NTC Programs – Darren Ackley, Emily Stuckenbruck + Reggie Smith

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
 - a. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Nomination of Paul Proulx as President of the District Boards Association
 - b. Spring 2025 Board Appointment Update
 - c. Reminder to Complete Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) by 4/30/2025
 - d. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, Antigo Campus at 1:00 p.m.
- C. Information
 - a. [Capital Projects Monitoring Report](#)
 - b. Spring Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Wausau East High School
 - c. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
 - d. [Good News](#)

CLOSED SESSION (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE OPEN MEETING)

- A. Adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel.

OPEN SESSION

- A. Reconvene the Board into Open Session to confirm any action deemed necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURN

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

Mission: Northcentral Technical College enriches our communities by providing high quality learner and employer focused educational pathways that transform lives.

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

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025

TOPIC: 2025-2026 Capital Budget Planning

POLICY 1.3.1 Budgeting – may not cause or allow budgeting which contains too little information, as determined by the Board to enable *credible projection* of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, cash flow, and disclosure of *planning assumptions*.

1.6.5 Asset Protection - may not make any purchases or commit the organization to any *expenditure of greater than \$50,000*.

INTERPRETATION: *Credible projections* are based on multiyear plans supporting community benefits statements and executive limitations. *Planning assumptions* are based on multi-year capital expenditure plans and funding sources. *Expenditures greater than \$50,000* must have board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: Attached are three planning documents.

1. *2025-2026 Capital Expenditure Funding Sources* shows the funding plan for the next year's capital budget.
2. *2025-2026 Capital Expenditure Summary* shows categories of capital expenditures for next year's capital budget.
3. *2025-2026 Capital Equipment Budget Requests* provides additional information and identifies *expenditures greater than \$50,000* requiring board approval.

At this meeting today, NTC is presenting the Board with a resolution to approve capital expenditures of \$13,864,807 which includes a May 2025 borrowing of \$13,000,000, anticipated grant funding of \$196,000 and projected fund balance usage of \$668,807.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

- Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approval not to exceed the \$13,864,807 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$13,000,000, anticipated grant funding of \$196,000 and projected fund balance usage of \$668,807, including identified items exceeding \$50,000.

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

Signed Dr. Jeanie Worden

Dated 3/4/2025

2025-2026 Capital Expenditure Funding Sources

\$13,864,807	Total Capital Expenditures Budget
\$13,000,000	Funded through Annual Capital Borrowings
\$668,807	Funded through Fund Balance
\$0	Funded through Anticipated Donations
\$196,000	Funded through Anticipated Grants

2025-2026 Capital Expenditure Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025-2026</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Previously Committed Capital Expenditures		
Distance Education Leases	\$74,000	
Licenses & Other Technology	\$3,183,440	
Facilities Initiatives	\$843,544	
Learning Equipment	<u>\$513,449</u>	
		\$4,614,433
Capital Contingency Fund	<u>\$736,359</u>	
		\$736,359
Technology Maintenance		
Advanced Technology Initiatives	\$274,835	
Microcomputers and Consulting	\$500,000	
Network Equipment	<u>\$600,000</u>	
		\$1,374,835
High Priority Educational Needs		
Equipment and Software	<u>\$2,217,180</u>	
		\$2,217,180
Long Range Facility Plan Recommendations		
Regional Campuses	\$1,702,000	
Central Campus	<u>\$3,220,000</u>	
		<u>\$4,922,000</u>
Total Capital Expenditures Budget		\$13,864,807

2024-2025 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Description	Commitment (N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Borrowing Category (Equipment, New Square Footage, Remodeling + Improvements, Repairs)	Site Location Site 1 = Wausau + Ag COE; Site 2 = Antigo, Merrill + Wittenberg; Site 3 = Medford, Phillips + Spencer	Item Requested	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Strategic Plan Goal	Cost
Information Technology	License & Other	P	Equipment	Entire District	Microsoft software and other software licenses	Software licenses necessary to conduct business and training throughout the District.	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$1,750,000
Information Technology	License & Other	P	Equipment	Entire District	Workday Licenses + Consulting	Workday is our replacement for PeopleSoft HR, Finance, and Student.	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$950,000
Information Technology	Microcomputers & Consulting	R	Equipment	Entire District	Maintain 3-year replacement rotation for lab workstations and 5-year employee rotation	Workstation replacements per the long-term computer refresh plan.	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$500,000
Information Technology	Network Equipment - Servers / Repairs	R	Equipment	Entire District	Server/Network	Regular maintenance and replacement of servers that provide services and communications within the network, as well as the network itself.	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$500,000
Information Technology	Advanced Technology Initiatives	P	Equipment	Entire District	Smart Classrooms - NTC Connect	District-wide and distance learner impact. Smart Classroom – NTC Connect project which consists of learning space classroom upgrades.	1. Expand comprehensive support to ensure learner success	\$240,000
Information Technology	Microcomputers & Consulting	P	N/A	Entire District	Advanced Consulting	District-wide and distance learner impact.	1. Expand comprehensive support to ensure learner success	\$105,000
Information Technology	Leases	P	N/A	Entire District	Charter and other providers (Wide Area Network)	District-wide and distance learner impact. Provides connectivity to regional campuses and the Internet. Impacts all students, employees, and stakeholders.	3. Building on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs and strengthen the community while building the NTC brand	\$74,000
Information Technology	License & Other	P	Equipment	Entire District	Other Software development	College staff support for capital projects	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$88,440
Information Technology	Network Equipment - Servers / Repairs	R	Equipment	Entire District	Cameras and Equipment for Safety & Security	Increased Safety and Security for all students and staff.	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$50,000
Information Technology	Network Equipment - Servers / Repairs	R	Equipment	Entire District	Data Cabling and Telephones	Renovations related to building remodeling.	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Information Technology	Advanced Technology Initiatives	P	Equipment	Site 1	Emergency Services Training Center	IT infrastructure equipment needs for Emergency Services Training Center project.	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Information Technology	Advanced Technology Initiatives	N	Equipment	Site 1	Storage Warehouse/EPDP Classroom	IT infrastructure equipment needs for Storage Warehouse/EPDP Classroom project.	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Information Technology	Advanced Technology Initiatives	N	Equipment	Site 1	WTPD A Building Leases Offices/Vestibule/Lobby	IT infrastructure equipment needs for WTPD Project	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000

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Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	Remodeling and Improvements	Site 1	WTPD A Building Leases Offices/Vestibule/Lobby	Increasing rental space, opportunity for WTPD to provide space for business and industry	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$1,000,000
Facilities	Argriculture Center of Excellence	N	Remodeling and Improvements	Site 1	Storage Warehouse/EPDP Classroom	Storage Warehouse/EPDP Claassroom/Well/Septic	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$800,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	Remodeling and Improvements	Site 1	Accomodations/Testing/Secu rity Renovation	Accomodations/Testing/Security Renovation (Added engineering fees and furniture)	1. Expand comprehensive support to ensure learner success	\$700,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Equipment	Site 1	CHS Rooftop Chiller Replacement	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$500,000
Facilities	Merrill Campus	P	Repairs	Site 2	CSSC Parking Lot Resurfacing	CSSC Parking Lot Resurfacing/Cosmetic Exterior Repair/Replacement	3. Building on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs and strengthen the community while building the NTC brand	\$350,000
Facilities	Entire District	N	Equipment	Entire District	Signage	District Wide Updates	3. Building on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs and strengthen the community while building the NTC brand	\$250,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	P	Equipment	Site 1	Sustainability	LED lighting, HVAC, sustainable energy, water reclamation, energy submetering -part of Strat Plan	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$250,000
Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N	New Square Footage	Site 1	Heifer Barn Addition/Thrid Calf Pen	Heifer Barn Addition/Thrid Calf Pen	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$225,000
Facilities	Entire District	P	Remodeling and Improvements	Entire District	Facilities Project Wages	Staff wages to support facilities capital projects	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$193,544
Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	Remodeling and Improvements	Site 1	High Tech Conference Room C/B Building	State of the art technology for mid-size conference room	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$160,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Equipment	Site 1	G Building Chiller Refurbish	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$125,000
Facilities	Entire District	R	Repairs	Entire District	Corridor Carpet Replacement (Campus wide)	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$100,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Repairs	Site 1	iTech Renovation	Limited to carpet replacement and painting refresh	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$330,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Equipment	Site 1	HVAC Controls A & F Buildings	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$100,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Repairs	Site 1	Dental Flooring	Replace all old VCT flooring to match new addition LVT flooring and and save costly floor waxing and improve aesthetics	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$100,000
Facilities	Merrill Campus	N	Equipment	Site 2	Tactical Safety Range Rubber Wall Liner	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$92,000
Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	Repairs	Site 1	Gravel and Culverts to Woods	Improve access to wooded area of Ag Center for faculty/student learning activities	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$80,000
Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N	Equipment	Site 1	Vet Tech Entranace Widnbreak	Evaluating solutions to prevent wind from catching the doors; will be freestanding, not a permanent fixture	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$75,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Repairs	Site 1	Dental Casework	Update old operatories to new alminate color and improve functionality for student use	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$65,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Repairs	Site 1	Landscaping Dental Entrance	Continued improvements to new dental clinic entrance	3. Building on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs and strengthen the community while building the NTC brand	\$60,000

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Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	Equipment	Site 1	Radiography/Fluoroscopy System	Perform any necessary work to install new equipment	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Repairs	Site 1	Sidewalk & Curb Replacement	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$50,000
Facilities	Antigo Campus	P	Equipment	Site 2	Boiler Replacement	Life cycle replacement	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$50,000

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Learning	Wausau Campus	N	Equipment	Site 1	Industry 4.0 - Transportation	Various learning equipment to support Industry 4.0 - Transportation	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$400,000
Learning	Wausau Campus	R	Equipment	Site 1	Radiography/Fluoroscopy System	Current system end of life. Refurb Siemens stsytom (\$378,000) + Unistrut remodeling (\$20,000)	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$398,000
Learning	Entire District	P	Equipment	Entire District	Learning Project Wages	Staff wages to support learning capital projects	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$386,823
Learning	Entire District	N	Equipment	Entire District	Wausau Fire Training Center	Various learning equipment to support our partnership with the Wausau Fire Department, providing state of the art training locally	3. Building on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs and strengthen the community while building the NTC brand	\$300,000
Learning	Entire District	N	Equipment	Entire District	College Heavy duty Truck for pulling NTC Trailers	Needs more power to pull loaded trailer - shared within multiple schools of	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$95,000
Learning	Wausau Campus	P	Equipment	Site 1	Miller Welding Agreement	Continuing our lease agreement with Miller. Year 3 of 3	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$76,626
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N	Equipment	Site 1	Automatic transmission tractor - grant-funded	Automatic transmission tractor - grant-funded	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$75,000
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N	Equipment	Site 1	Sprayer Upgrade Utilizing Nozzle Control	Symphony nozzle package (36 nozzles), vision package, 20 20 Gen 3 monitor, hard boom, wiring, configuration with tractor monitor. This set up is to use existing sprayer to retrofit the latest in technology for systems to protect the environment, reduce pesticide use and overspray	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	Equipment	Site 1	Manure Pump	The current manure pump has been breaking consistently over the last couple of years. A new updated pump would allow farm staff to focus on field work, rather than repairs, and save money in the long run.	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N	Equipment	Site 1	20 KWH Solar panel - grant funded	20 KWH Solar panel - grant funded	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Learning	Merrill Campus	R	Equipment	Site 2	Hose Line Training System	Current system is out of warranty and takes multiple attempts to get it working; control wires and connections are showing wear. Not meeting the Firefighter 2 practical exam requirements for live fire/foam application and have been told by the state we need to find a solution to incorporate live fire	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Learning	Entire District	P	Equipment	Entire District	Artificial Intelligence	Artificial Intelligence - Software/hardware	2. Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology	\$50,000
Entire District	Contingency	P	N/A	Entire District	Annual Contingency	Projects require contingency funding as project needs arise. \$100,000 for IT, \$100,000 for Facilities, \$136,359 for Learning, and \$400,000 for President's Office	4. Effectively use resources to enhance future stability	\$736,359

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

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025

TOPIC: Remodeling: Wausau – Accommodations, Testing, & Security Renovation

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38 – Technical College System, 38.14 District Board Powers – (2) Buildings and Equipment. (a) For the use of the district schools the district board may: (3) Construct, enlarge, or improve buildings.

TCS 5.04 (4) (a) A resolution of the district board approving the remodeling of existing facilities, (b) A resolution of the district board requesting board (WTCS) approval of the remodeling.

INTERPRETATION: Remodeling of existing facilities requires Board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: This project focuses on renovating 3,200 square feet of space in the C Building for the Accommodations and Testing Center, as well as the Security office suite. The renovation will feature enhancements to the security suite that includes private security offices designed for increased visibility to the Information desk and common corridors. The suite will provide ample office space for three full-time security staff and will incorporate a new exterior entrance for quick access to the security vehicle. Additionally, the suite design will include open office areas for greeting visitors.

The Accommodations and Testing Center will be significantly upgraded to enlarge staff offices, ensuring full wheelchair accessibility. The plan includes three single-use quiet testing rooms and two larger group testing rooms, all designed to maximize natural light and visibility for staff overseeing assessments. A waiting area, complete with lockers and staff cubicles, will be integrated within the suite, enhancing the overall functionality of the space.

All renovations will be executed with a strong emphasis on meeting and exceeding ADA compliance standards. The estimated budget for the project is not to exceed \$700,000. In order to begin construction this spring, the College will be requesting WTCS State Board approval at its May Board Meeting. The NTC Board is asked to approve the proposed renovation and request the WTCS State Board to do the same. A packet evidencing compliance with the statutes will be submitted to the State Board with the application.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northcentral Technical College Board Approves the Wausau Accommodations, Testing, & Security Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$700,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same.

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

Signed: Dr. Jeanie Worden Dated: 3/4/25

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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TOPIC: Remodeling: Wausau – Ag Center Utilities Building Renovation

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38 – Technical College System, 38.14 District Board Powers – (2) Buildings and Equipment. (a) For the use of the district schools the district board may: (3) Construct, enlarge, or improve buildings.

TCS 5.04 (4) (a) A resolution of the district board approving the remodeling of existing facilities, (b) A resolution of the district board requesting board (WTCS) approval of the remodeling.

INTERPRETATION: Remodeling of existing facilities requires Board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: This project involves the renovation of the EPDP and Gas Utilities building, encompassing a total of 1,850 square feet dedicated to enhancing educational facilities at the Agriculture Center of Excellence. The renovation will create two new classrooms, staff office space, and restrooms, while also insulating the entire building and adding heating to the truck storage bays. This redesign will position the classrooms adjacent to the outdoor utilities field and practice areas, eliminating the need for students to drive trucks back and forth between learning spaces, which currently disrupts their training with time-consuming bathroom and warming breaks.

By consolidating classroom and practice areas, the project aims to facilitate a more fluid learning environment, minimizing disruptions to training sessions. Additionally, the renovation will include the installation of a new well to supply water to the building, along with a septic system to service the new restrooms.

The total cost of the project is estimated not to exceed \$800,000. In order to begin construction early summer, the College will be requesting WTCS State Board approval at its May Board Meeting. The NTC Board is asked to approve the proposed renovation and request the WTCS State Board to do the same. A packet evidencing compliance with the statutes will be submitted to the State Board with the application.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northcentral Technical College Board Approves the Ag Center Utilities Building Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$800,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same.

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

Signed: Dr. Gianni Worden Dated: 3/4/25

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TOPIC: Addition: Wausau – Ag Center Heifer Barn Addition

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38 – Technical College System, 38.14 District Board Powers – (2) Buildings and Equipment. (a) For the use of the district schools the district board may: (3) Construct, enlarge, or improve buildings.

TCS 5.04 (2) (a) A resolution of the district board approving the additional or new facilities, (b) A resolution of the district board requesting board (WTCS) approval of the additional or new facilities.

INTERPRETATION: Addition of new facilities requires Board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: This project involves the addition of a new animal stall at the north end of the Heifer Barn, encompassing a total of 1,000 square feet. This new stall will facilitate the relocation of dry cows from the Main Barn, thereby freeing up space for additional milking cows and increasing overall milk production. By providing a dedicated space for dry cows, the project will also enhance their quality of life by allowing them access to pasture.

The new stall, along with two existing stalls, will be equipped with automated gates and a cow lane, enabling the cows to pasture themselves. This innovation eliminates the need for manual handling, significantly improving operational efficiency by removing the labor-intensive process of moving cows to pasture twice a day.

Overall, this project is designed to enhance animal welfare, boost milk production, and improve farm staff efficiencies. The total cost of the project is estimated not to exceed \$225,000. In order to begin construction this summer and have the dollars expended by June 2025, the College will be asking the WTCS State Board for approval of this project at its May Board meeting. The Board is asked to approve the proposed addition and request the WTCS State Board to do the same. A packet evidencing compliance with statutes will be submitted to the State Board with the application.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

- Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northcentral Technical College Board approves the Ag Center Heifer Barn Addition at a cost not to exceed \$225,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same.

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

Signed: Dr. Gianni Worden Dated: 3/4/25

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TOPIC: Remodeling: Wausau – Workforce Learning Center Leased Offices & A Building Entrance Renovation

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38 – Technical College System, 38.14 District Board Powers – (2) Buildings and Equipment. (a) For the use of the district schools the district board may: (3) Construct, enlarge, or improve buildings.

TCS 5.04 (4) (a) A resolution of the district board approving the remodeling of existing facilities, (b) A resolution of the district board requesting board (WTCS) approval of the remodeling.

INTERPRETATION: Remodeling of existing facilities requires Board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: This project entails the renovation of a 3,400 square foot space within the Workforce Leadership Center (WLC) of the A Building, specifically transforming the former IT faculty suite into three rental office suites and a conference room. A connecting corridor will be established from the Workforce Training and Professional Development (WTPD) office entrance to the new office suites, enhancing accessibility and flow within the facility.

In addition to the office renovations, the WTPD suite will undergo minor modifications to the office and reception areas to improve functionality. A new overhang entrance into the A Building will be created, featuring business-level lobby furniture and decor that elevate the aesthetics of the WLC while fostering a collaborative gathering space for visitors and staff. The entrance will also include landscaping upgrades and outdoor furniture to create a welcoming environment.

The total cost of the project is estimated not to exceed \$1,000,000. In order to begin construction this spring, the College will be requesting WTCS State Board approval at its May Board Meeting. The NTC Board is asked to approve the proposed renovation and request the WTCS State Board to do the same. A packet evidencing compliance with the statutes will be submitted to the State Board with the application.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northcentral Technical College Board Approves the Wausau Workforce Leadership Center Leased Offices & A Building Entrance Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same.

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

Signed: Dr. Janis Worden Dated: 3/4/25

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TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

POLICY 1.1 – Presidential Expectations – The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

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 **January 31, 2025** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue: \$67,388,030.61

F1-F7 Expense: \$58,742,803.83

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:



Dated: March 4, 2025

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

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025

TOPIC: Personnel Changes

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INTERPRETATION: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 38.12 (3) “The district board shall employ and fix the compensation...” and 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:

- Katelyn Donat – Specialist, Simulation & Technology Support
- Manpreet Singh – Technical Assistant, Automotive Technology
- Brandon Andersen – Manager, Community Safety Simulation Center Technology
- Mai Vang – Assistant, Student Services
- Frank Rohl – Manager, Community Safety Simulation Center Operations

Resignations:

- Angela Robinson – Executive Assistant, VP Human Resources, Facilities, & Risk Management
- Sheri Rehman – Advisor, Student Success

AGENDA CATEGORY:

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Signed Dr. Janis Worden

Dated 3/4/25

Capital Project	Adjusted Plan	Obligations & Actuals	Balance	Spent to Date
PROJ00000002 CHS HVAC Upgrades	456,252.77	207,526.04	\$248,726.73	45%
PROJ00000006 Consulting	261,687.11	146,486.12	\$115,200.99	56%
PROJ00000008 Data Cabling	69,791.72	11,188.43	\$58,603.29	16%
PROJ000000104 Health Occupations Industry 4.0	80,750.58	70,633.08	\$10,117.50	87%
PROJ00000013 H Building Roof Replacement	450,000.00	106.62	\$449,893.38	0%
PROJ00000015 Industry 4.0	261,653.10	160,637.80	\$101,015.30	61%
PROJ00000020 NTC Connect	133,066.55	132,156.17	\$910.38	99%
PROJ00000021 PC Replacement	109,686.16	23,987.98	\$85,698.18	22%
PROJ00000023 PeopleSoft Upgrades	113,000.00	107,752.26	\$5,247.74	95%
PROJ00000026 Security Cameras & Equipment	107,596.40	104,515.97	\$3,080.43	97%
PROJ00000027 Servers	599,279.40	489,816.05	\$109,463.35	82%
PROJ00000028 Sidewalk/Curb Replacement	81,725.00	81,725.00	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000029 Software	1,675,824.65	1,474,328.14	\$201,496.51	88%
PROJ00000030 WAN Leases	148,146.87	101,655.09	\$46,491.78	69%
PROJ00000037 Workday	2,306,110.08	2,093,404.72	\$212,705.36	91%
PROJ00000040 User Experience	101,086.23	101,000.00	\$86.23	100%
PROJ00000074 Miller Welding Agreement	76,626.00	76,625.52	\$0.48	100%
PROJ00000075 Motorcycle Safety Capital	129,179.44	0.00	\$129,179.44	0%
PROJ00000079 Blacktop Resurfacing	685,414.56	331,645.23	\$353,769.33	48%
PROJ00000082 Corridor Carpet Replacement	133,275.22	72,886.75	\$60,388.47	55%
PROJ00000083 H Building Air Handler	150,000.00	0.00	\$150,000.00	0%
PROJ00000086 Industry 4.0 AI	152,503.63	68,968.50	\$83,535.13	45%
PROJ00000101 Workforce Training Classrooms - A Building	173,062.27	149,330.28	\$23,731.99	86%
PROJ00000102 General Facilities Projects	166,784.28	166,784.28	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000103 Clark Island	125,000.00	0.00	\$125,000.00	0%
PROJ00000105 Sawmill	113,392.66	17,339.15	\$96,053.51	15%
PROJ00000115 Pasture to Plate (Meat Talent)	169,609.15	145,609.15	\$24,000.00	86%
PROJ00000123 Emergency Services Training Center	662,295.34	569,072.59	\$93,222.75	86%
PROJ00000124 Control Tower Overhang Infill Classroom	79,021.58	0.00	\$79,021.58	0%
PROJ00000125 General Learning Projects	1,390,575.17	570,901.66	\$819,673.51	41%
PROJ00000126 Industry 4.0 Smart Manufacturing for Regionals	193,804.43	98,776.42	\$95,028.01	51%
PROJ00000138 Sustainability	444,039.50	364,666.70	\$79,372.80	82%
PROJ00000144 Merrill CDL Addition	538,516.41	538,516.41	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000146 Facilities Project Wages	194,534.07	194,534.07	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000147 Program Evaluation Software & Implementation	123,223.33	123,223.33	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000155 Alternative Fuel Boiler Upgrades	100,000.00	79,510.24	\$20,489.76	80%
PROJ00000156 Apprenticeship Classroom & Lab Refresh	128,731.54	106,541.54	\$22,190.00	83%
PROJ00000157 Pond Cleanout/Dedged	80,000.00	29,998.69	\$50,001.31	37%
PROJ00000158 D Building Renovation (CJ/Student Life)	517,897.97	517,897.97	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000159 Dental Improvements & Security	385,000.00	340,502.65	\$44,497.35	88%
PROJ00000160 Dental Vestibule Addition**	189,692.74	301,266.40	(\$111,573.66)	159%
PROJ00000161 Merrill CSSC (Community Safety Simulation Center) - Capital Expenses	988,330.53	957,240.54	\$31,089.99	97%
PROJ00000162 Industry 4.0 Ag + Transportation CNG	1,152,984.83	534,551.08	\$618,433.75	46%
PROJ00000164 Student Engagement Vestibule Addition	73,314.00	14,779.01	\$58,534.99	20%
PROJ00000165 Furniture Upgrades	82,490.35	13,435.29	\$69,055.06	16%
PROJ00000173 Circle Saw	54,052.64	52,380.21	\$1,672.43	97%
PROJ00000174 I110 Collaboration Room	54,971.99	54,627.99	\$344.00	99%
PROJ00000175 H Building Corridor Finishes	140,000.00	87,620.12	\$52,379.88	63%
PROJ00000178 NTC Forestry Telehandler Project (Emberg)	81,607.34	81,607.34	\$0.00	100%
PROJ00000190 Signage - District Wide Updates	150,000.00	16,395.00	\$133,605.00	11%
Total Project Spend to Date	16,835,587.59	12,270,463.09	\$4,565,124.50	73%
FD302 Contingencies	1,060,652.65	0.00	1,060,652.65	0%

Notes:

PROJ00000160 Dental Vestibule Addition** Grant revenue received to offset expenses

Definitions

Capital Project: Projects over \$50K based on FY25 budget

Adjusted Plan: Includes original FY25 Budget, FY24 prespend adjustments, and FY25 budget amendments.

Obligations & Actuals: Includes approved purchase orders and actual expenses paid out to date.

FD302 Contingencies: Includes Facilities, IT, Learning and President's Contingency Requests. As unexpected needs arise, dollars from contingency are moved to the appropriate project.



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntin	Tom Felch	Renee Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann	Rainer Shooter
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MONDAY July 8	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	
July 23	RFSC Groundbreaking Ceremony	X			X	X	X	X	X	
August 13	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	E	
September 10	WTCS State Board Meeting (NTC)	X	X	X		X		X		
September 10	WTCS State Board Dinner (Holiday Inn)			X		X		X		
September 11	WTCS State Board Meeting (NTC)			X	X			X		
September 17	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(9:00 a.m. start time)</i>	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	
October 15	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	
November 5	Board Retreat	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	
November 20-22	WTC DBA Fall Meeting <i>(Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton)</i>				X			X		
December 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	E	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	
December 14	Graduation <i>(10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)</i>	X								
2025										
January 14	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	E	X	X	E	X	E	X	
January 15-16	WTC DBA Legislative Seminar Capitol Day <i>(Madison)</i>				X					
January 17	ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) <i>(Madison + Zoom)</i>				X					
February 11	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	X	X
March 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 8	Sawmill Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Antigo Campus)									
April 8	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(Antigo Campus)</i>									

April 10	WTCS Ambassador Banquet (<i>Wisconsin Dells</i>)									
April 11	DBA Trustees + Ambassadors Breakfast (<i>Wisconsin Dells</i>)									
May 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 17	Graduation (<i>10:00 a.m. Wausau East High School</i>)									
June 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (<i>Public Budget Hearing at 12:15 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:30 p.m. Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.</i>)									

All Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. and are held on the Wausau Campus located at 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 in Timberwolf Conference Center/Room D100 unless otherwise noted.

Merrill, Foto News

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kory Page, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 30, 2025. Kory is a point guard on the Merrill Boys Varsity Basketball Team. He started playing basketball in the third grade at Trinity Wausau and played there until transferring to Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) in eighth grade. Due to COVID, he was unable to play competitively there, but he joined the MHS JV2 Team as a Freshman and Sophomore before advancing to Varsity last year. Similarly, Kory played baseball at Trinity Wausau from third through seventh grades and then joined the MHS JV Baseball Team as a Freshman. He moved up to Varsity as a Sophomore and has been on the Merrill Varsity Baseball Team since.

Kory works part-time at KB Body Shop in Merrill as a detailer, a job he's held for about a year and a half. He also volunteers at his church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, helping with the PowerPoint presentation during worship and helps his mom as a teacher's assistant with the church daycare.

In his free time, Kory likes to hunt (deer, turkey, and duck); hang out with friends; and spend time with family. "I'm a big family guy," he said. "We go to my grandpa's and try to do that every weekend to get everyone together, eat together, play games, and play cards."

The son of Dan and Cathy Page of Merrill, Kory has a 2.4 GPA and plans to attend [Northcentral Technical College](#) to get a two-year degree for architectural design and hopes to then work for Modern Builders and Suppliers Inc.



Kory Page

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WBHS students competing at Wausau SkillsUSA Regional

MADISON — SkillsUSA Wisconsin announced that it will be holding its third regional competition in Wausau at Northcentral Technical College in the Center for Health Sciences, NTC Health Science Center on Feb. 7, including West Bend high schools students who will compete for a chance to go to the state competition.

According to the release, students from West Bend East and West high schools will compete in a wide range of categories. There are 18 total categories at the regional meet. Students who place at the regional competition will advance to the 52nd SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference in Madison, which will be held April 1 and 2 at the Alliant Energy Center and Madison Area Technical College.

“The 2025 conference will feature more than 1,750 middle, high school, and college/post-secondary students, over 200 teachers, and more than 300 industry volunteers working in over 75 competitions,” the release said.

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Tiny Artists: AVA looks to expand its youth programs

MADELINE WESTBERG

For the Daily Journal

ANTIGO — Antigo Visual Arts, a nonprofit group devoted to encouraging the arts community in the Antigo area, is looking to expand its youth programming, after seeing success with its first weekly youth art class.

The arts advocacy group launched a Tiny Artists class in 2024, an hour-long weekly art class for children ages 0-5, meant to encourage creativity and expression in Antigo's youngest artists.



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Melissa and Ryker Illikainen work on a tasty project at the Antigo Visual Arts center in January, as part of the weekly Tiny Artists class. Above: Zachery Illikainen works on several projects at the Tiny Artists class in January, including making a fruit loop rainbow, making a 3D tree and painting a giant rock.

In 2025, the nonprofit is looking to expand its art programs to all ages kids and teens under 18, and is

starting the process of getting those classes moving.

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Oscar Holup, age 3, draws leaves for a tree in the AVA Tiny Artists Class, geared toward school-age children.

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Tiny Artists was launched in 2024, after the opening of the AVA Art Center, and activities are geared toward kids that haven't gone to school yet, or are homeschooled. In addition to a creative outlet, it also offers community through art.

"Little ones can explore their creativity through story time, fun paper crafts, taste-safe homemade paints and hands-on projects that ignite their creativity," the AVA website said.

The classes are called a "delightful art playtime," and offers a "safe, friendly environment perfect for curious

minds and tiny hands."

The Tiny Artists art class is held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the AVA Art Center, the nonprofit's art space which opened in summer 2024 which has significantly expanded AVA programming and offerings. The art center is located at 1350 N. Hogan Road, next to the Aspen Village office.

Madison Taylor is the public art chair on the AVA board of directors. She also owns her own art studio on Clermont Street, called Creative Phoenix, which offers art classes at a cost for area teens and adults, along with her own art for sale.

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Taylor is the instructor of Tiny Artists, and took over the program in October 2024. She said that the program has a handful of regular participants, and while the class is still getting off the ground, AVA has seen the positive effects of the class.

"My favorite part is seeing how everybody does their (projects)," Taylor said at a Tiny Artists she taught in January. "It's so different."

Kids can all be handed the same instructions on a project, and each approach it differently, she continued. They'll each start at the same place, and approach it differently.

Activities at the Tiny Artists class can range everything from edible projects and painting to sensory projects and building 3D items to take home.

The AVA board of directors in 2025 is looking to expand its classes for youth in the community to all ages, hoping to add two additional art class sessions.

Taylor said AVA would like to see one session open to ages 6-12, and one session for teenagers ages 12-18.

Right now, AVA is in the process of seeking funding to expand its

youth classes, applying for grants and funding from local groups. AVA would like to add a second instructor, and open class times up to more ages, Taylor and Gabriel said.

Taylor said that she's had teenagers participate in and express interest in her Creative Phoenix classes, but those often cost students money in order to cover costs. AVA would like to partner with Taylor to offer a low cost or free option for students.

"We want to reach kids that can't always afford it," AVA President Danna Gabriel said.

Taylor envisions reaching at least 30 kids a week, between the months of October and April, but details of what the classes would look like, the timeline of their launch and the schedule are still being worked out.

In addition to the Tiny Artists classes, AVA also works with local youth through a regional art exhibit. The Wisconsin Regional Art Program is a statewide art exhibit program where communities hold juried shows for nonprofessional artists across the state.

AVA helps coordinate both the adult program and the teen program. Through the WRAP-Teen exhibit, teens ages 13-19 can exhibit their

work in local and state exhibits, get recognized for their work and receive feedback and cash prizes. This year's show dates are April 7 through April 17 at North Central Technical College, and the entry deadline is March 28.

The program is meant to connect to Antigo students, help encourage their art pursuits and give them an opportunity to show their work.

Antigo Visual Arts offers a wide variety of artistic opportunities for artists of all ages. From gallery shows to help artists sell their work, to public art projects like murals and sculptures, to

open studio time, AVA's offerings are robust.

The nonprofit hosts 3 judged art gallery exhibits a year, which are open to the public and housed on the second floor of the Langlade County Historical Society on Superior Street. The gallery shows offer local artists a chance to sell their work, gain exposure in the area and have the experience of working through a gallery process.

The nonprofit also hosts open studio time for artists to visit the newly opened Art Center, to work on whatever project they want in community with other

artists. On Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., people can visit the art center, bring their own supplies and ongoing projects and use the space for free to create in.

And, AVA hosts classes taught by seasoned artists so anyone can try out a particular

craft or art form. Classes cover a wide range of topics, are sometimes open to both adults and children, and previous classes have included origami, rock painting and ceramics work.

For more information, visit antigovisualarts.org.



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DNR seeking public comment on trail concept plan for Rib Mountain State Park

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comment on a trail network concept plan at Rib Mountain State Park.

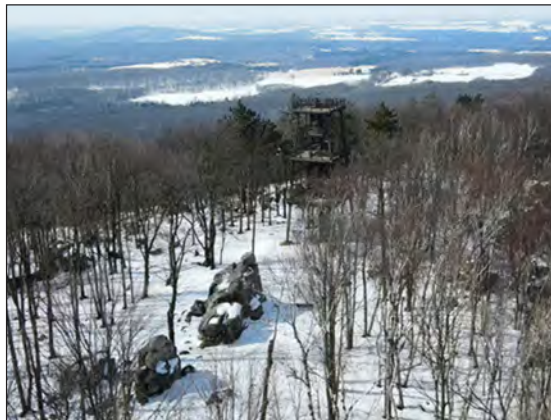
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The department encourages the public to submit feedback using the online public input form. Additionally, one public informational meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 at [Northcentral Technical College's Professional Conference Center](#) in Wausau.

This informational meeting will run from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 7:00 p.m. and will include a presentation from department staff starting at 6:00 p.m. Doors to the venue will open at 5:45 p.m. Staff will present a brief property history and share the trail concept plan in more detail.

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Event details

Public Engagement Opportunity For The Rib Mountain State Park Trail Concept Plan

When: Feb. 13, 2025, 6-7 p.m.

Where: [Northcentral](#) Technical College, Professional Conference Center

Room 1004A (located in the Center for Health Science Building)

1000 W. Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Loyal, Tribune Record Gleaner

Loyal board approves new high school courses

By Valorie Brecht

At its last meeting held Jan. 29, the Loyal School Board approved several new courses for the 2025-26 school year, those being: sports entertainment and management (0.5 credit, one trimester); environmental science (0.5 credit, one trimester); astronomy (0.5 credit, one trimester); advanced welding (0.5 credit, one trimester); multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) math intervention (0.25 credit per trimester); MTSS English and language arts intervention (0.25 credit per semester); parents and children (0.5 credit, 3 credits through Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)); and foundations of early childhood education (0.5 credit, 3 credits through CVTC).

Teachers had the opportunity to submit course proposals, which were then reviewed by administration and submitted to the board for final approval.

The sports entertainment and management class is an elective through the business education department. The two science classes will provide additional opportunities for students who are not planning on pursuing university after high school but still need to fulfill their science credit requirement. These classes are less rigorous than chemistry or physics, for example.

Advanced welding will provide a bridge between the intro to welding course and the college-credit welding course, as the teacher felt students needed more practice before jumping into the college-level course.

The intervention courses are for students who are identified in the FastBridge assessment as needing extra help. They will receive small group instruction and will earn credit for the course as an elective. These remedial courses will not take the place of the math and English classes they will still be required to pass to graduate.

The two family and consumer education classes will be offered at Greenwood with Kristin Jaenke. They will allow students to work in a daycare setting and earn college credit, whether it is a private daycare facility in Loyal or Greenwood, or the Lil' Dawgs afterschool program in Loyal.

While the board was discussing courses, board president Dennis Roehl asked if there were opportunities for students to earn their commercial driver's license (CDL) through CVTC or [Northcentral Technical College](#). District Administrator Chris Lindner said the district had had conversations about it, but hadn't tried it yet. Students in Neillsville have taken CDL training through the CVTC satellite campus there, so that program is set up. Lindner said if there was interest, the school district would have to work with the individual student to see if the course could fit in their schedule.

Board member Kirk Haslow also had a comment. He said he was all for additional curriculum, but wanted to know if the district would have to hire more teachers to offer additional courses.

"No, so I guess going back to that strategic plan, the concern was that we do not have enough courses for kids that are not necessarily going to that higher level four-year college, that we need some more trade courses. So this (environmental science or astronomy) would be taught within our science teachers right now," said Principal Angie Kollmansberger. "So it's just an additional offering. It doesn't mean it's taking the place of another course."

Board member Derek Weyer also mentioned that the curriculum committee recently had a good discussion on weighted grades and planned to bring it before the full board at some point.

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Submit Feedback By March 2

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NTC announces late start courses

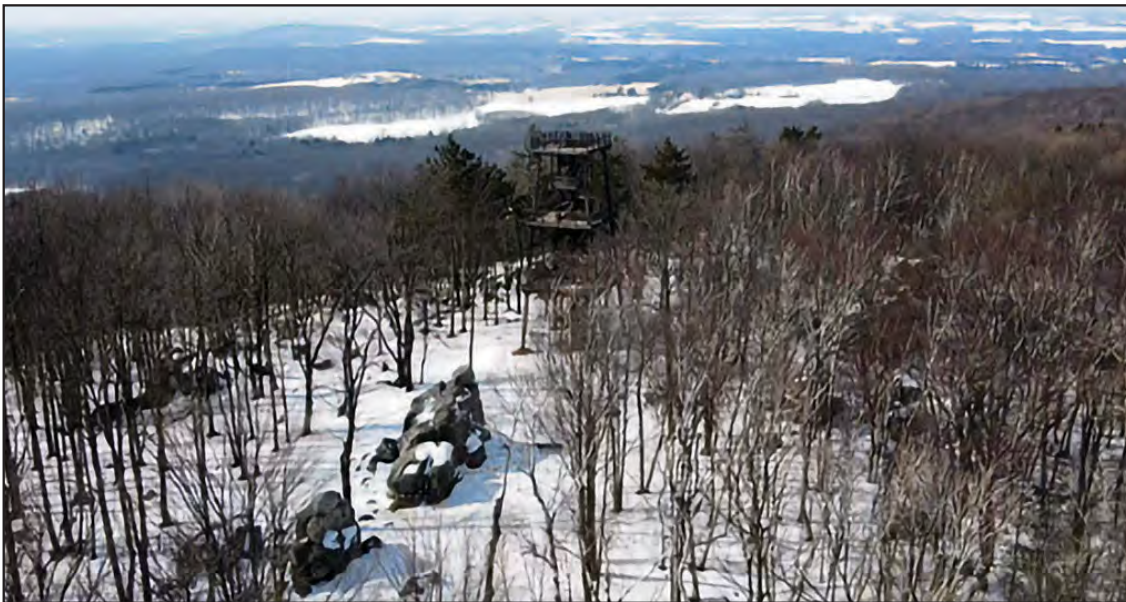
Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce Late Start courses, which give learners the opportunity complete classes in eight weeks during the second half of the semester rather than waiting until the next term begins. Late Start courses begin Monday, March 31 and run through Friday, May 23. Classes in several disciplines, including general education are available in-person and online.

“NTC offers many options for students to plan their

class schedules around their lives,” said Dr. Sarah Dillon, Vice President of Student Services + Regional Campuses at NTC. “Students enrolled in Late Start courses have access to academic support and wrap-around services to help them be successful.”

To view the complete list of Late Start courses, visit www.ntc.edu/late-start.

Contact NTC’s admissions team at admissions@ntc.edu or 715-803-1645 to get started today.



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Somers, Bula join Potato & Vegetable Growers Hall of Fame

WISCONSIN POTATO & VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

STEVENS POINT — Dianne Somers, co-owner of Plover River Farms Alliance, LLC, and Kevin Bula, longtime inspector with the Wisconsin Seed Potato Certification Program, were inducted into the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association Hall of Fame at the industry's Annual Awards Banquet held Feb. 5 in Stevens Point.

The WPVGA Hall of Fame honors lifetime achievement in the development of the state's potato industry. It is the intention of the WPVGA to continue to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the potato industry in Wisconsin by making annual Hall of Fame inductions.

The dedication and involvement in the potato and vegetable industry by Dianne Somers over her lifetime are immeasurable, in time, energy and accomplishments. She is one of the founding members of the Wisconsin Potato Growers Auxiliary,

which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2025.

A past-President of the Auxiliary, Dianne has worked tirelessly on behalf of the industry she loves, and her passion shows through on everything she does. She served on the WPGA board of directors for many years and continues to be an active member of the Auxiliary.

She also serves on the WPVGA Water Task Force as well as on the Promotions Committee. She and her husband, Nick, serve on the Spud Bowl Committee, and their efforts have helped make the Spud Bowl an outstanding event while raising thousands of dollars for University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student scholarships.

Dianne has served on the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors for many years. She is also an Advisory Committee member for the UWSP College of Fine Arts. In 2016, UW-Stevens Point presented the Mary Ann Nigbor Volunteer of the Year Award to Dianne Somers for service to the

university and the potato industry.

Nick and Dianne now provide an annual scholarship to a UWSP student in the Soils Department of the College of Natural Resources.

Dianne has served for many years on the WPVGA Promotions Committee, and along with Nick, has been a strong supporter of the Spudmobile. The Committee undertook years of discussion and research before Nick's idea of the Spudmobile arrived, but it finally came to fruition and has been a successful promotional tool for the industry over the past 10 years.

Nick and Dianne were also among the original supporters of the Food + Farm Exploration Center in Plover, serving as co-chairs of the Campaign Committee for the FFEC.

Dianne is a strong supporter of the Healthy Grown program and Plover River Farms has been a Healthy Grown grower since its inception. Among the awards she has received over the years are the Wisconsin Potato Growers Auxiliary Member of the Year (1988) and the WPVGA Agri-Communicator Award (2015). Dianne is a continual promoter of the industry. She looks for every opportunity to discuss the benefits of eating potatoes, even with the people sitting next to her on an airplane. Her passion and

love are the potato and vegetable industry.

KEVIN BULA

Kevin Bula, who grew up on his family's small dairy and potato farm in Antigo, applied for a position as an inspector with the Wisconsin Seed Potato Certification Program. Drs. Steve Slack and Bob Slattery "took a chance" on Kevin.



Somers



Bula

"I was fortunate to learn the certification and inspection process from Slattery and long-time inspectors Wayne Guyant and Len Sorenson. I always viewed myself as being seed grower oriented, and always tried to be fair, impartial, and consistent in my decisions, but never forgetting the reason for certification in the first place, to protect the commercial potato industry and never compromise the university, the certification program or myself," Kevin said.

"Potatoes have been good to me," Bula continued. "Working in the seed program for 45 years provided a fair wage, opened doors for travel, and most importantly, it introduced me to some great potato people, people who have become some of my best friends. The winter test plots in Homestead, Florida were a lot of work but also a lot of great times. The evenings were often spent in friendly banter, each of us promoting our own state as being the best, but of course Wisconsin was the best.

It was a special time, and we became a special seed potato fraternity."

Bula has received several awards and honors over the years, including the WPVGA's Industry Appreciation Award in 2009 and again in 2012, as well as the Wisconsin Seed Potato Industry Leadership Award in 2012 for outstanding service and leadership to the Wisconsin seed potato industry.

OTHER AWARDS

The Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association presented several other annual Industry Awards on Feb. 5 in Stevens Point.

The Associate Division Business Person of the Year Award was presented to Matt Selenke of Allied Coop's Pest Pros Division. As division manager for Pest Pros, Matt and his team consult with over 30 growers on 40,000 acres of potatoes, carrots, corn, soybeans, cabbage, and most other crops that are grown in Wisconsin's Central Sands.

Wendy Dykstra was named the WPVGA Volunteer of the Year. Wendy is chief operating officer at Alsum Farms & Produce, Inc., in Friesland, a five-decade strong grower and shipper of potatoes, re-packer of onions, and a wholesale distributor of a full line of produce. Wendy serves as treasurer on the WPVGA Board of Directors and is a member of the Promotions Committee. She also serves on the Board of Potatoes USA and is an Executive Committee member serving on the Finance & Policy Committee.

This year's WPVGA Young Grower of the Year Award went to Charlie Mattek, a sixth-generation potato grower at J.W. Mattek & Sons, Inc. seed potato farm in Deerbrook. Charlie, who studied agribusiness at Fox Valley Technical College and welding at Northcentral Technical College, has served for six years on the WPVGA Board of Directors, including as president in 2024.

As the out-going WPVGA board president, Mattek presented the President's Award to his wife, Kelly Mattek, in grateful appreciation for her support, guidance and love.

The Researcher of the Year Award was presented to Jed Colquhoun, a professor and extension specialist at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison and integrated pest management (IPM) program director. Jed's work is focused on integrated weed management strategies in commercial fruit and vegetable production that are practical while minimizing inputs and protecting the surrounding environment.

Jeb Barzen received the Agri-Communicator Award for excellence in communication and outstanding service to the potato and vegetable industry. Jeb says he is a duck biologist who worked at the International Crane Foundation (ICF) for most of his career and spent much of that time working with agricultural communities, or other types of private landowners, worldwide, to advance stewardship that might better us all.

TOWN OF UPHAM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the public test of the HAVA COMPLIANT VOTING EQUIPMENT to be used at the Spring Primary NONPARTISAN OFFICE Election to be held February 18, 2025 will be conducted Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Upham Town Hall located at N9575 Cty Hwy B, Summit Lake, WI 54485. This public test is open to the public.

Leah Antoniewicz, Clerk
Town of Upham

Posted, Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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Five WBHS students place at SkillsUSA regional competition

WAUSAU — SkillsUSA Wisconsin announced on Monday that five students from West Bend East and West high schools have placed at the Feb. 7 SkillsUSA regional competition, held at [Northcentral Technical College](#), and will move on to the state competition in Madison.

According to the release, the following WBHS students placed in the regional competition:

- Cira Declan: first place in CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer;
- Mason Fechter: first place in Photography;
- Ryder Margelowsky: second place in Photography;
- Alex Lukaszewicz: third place in Photography;
- Iliana Iniguez: first place in Screen Printing Technology.

All five students will now advance to the 52nd SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference, which will be held on April 1 and 2 at the Alliant Energy Center and Madison Area Technical College.

The conference will feature more than 1,750 middle, high school, and college/post-secondary students, over 200 teachers, and more than 300 industry volunteers working in over 75 competitions.

Medford, The Star News

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Sheriff Corey Dassow (right) swore in Deputy Kayla Szydel to the Taylor County Sheriff's Office. Szydel recently graduated from the law enforcement academy at [Northcentral Technical College](#). "We are excited to have you on our team Kayla," Dassow said.

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Submit Feedback By March 2

DNR

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Visit Wausau Unveils Behind the Plate Video Series Featuring Wausau's Top Chefs

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Visit Wausau proudly launches its captivating new video series, Behind the Plate, a dynamic showcase of the chefs and restaurants shaping central Wisconsin's culinary scene. Recent episodes have spotlighted

Nate Bychinski of Red Eye Brewing Company and Marco Higuera of Osso Buco, each sharing their passion for local flavors and innovative dining. The upcoming episode will feature CHAR Grillhouse's new Executive Chef, Sean Lyon, who brings his visionary approach to the table. The next episode will feature none other than CHAR Grillhouse's

new Executive Chef, Sean Lyon.

The Behind the Plate series provides viewers with a behind-the-scenes glimpse into how local chefs craft their signature dishes, work with local farmers, and contribute to the dynamic food culture in central Wisconsin. The series is available to watch at Visit Wausau's Restaurant Page.

Visit Wausau's Creative Director, Brenton Wildman, expressed the vision behind the series: "Greater Wausau is becoming a culinary hotspot, and this series is our way of sharing that story. By highlighting chefs like Nate, Marco, and Sean, we're showing visitors and locals alike that this is the place to be for exceptional dining experiences."

Introducing Chef Sean Lyon at CHAR Grillhouse:

As part of this initiative, CHAR Grillhouse at Jefferson Street Inn is proud to welcome Executive Chef Sean Lyon to its culinary team. To introduce the community to Chef Sean's vision, CHAR Grillhouse hosted a Chef's Table Introduction Event on January 22nd, featuring an amazing array of his innovative dishes. Chef Lyon brings a wealth of experience, curiosity, and a passion for building community through inspired, locally-sourced dishes. His leadership marks

a new chapter for the restaurant as it continues to serve both the Wausau community and visitors with memorable dining experiences.

Prior to his arrival in central Wisconsin two years ago, Chef Lyon made his mark by collaborating with Chef Joe Heppie to re-open Wisconsin's historic Red Circle Inn in Nashotah. He also honed his skills under Chef Ben Kufalk at I.D. in Delafield, WI, where he developed a deep appreciation for seasonal shared plates and the importance of working with local farmers. Chef Lyon is a graduate of the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts and has worked with two of the state's premier golf resorts, Sand Valley and SentryWorld.

"It's all about the people," Chef Lyon says. "Growing up in Wisconsin and experiencing fine dining across the country has taught me to be curious, but to remain humble. I'm excited to bring new

flavors to the area, but even more excited to drive chef culture in central Wisconsin by working with [NTC](#) culinary students, other local chefs, and all the great farmers in the area."

Chef Lyon has plans to host menu pop-ups throughout the year, featuring global cuisines, with upcoming themes inspired by Mediterranean, Asian fusion, and Latin American flavors. "I'm looking forward to seeing how far we can push the envelope, while still having a great burger and steak on the menu," he adds.

The team at CHAR Grillhouse is equally enthusiastic about the new direction. "Chef Sean's menu pop-ups and community engagement reflect the creative and innovative spirit of Wausau's evolving food scene," said CHAR's management. "We look forward to seeing his dishes bring people together and create buzz among both locals and visitors."

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Chef Sean Lyon at CHAR Grillhouse

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Marathon FFA attends the World Dairy Expo

By Briggs Baumann

The Marathon FFA Chapter went to the 56th annual World Dairy Expo on October 1st, 2024. This was the first time our FFA chapter went to this event. Thirty-four members traveled to Madison for the day.

Members talked to people and their busi-

nesses and learned more about them, and to see how it would impact the future of farms. Some of the businesses were DeLaval Inc, Boumatic, and Kuhn North America Inc.

Other members watched the dairy show that was happening throughout the day as it is one of the main events at the show. Going through the dairy barn was pretty neat, look-

ing at all the different breeds of dairy cattle and to see how everybody set up differently.

Another group of members went to the [North Central Technical College](#) semi that was there and learned about their programs and had a really good conversation. That day was known as FFA day so other FFA chap-

ters throughout Wisconsin came to the show that day. We met some old friends and made some new friends as well. Our bus got in a traffic jam on the way back but that made the trip even more fun. Overall it was a great experience for many as our chapter looks forward to going again next year.

Marathon FFA holds blood drive to help save lives

By Sophia Conn

This year, the Marathon FFA Chapter hosted a blood drive to collect blood and save the lives of people in need.

We had 23 people donate blood at our first fundraiser and 18 people donate at our second blood drive. We ended with a total of 41 donors, which is an amazing number.

Our FFA Chapter will be hosting another blood drive on March 13, 2025, at Marathon High School. As a chapter, we strive to get more and more participants to donate blood every time we host a blood drive.

Did you know that 39% of the population has O+ blood and could donate blood to anyone of a different type of blood? All you have to do is fill out a short amount of paperwork and answer some questions.

After you donate you can get snacks and juice while having some FFA members to talk to and keep you company after you donate blood.

We want to keep growing our numbers and get more and more people to donate blood and save lives. Just one donation can save up to three lives.



WORLD DAIRY EXPO EXPERIENCE- Members of the Marathon FFA chapter are shown standing next to the globe at the World Dairy Expo.

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County appoints new board member to District 24

The Marathon County Board has appointed a new supervisor to District 24.

The board Thursday approved the selection of Nicholas Endres of Hatley to the District 24 spot. He replaces Mosinee Mayor Brent Jacobon who resigned Dec. 5, according to a copy of his resignation.

Endres is the founder and CEO of Helping Hand Community Agency, a marketing and talent agency based in the county. He also worked for Del Monte and County Materials among other businesses.

Endres was also appointed to the county's public safety committee.

Residents get look at plans to revamp Rib Mountain

Residents on Thursday got a look at a concept plan for revamping Rib Mountain - but DNR leaders say any action on the plans is probably a ways off.

The Department of Natural Resources held the meeting Thursday at [Northcentral Technical College](#). DNR and IMBA officials presented the plan, which was developed by the Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership through a memorandum of understanding with the DNR.

The plan so far is just a concept, explained DNR Recreations Partnerships Section Chief Missy VanLanduyt. The DNR has no funding for any of the plans and development of anything outlined would need to be funded by user groups proposing the changes, VanLanduyt told City Pages.

The concept plan is the latest in a process that went back to 2014 when Granite Peak owner Charles Skinner announced he would be petitioning the DNR to expand his ski trails. After numerous public meetings, public pushback and revised plans, the Natural Resources Board ultimately decided to relook at the entire park's master plan, which could allow for more uses at the park.

The Natural Resources Board at the end of 2022 approved the new master plan. Then things went quiet and DNR officials struggled to answer what the next steps would be in questions from City Pages.

The plans included a path circumnavigating Rib Mountain State Park, a shared-use community trail, improved trailheads for the hiking trails, several mountain biking trails ranging from beginner to advanced and lift-assisted trails, Granite Peak expanded ski operations and the realignment of some snowmobile trails.

Attendees were given a survey to fill out. No public comment was taken at the meeting.

Kronenwetter lift station shut down with toothpaste tubes

Kronenwetter officials say the village's lift station was shut down because of refuse flushed down the toilet.

That refuse includes grease, rags, wipes and toothpaste tubes, according to a post on social media by the village.

Village officials say the pump has been pulled and cleaned, and is now back in operation. **CP**

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NTC Nursing Students Surprised With Gifts

By Curtis Aderholdt Feb 11, 2025 Updated Feb 11, 2025 0



WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) -- It's Random Acts of Kindness Week, and some local students were on the receiving end Tuesday.

Primrose Retirement Community members brought gifts to [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) nursing students.

Dozens of students and retirees chatted, ate cookies, and checked out some of the state-of-the-art training equipment.

Staff at [NTC](#) and Primrose say it was a good experience.

"It's amazing," said Associate Dean of Nursing Stephanie Bessert. "This is such a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our community. A lot of compassion here today."

"It's just a thing we do every year just to get our residents out into the community," explained Primrose Sales and Marketing Manager Nathan Kuehl. "Help them spread joy and kindness."

This is the third year Primrose has visited [NTC](#).



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New forensic science center in Wausau to transform death investigations

Facility will eliminate long-distance travel, support grieving families and expand forensic education
BY [SHEREEN SIEWERT](#)

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A forensic pathologist reaches for an evidence seal in the autopsy room at the Mississippi Crime Laboratory in Pearl, Miss., Aug. 26, 2021. *AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis*

A long-awaited [regional forensic science center](#) set to open later this year is expected to revolutionize death investigations in central and northern Wisconsin, eliminating the need for police and medical examiners to travel hundreds of miles for autopsies.

Currently, law enforcement and medical examiners must travel to facilities in southeastern Wisconsin, losing valuable time and resources in the process. The [new forensic science center](#) will change that by providing a state-of-the-art local facility, reducing delays and offering critical support for grieving families.

Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard spoke with WPR's Shereen Siewert about the new center. He said the facility will improve efficiency in death investigations and serve as a training hub for forensic professionals.

Beyond its role in forensic investigations, the center will also facilitate tissue donation services, filling a critical gap in northern Wisconsin.

[The project](#), in development since 2017, is a partnership with [North Central Technical College](#) and the Medical College of Wisconsin and will offer hands-on educational opportunities for nursing students, surgical technicians, prosecutors and law enforcement.

"We are striving to make this facility more than a morgue, to really offer those opportunities whether you're just starting your education or you're in the career field right now and looking for that continuing

education,” Leonhard told Siewert, on “[Morning Edition](#).” “There are all sorts of educational opportunities that this facility will permit.”

With the region’s first forensic pathologist set to begin work in August, Marathon County is preparing for the center’s rollout. Initially, it will focus on handling local cases while refining operational procedures, with the goal of accepting cases from surrounding counties soon after.



A rendering of the new forensic science center. *Graphic courtesy of Lance Leonhard*

The following interview was edited for brevity and clarity.

Shereen Siewert: How far do Wausau-area investigators now have to travel for forensic autopsies?

Lance Leonhard: Our staff currently has to travel to southeastern Wisconsin.

If things are good and we’re able to get into the closest facility that we have to procure a forensic autopsy, we’re traveling all the way to Fond du Lac. We sometimes need to travel to Dane County to the University of Wisconsin system to have those autopsies performed.

What that means is not only that our medical examiner staff or death investigators are traveling out of the county and essentially spending an entire day outside of our service area, but also local law enforcement.

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Listen to “Wisconsin Today,” where a Wisconsin medical examiner talks about chronic shortages in medical examiners’ and coroners’ offices.

So, it’s been a challenge. Since 2017, our county has been looking at whether there is a way to do this better, and we’re very excited about the future of opening our regional forensic science center later this year.

SS: I understand the facility is also designed to support grieving families. What grief support services are you envisioning?

LL: First and foremost, I think one of the things we always need to remember is that the families that we deal with are going through some of the most traumatic experiences you can imagine, the unexpected loss of a loved one.

This facility is going to bring a more timely resolution to a lot of the questions that they might have to help them understand that situation and allow them to get those answers without having to leave the

community. They won't have to travel to Dane County or to Fond du Lac or to Milwaukee. They're going to get those answers here and get that local support.

They'll have the opportunity to be counseled by our staff and have those timely resolutions.

I also think that we're being very intentional with the design of the center to create spaces where families that come to visit us, whether it's for a body viewing or having a conversation with one of our investigators or pathologists, have a space that is as warm and comforting as it can be.

SS: Tissue donation is another component of this center. How will that work?

LL: We're very fortunate in Wisconsin because a majority of the individuals in the state are tissue donors. But there are not enough tissue donation spaces that are readily available for that throughout the state.

When we think about the fact that any one individual who is a tissue donor has the opportunity to impact, in a very positive way, more than 50 people, anything we can do to expand that access will pay a lot of dividends for the people and medical providers in our community.

Our facility will provide that space. We're working to partner with tissue procurement entities to make sure that when those opportunities arise, we can maximize them.

SS: The partnership with North Central Technical College and the Medical College of Wisconsin is a unique aspect of this project. How will this collaboration work in practice?

LL: When the task force started back in 2017 and really dove into this issue, we found it involved much more than just delivering core government services like death investigations and autopsies. We found that the system itself had some institutional barriers, and education and availability of forensic pathologists are examples.

That got us thinking about how we could create a facility that supports a system of education to expand opportunities for the next generation of forensic pathologists.

Working with the Medical College will allow those opportunities, by expanding physician access and getting people interested in the field.

North Central Technical College and UW both have nursing programs. We envision allowing those on-site educational opportunities for medical careers, whether it's surgical technology, nursing, you name it. We're hoping to work with NTC and the UW to allow that hands-on opportunity that doesn't exist right now.

I'm a former prosecutor and I had to handle cases where autopsies were commonplace for evidence. This is a great opportunity to have this type of facility to help educate prosecutors, emergency medical service providers and law enforcement.

SS: This project has been a long time in the making. What are you hearing from local law enforcement, healthcare providers, prosecutors and the community as a whole?

LL: I think we're very fortunate. Everyone's very excited. There are only a handful of counties in the state that offer this service, and they're all in the southeastern part of the state, though Brown County has one.

We're going to bring in our first forensic pathologist, who is slated to start in August, and we're trying to do all the background preparation.

We're recruiting right now for a chief pathologist and doing as much groundwork as we can before opening later this year. It will have to start slow, with us handling our own internal cases and building our processes to make sure our policies and operations are in place.

If all goes well, we hope to be taking referral counties from surrounding areas soon after. We've had interest from almost 30 counties in the state of Wisconsin, in our area, in counties to the north and in Upper Michigan. We're looking forward to the future.

If you have an idea about something in central Wisconsin you think we should talk about on "Morning Edition," send it to us at central@wpr.org.

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TOP STORIES

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By [Shereen Siewert](#)— Wisconsin Public Radio

A long-awaited [regional forensic science center](#) set to open later this year is expected to revolutionize death investigations in central and northern Wisconsin, eliminating the need for police and medical examiners to travel hundreds of miles for autopsies.

Currently, law enforcement and medical examiners must travel to facilities in southeastern Wisconsin, losing valuable time and resources in the process. The [new forensic science center](#) will change that by providing a state-of-the-art local facility, reducing delays and offering critical support for grieving families.

Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard spoke with WPR's Shereen Siewert about the new center. He said the facility will improve efficiency in death investigations and serve as a training hub for forensic professionals.

Beyond its role in forensic investigations, the center will also facilitate tissue donation services, filling a critical gap in northern Wisconsin.

[The project](#), in development since 2017, is a partnership with [North Central Technical College](#) and the Medical College of Wisconsin and will offer hands-on educational opportunities for nursing students, surgical technicians, prosecutors and law enforcement.

"We are striving to make this facility more than a morgue, to really offer those opportunities whether you're just starting your education or you're in the career field right now and looking for that continuing education," Leonhard told Siewert, on "[Morning Edition](#)." "There are all sorts of educational opportunities that this facility will permit."

With the region's first forensic pathologist set to begin work in August, Marathon County is preparing for the center's rollout. Initially, it will focus on handling local cases while refining operational procedures, with the goal of accepting cases from surrounding counties soon after.

The following interview was edited for brevity and clarity.

Shereen Siewert: How far do Wausau-area investigators now have to travel for forensic autopsies?

Lance Leonhard: Our staff currently has to travel to southeastern Wisconsin. If things are good and we're able to get into the closest facility that we have to procure a forensic autopsy, we're traveling all the way to Fond du Lac. We sometimes need to travel to Dane County to the University of Wisconsin system to have those autopsies performed.

What that means is not only that our medical examiner staff or death investigators are traveling out of the county and essentially spending an entire day outside of our service area, but also local law enforcement.

Listen to "Wisconsin Today," where a Wisconsin medical examiner talks about chronic shortages in medical examiners' and coroners' offices.

So, it's been a challenge. Since 2017, our county has been looking at whether there is a way to do this better, and we're very excited about the future of opening our regional forensic science center later this year.

SS: I understand the facility is also designed to support grieving families. What grief support services are you envisioning?

LL: First and foremost, I think one of the things we always need to remember is that the families that we deal with are going through some of the most traumatic experiences you can imagine, the unexpected loss of a loved one.

This facility is going to bring a more timely resolution to a lot of the questions that they might have to help them understand that situation and allow them to get those answers without having to leave the community. They won't have to travel to Dane County or to Fond du Lac or to Milwaukee. They're going to get those answers here and get that local support.

They'll have the opportunity to be counseled by our staff and have those timely resolutions.

I also think that we're being very intentional with the design of the center to create spaces where families that come to visit us, whether it's for a body viewing or having a conversation with one of our investigators or pathologists, have a space that is as warm and comforting as it can be.

SS: Tissue donation is another component of this center. How will that work?

LL: We're very fortunate in Wisconsin because a majority of the individuals in the state are tissue donors. But there are not enough tissue donation spaces that are readily available for that throughout the state.

When we think about the fact that any one individual who is a tissue donor has the opportunity to impact, in a very positive way, more than 50 people, anything we can do to expand that access will pay a lot of dividends for the people and medical providers in our community.

Our facility will provide that space. We're working to partner with tissue procurement entities to make sure that when those opportunities arise, we can maximize them.

SS: The partnership with North Central Technical College and the Medical College of Wisconsin is a unique aspect of this project. How will this collaboration work in practice?

LL: When the task force started back in 2017 and really dove into this issue, we found it involved much more than just delivering core government services like death investigations and autopsies. We found that the system itself had some institutional barriers, and education and availability of forensic pathologists are examples.

That got us thinking about how we could create a facility that supports a system of education to expand opportunities for the next generation of forensic pathologists.

Working with the Medical College will allow those opportunities, by expanding physician access and getting people interested in the field.

North Central Technical College and UW both have nursing programs. We envision allowing those on-site educational opportunities for medical careers, whether it's surgical technology, nursing, you name it. We're hoping to work with NTC and the UW to allow that hands-on opportunity that doesn't exist right now.

I'm a former prosecutor and I had to handle cases where autopsies were commonplace for evidence. This is a great opportunity to have this type of facility to help educate prosecutors, emergency medical service providers and law enforcement.

SS: This project has been a long time in the making. What are you hearing from local law enforcement, healthcare providers, prosecutors and the community as a whole?

LL: I think we're very fortunate. Everyone's very excited. There are only a handful of counties in the state that offer this service, and they're all in the southeastern part of the state, though Brown County has one.

We're going to bring in our first forensic pathologist, who is slated to start in August, and we're trying to do all the background preparation.

We're recruiting right now for a chief pathologist and doing as much groundwork as we can before opening later this year. It will have to start slow, with us handling our own internal cases and building our processes to make sure our policies and operations are in place.

If all goes well, we hope to be taking referral counties from surrounding areas soon after. We've had interest from almost 30 counties in the state of Wisconsin, in our area, in counties to the north and in Upper Michigan. We're looking forward to the future.

If you have an idea about something in central Wisconsin you think we should talk about on "Morning Edition," send it to us at central@wpr.org.

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NTC announces Late Start courses

February 7, 2025



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To view the complete list of Late Start courses, visit www.ntc.edu/late-start.

Contact NTC’s admissions team at admissions@ntc.edu or 715-803-1645 to get started today.



Over 150 high schoolers compete in Regional SkillsUSA competition in Wausau



Regional winners advance to the state competition April 1 in Madison

By [Alicia Schumacher](#) and [Tom Zurawski](#)

Published: Feb. 7, 2025 at 4:57 PM CST

WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - More than 170 high school students competed at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau on Friday at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition.

It's the third regional event this year, with students competing in everything from engineering and math to cosmetology.

Founded in 1973, the state has over 2,500 members in over 150 chapters. SkillsUSA prepares students for their choice of 120 careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations.

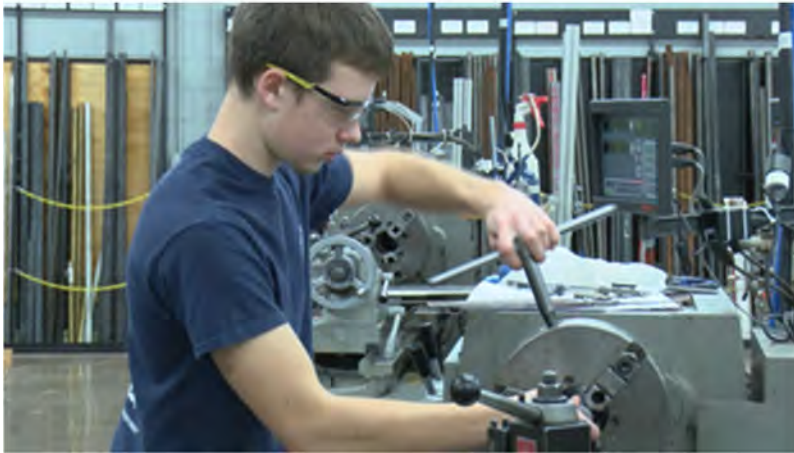
"SkillsUSA is a great opportunity for all students no matter what field you're going into," Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Senior Marli Novy said. "It has something for you. Whether you want to be a competitor, or you're interested in a leadership role."

Those who place in the regional competition will advance to the Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference in Madison on April 1.

Students can then advance to Nationals held in Atlanta, Georgia.

SkillsUSA Regional Competition Held In Wausau

By: Brad Miller Feb 7, 2025 Updated Feb 7, 2025 0



WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) -- High school students from all across north central Wisconsin took over **North Central Technical College** on Friday, all to take part in the SkillsUSA regional competition. SkillsUSA is a national organization that is made up of students, teachers, and industry professionals, all to promote the development of various technical education skills. This event allows students to compete in a variety of hands-on technical skills, including welding, screen printing, automotive work, woodworking, and much more. There's something for everyone, providing students the chance to practice and use skills that they could turn into careers. According to SkillsUSA state president Marli Novy, it's really important for students to learn what they want to do after school, whether you plan on going straight into the workforce, a two year degree or a four year degree, you can get experience for whatever you want to do - it's all valuable skills that you can't really get inside the classroom.

All of the winning students from today will move on to the state competition - that will be held in Madison at the beginning of April.

NTC NEWS:

BY KALEY FECH FEB 20, 2025



NTC President Jeannie Worden presents Brian Fiene with a legislative citation commending him on his years of service in law enforcement and education at the Law Enforcement and Jail Officer Academy graduation ceremony in December 2024.

After a distinguished career in law enforcement and education, Brian Fiene retired from **Northcentral Technical College (NTC)** in December. His journey to law enforcement began when he was still in high school and met a couple of officers. They weren't just figures of authority; they were role models. They treated others with dignity and respect and made a difference in their community.

Brian began his career in law enforcement at a very young age as an officer in Milwaukee. Working in Wisconsin's largest city was a stark contrast to his life growing up in a small town in the northwestern part of the state. He faced some challenges as he adjusted to the culture and learned to connect with people who had more life experiences than he did, but with each shift, each call and each person he helped, he grew into his role.

People rarely think about law enforcement during the good times. They do not call when things are going well; they call when they are in times of crisis, sometimes on the worst day of their life. In those moments is where Brian found his greatest reward. For him, every day was an opportunity to positively change a person's life.

He has responded to too many incidents to count over the years: crimes in progress, medical emergencies, industrial accidents, traffic crashes, Some had good outcomes and some did not. One traffic crash that has always stood out to him was a minor crash on a slippery morning. There were no injuries, and there was no serious damage.

“One of the drivers was so emotionally distraught over the fact she rear-ended a car that she asked me to move her car off the road and have it towed- despite the fact it was drivable,” he said. “She later sent a letter of thanks to the chief commending my work. To me it was a ‘nothing crash,’ but to her it was a significant event in her life. It is nice to have someone thank you for making their circumstances better by what you do.”

As the years passed, Brian and his wife, Melinda, decided they were interested in raising their two sons outside of the Milwaukee area. They were familiar with Wausau because they had friends that lived here, and Brian knew he liked teaching after having taught Standard Field Sobriety Testing around the state, so when the instructor position at **NTC** opened up, it seemed like fate.

Brian brought a lot of knowledge and experience to the criminal justice program at **NTC**. He held a lot of different positions prior to his first full time job and had a lot of experience: small towns and large cities, municipalities, natural resources, universities, special events, uniform, undercover, jails and communications.

“This allowed me to be able to have an actual example of something I was involved in for most topics in my classes,” he said. “I always tried to illustrate a concept or topic with an actual event I was involved in and explain how the classroom material related to the event.”

As he settles into retirement, Brian is looking forward to spending more time outdoors on the water and in the woods, as well as traveling with his wife and helping his sons with projects. He also hopes to return to teaching in some capacity in the future.

Over the years, Brian has watched many students graduate and go on to positions of leadership and specialization across the state.

“I have received two contacts from graduates that I will not ever forget,” he said. “One was a letter from an officer who had been thrown several feet from an explosion at a car crash scene and was able to continue to function based on his training. The other was a phone call from an officer who had stopped a car and been shot at by the driver. The officer was able to stay safe and respond appropriately based on his training.

“Both contacts ended with the officers telling me, ‘Thank you for keeping me alive,’” he added. “I don’t know how it can get any more rewarding than that.”

Although he is no longer there for the day-to-day training, Brian leaves some advice for future law enforcement professionals.

“Make sure you are doing this for the right reason - to make a difference,” he said. “There are a lot of easier ways to make a living. This will get more difficult as you go on. Remembering that you are doing it for the right reason will keep you grounded when everything else is chaos around you.”

NTC NEWS:
BY KALEY FECH FEB 14, 2025



Students in **Northcentral Technical College's (NTC)** agriculture-related programs are making their mark through Professional Agricultural Students (PAS), an organization that helps future agricultural professionals build essential skills, gain real-world experience and expand their industry networks.

Open to all **NTC** students in agriculture-related programs—regardless of experience—PAS provides opportunities to participate in employment experience programs, hands-on skill development, and organizational activities. This year, many **NTC** students showcased their expertise at the state-level PAS competitions, earning top placements and securing spots to compete at Nationals. Their success highlights **NTC's** commitment to preparing the next generation of agricultural leaders for the workforce.

2025 Wisconsin State Conference Results

Aubrey Arneson: Employment Interviewing-Specialty Crop Production Category, 1st Place; Livestock Specialist, 5th Place; Prepared Speaking, 3rd Place

Anthony Bachhaber: Veterinary Technician Specialist, 1st Place

Faith Beining: Dairy Specialist, 1st Place

Cora Brandau: Agriculture Sales Presentation Demonstration, 1st Place; Dairy Specialist, 2nd Place; Employment Interviewing-Agricultural Education Category, 3rd Place

Katie Ciolkosz: Prepared Speaking, 4th Place

Hunter Daniels: Impromptu Speaking, 4th Place

Brindelyn Eternicka: Planning for Progress-Career Planning, Animal Systems Category, 2nd Place;
Prepared Speaking, 2nd Place

Stephanie Flores: Veterinary Technician Specialist, 3rd Place

Kelsey Jascor: Agriculture Education Specialist, 1st Place

Kendall Luzinski: Employment Interviewing-Agribusiness Administration Category, 4th Place
Mariah Marquardt: Employment Interviewing-Livestock and Dairy Production Category, 4th Place;
Livestock Specialist, 1st Place

Anya Mueller: Employment Interviewing-Agribusiness Administration Category, 2nd Place

Jason Rustick: Prepared Speaking, 1st Place

James Wegner: Employment Interviewing-Forestry and Natural Resources Category, 1st Place

AMSTA - Service Technician Team Event, 5th Place: Jason Rustick and James Wegner

Crops and Soils Specialist Team Event, 11th Place: Katie Ciolkosz and Bridget Steinagel

Dairy Specialist Team Event, 1st Place: Faith Beining, Cora Brandau and Kelsey Jascor

Equine Specialist Team Event, 2nd Place: Anthony Bachhaber, Stephanie Flores and Tiffany Smail

Livestock Specialist Team Event, 1st Place: Aubrey Arneson, Grace Collinsworth and Brindelyn Eternicka

Livestock Specialist Team Event, 5th Place: Kendall Luzinski, Mariah Marquardt and Anya Mueller

College Bowl Team Event, 3rd Place: Brindelyn Eternicka, Kendall Luzinski, Jason Rustick and Tiffany Smail

College Bowl Team Event, 4th Place: Grace Collinsworth, Hunter Daniels, Kelsey Jascor, Mariah Marquardt and Bridget Steinagel

College Bowl Team Event, 7th Place: Cassidy Anders, Aubrey Arneson, Anthony Bachhaber and Cora Brandau

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BY KELSI SEUBERT FEB 05, 2025



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Representative Brent Jacobson · Follow

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Thank you to Dr. Worden and [Northcentral Technical College](#) for hosting me and showing me your facility!

Whether I am in Madison or back home, I love to meet with constituents and stakeholders and discuss what we can do to support Central Wisconsin.



Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce

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Primrose Retirement Community of Wausau (Wausau, WI) · Follow

Yesterday at 5:54 AM · 🌐

Happy Random Acts of Kindness Day! We visited the nursing students at [Northcentral Technical College](#) to deliver gift bags and cookies. Residents and students enjoyed talking with each other. #wausauwi #thisisliving #raok



NTC PAS / Northcentral Technical College

Yesterday at 10:55 AM · 🌐

Some of our members had a very busy week! Just following State PAS, a group competed in Brookings, South Dakota for Dairy Challenge. They all had a great time, learning along the way!





Wausau School District · Follow

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Twelve SkillsUSA students from [#WausauSchools](#) West High competed in the regional SkillsUSA event at Northcentral Technical College. Categories included Welding, Welding Sculpture, Team Engineering Challenge, and Precision Machining. Samuel Schumacher earned first place and a gold medal in Precision Machining. Emma Schumacher earned second place and a silver medal in Precision Machining.



Wausau School District · Follow

February 11 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

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SkillsUSA students from [#WausauSchools](#) East High competed in the regional SkillsUSA event at Northcentral Technical College.

- ▶ Connor Imhoff placed 1st in Welding
- ▶ Aubrey Cronce placed 2nd in Screen Printing
- ▶ Chase Cerny placed 3rd in CO2 Dragster
- ▶ Timothy Hughes placed 3rd in Related Technical Math

Congratulations Lumberjacks!





Wisconsin Dells Career and Technical Education Department · Follow

February 11 at 4:24 PM · 🌐

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🌟 SkillsUSA Regional Contest 🌟

SkillsUSA competed on Friday 2/7 in our Regional contest at NorthCentral Technical College. Across the board, our students performed exceptionally well against some of the largest schools in the state, with a number of them placing top scores for their respective contests! These students continue to demonstrate extraordinary skill, innovative thinking, and a strong work ethic that sets them apart from their peers. Their success not only speaks to their capabilities, but also foreshadows their potential as future leaders in their respective industries. Congratulations to all who competed!

Gold medalists: 🏆

Job Interview, Sara Velasquez

Facilithon, Quentin Foster

Silver Medalists: 🥈

Welding, Manuel Sanchez-Hernandez

Facilithon, Maggie Tuttle

Bronze Medalists: 🥉

Welding Sculpture, Nathan Rockwell

Woodworking Display, Yaxelismar Vega Ocasio and Mark Clary

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Wisconsin Forestry Center · Follow

February 12 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

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Explore a career in the sawmill industry with [Northcentral Technical College](#) --for FREE!

The Mill Technology Certificate is designed for individuals seeking practical experience in Sawmill operations. Learners develop knowledge and skills via a short-term immersive learning experience, using state-of-the-art equipment in NTC's training sawmill. Foundation topics learners will cover include log and lumber grading, kiln drying, and mill operations. Learners will also develop essential best practices related to sawmill safety, lumber manufacturing and basic maintenance tasks in a commercial-scale sawmill environment.

Thanks to a WEDC Workforce Innovation Grant, students in this first program offering will have tuition, materials, and housing costs FULLY COVERED. Whether you're new to the Forest Products Industry or looking to upskill, this is your chance to level up! Learn more at <https://bit.ly/ntc-mill-technology>!

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February 12 at 12:00 PM · 🌐

Discover a fulfilling career shaping future energy experts! Explore a role as a Gas Utility Instructor at Northcentral Technical College. Prepare the next generation in the ever-evolving energy sector. Follow the link for more details! [#EnergyEducation](#) [#CareerOpportunity](#) Faculty, Gas Utility Instructor



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Faculty, Gas Utility Instructor

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February 11 at 8:08 PM · 🌐

Primrose Retirement Community members brought gifts to Northcentral Technical College (NTC) nursing students.



WAOW.COM

NTC Nursing Students Surprised With Gifts

It's random acts of kindness week and some local students were on the receiving end Tuesday.

Childcaring, Inc. · Follow
February 12 at 6:00 PM · 🌐

Have you registered for the ECE Conference? Early bird pricing ends Friday, Feb. 14!

2025 Early Childhood Educators Conference – featuring Stuart Stotts!
Join the conference for a day of inspiration, learning, and fun! The conference features author, singer, educator - Stuart Stotts; and a breakout session with Stacy Stenz, "Understanding the Developing Brain."

Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Northcentral Technical College – Wausau Campus.

Register by February 14 for just \$30; regular registration is \$40. Limited scholarship funding is available – up to \$15 reimbursement. This price includes lunch and other goodies for in-person attendance. Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors!!! ❤️

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If you need assistance, contact NTC at: ce@ntc.edu.



2025 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS CONFERENCE
Saturday, March 8, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (CST.)
Northcentral Technical College - Wausau, WI
In Person attendance is recommended, but virtual is available

What Will We Cover?
Our speakers will cover the topics of the developing brain and related behaviors, incorporating music and storytelling as teaching tools, and recognizing the awesome work that childcare providers do.

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- 🎧 Behavior: What's the Brain Got to Do With It?
- 🎧 Everybody Started Out Small
- 🎧 Nurturing Kindness in Children
- 🎧 Our Role as Teachers

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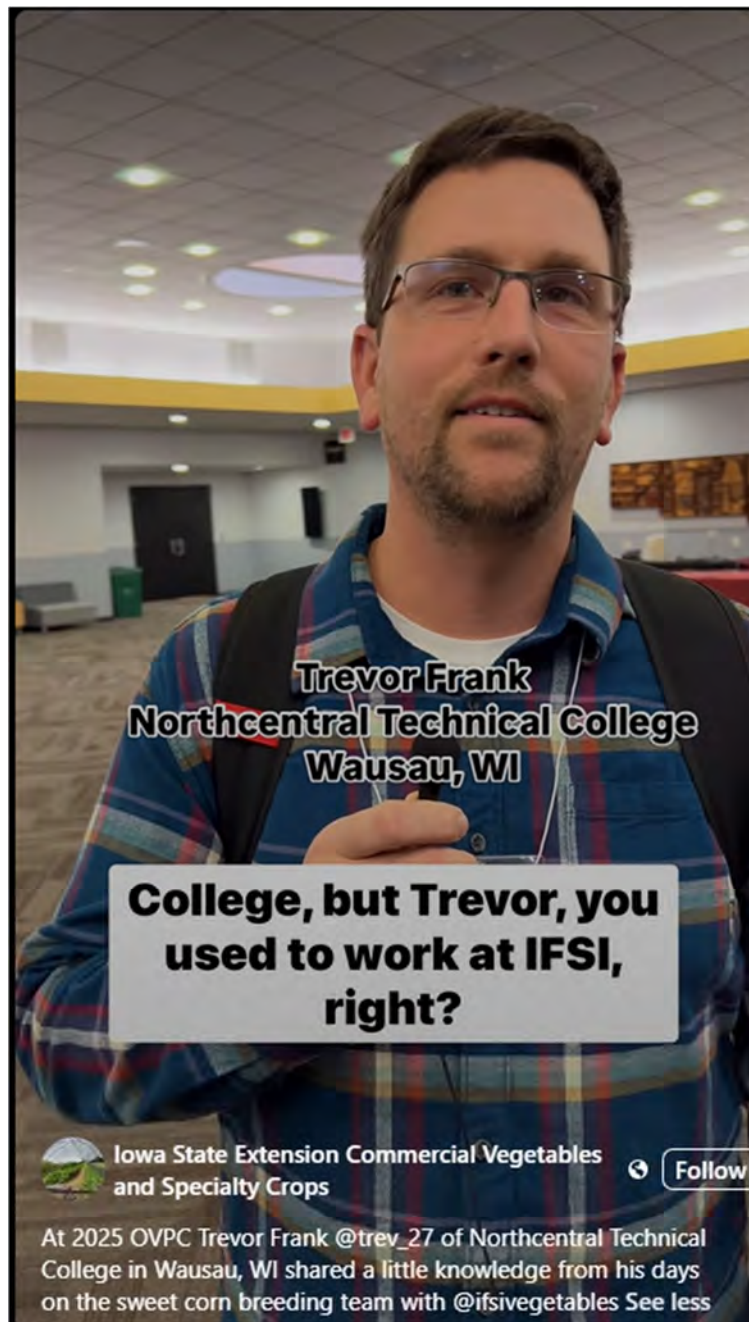
Registration

Early Bird Registration	\$30
(Valid until Feb. 14, 2025)	
Regular Registration	\$40

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Trevor Frank
Northcentral Technical College
Wausau, WI

College, but Trevor, you used to work at IFSI, right?

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At 2025 OVPC Trevor Frank @trev_27 of Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI shared a little knowledge from his days on the sweet corn breeding team with @ifsivegetables See less



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February 12 at 9:35 AM · 🌐

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👉 "It's Random Acts of Kindness Week, and some local students were on the receiving end Tuesday.

Primrose Retirement Community members brought gifts to Northcentral Technical College (NTC) nursing students. Dozens of students and retirees chatted, ate cookies, and checked out some of the state-of-the-art training equipment.

Staff at NTC and Primrose say it was a good experience. 'It's amazing,' said Associate Dean of Nursing Stephanie Bessert. 'This is such a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with out community. A lot of compassion here today.'" - News 9 WAOW

#wausauwisconsin #centralwisconsin #wausome #wausau #randomactsofkindness



Red Robin Machining · Follow

22h · 🌐

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🌟 On Friday, February 7 the Antigo SkillsUSA Chapter participated in the Northcentral Technical College's Regional Competition.

🌟 We are super excited to share that one of our Team Engineering Teams brought home the silver medal, earning 2nd place out of the 18 teams participating. Congratulations to Evie L., Marie F., and Penny R. for doing an outstanding job on this teamwork event.

🌟 Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the SkillsUSA Regional event to demonstrate their Skills. Thank you to Northcentral Technical College for hosting the event along with all of the event sponsors. Your support makes a difference!





Wittenberg-Biramwood School District · Follow

Yesterday at 9:39 AM · 🌐

SkillsUSA

On Friday, February 7th the Wittenberg-Biramwood SkillsUSA students competed at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. Chekotey Horacek took 1st place in Diesel Equipment Technology. Karina Rubio took 2nd place in Job Interview. Logan Radun took 3rd place in Automotive Maintenance Technology. Congratulations!



School District of Rhinelander · Follow

21h · 🌐

Rhinelanders SkillsUSA shines at Competition! 🏆👏

Our SkillsUSA team brought 11 students to Northcentral Technical College in Wausau to compete in a variety of employable skill competitions—and they made the podium in every event they entered!

- 🏆 Alex K. took 1st place in CO2 Dragster with his 3D-printed car! 🚗🖨️
- 🏆 The team of Cassidy L., Skylar L., and Kara M. earned 1st place out of over 25 teams in the Team Engineering Challenge! 🔧
- 🏆 In Woodworking Display, Ayden M. claimed 1st place, and Holden S. took 2nd with their beautifully hand-crafted nightstands. 🪵🔨
- 🏆 Hank K. secured 2nd place in Job Skill Demonstration, impressing judges with his golf club maintenance and care presentation. 🏌️🧦

Also competing were:

- 🏆 Nathaniel K. in CO2 Dragster
- 🏆 Chase W. in Job Skill Demonstration
- 🏆 The team of Hart H., Aiden O., and Hank K. in the Team Engineering Challenge

It was an incredible showing for our Hodags, and we wish them the best as they prepare to compete at the state competition in Madison this April! 🍀 We are proud of you all!

#TheHodagWay





Red Robin Machining · Follow

February 7 at 5:56 AM · 🌐

☀️ Antigo's SkillsUSA Chapter is excited to participate in today's Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Regional SkillsUSA contest. NTC is hosting 22 various contests in the categories of leadership and development, skilled and technical sciences, and occupational-related contests.

🌟 Antigo's Skills Chapter will have 9 members participating in various competitions including job interviews and the team engineering challenge. Our SkillsUSA Advisor Mr. Parizek will be assisting at the event, judging the job skills demonstration competition.

🎉 We wish all of the students the best of luck in their events today! Stay tuned next week for an update of how the students did.

#SkillsUSA #SkillsUSA Wisconsin Post-Secondary #SkillsUSA Wisconsin #SkillsUSA Wisconsin SkillsUSA Alumni and Friends #North NTC Wood Technology Center of Excellence



Merrill High School · Follow

February 7 at 3:37 PM · 🌐

Today as part of CTE Month and SkillsUSA Week, a few members from our Merrill High School SkillsUSA Team attended a competition at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. Miah took third place in her Job Demonstration Competition. We also competed in Related Technical Math and Woodworking Display. All of our Bluejays did an awesome job!





Wisconsin's Technical Colleges · Follow

February 7 at 3:44 PM ·

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Clearing the students' path to success is a priority of the 16 Wisconsin Technical Colleges! Recently, Northcentral Technical College hired a Student Resource Coordinator to address barriers our students encounter. From housing + transportation to childcare, physical + mental health care - we care about conquering non-academic hurdles. [#EducationGoals](#) [#StudentSupport](#) (corrected to change the college name)



SPASH Career and Technical Education · Follow

February 7 at 8:08 AM ·

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Good luck to the SPASH students competing at the SkillsUSA regional event at Northcentral Technical College today! [#CTEworks](#) [#SkillsUSA](#) [#NTC](#) [#theworldneedscte](#) [#bridgelearningandcareers](#)



Children's Imaginarium
February 7 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

🌟 Meet Our STEM Navigator! 🌟

This month, we're thrilled to welcome Amber from Northcentral Technical College's Radiography (X-ray) Program as our Expert Resident! 📷

Amber is here to guide you through the fascinating world of Medical Images & Bones. Join her in the lab for a mini demonstration on Wednesday February 12, 2025 from 4-6 p.m. and discover the amazing science behind X-rays and the human skeleton. 🧪🌟

Don't miss this chance to explore STEM careers and see science in action—come by and get inspired! 🤖

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[#ChildrensImaginarium](#)



Northcentral Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association · Follow
20h · 🌐

June 2024 meeting at Stratford Heritage Barn learning about Certified Veterinary Technician Utilization and the Veterinary Technician Program at Northcentral Technical College.



Wausau Pilot & Review
February 7 at 2:30 PM · 🌐

Late Start courses begin March 31 and run through May 23.

CLASSES SPRING 2025



Enroll before March 31.

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NTC announces Late Start courses - Wausau Pilot & Review

WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College announced this week Late Start courses, which give ...

SkillsUSA Wisconsin · Follow
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A huge thank you to [Northcentral Technical College](#) for hosting our SkillsUSA Wisconsin Regional Friday! We had over 175 competitors showcasing their skills.

Check out all of our top finishers below! 🏆 🥈 🥉 📱

We are heading to [Gateway Technical College](#) next Friday for our 4th Regional. #skillsusawi





Randy Kroll

Yesterday at 7:13 AM · 🌐

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Look who I ran into at Northcentral Technical College on Friday. [Lisa Krause](#) Class of 79 superstar. Lisa checked my in and provided proctored monitoring while I renewed one of my AWS certifications. NTC's testing facility is very nice and the staff is very friendly and knowledgeable.

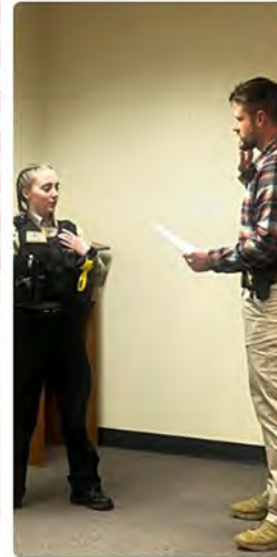


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Please welcome Deputy Kayla Szydel to the Taylor County Sheriff's Office Wisconsin! Kayla recently graduated from the law enforcement academy at Northcentral Technical College, was sworn in this afternoon, and is in week 2 of our field training program. We are excited to have you on our team Kayla! 💙💙💙💙🙌🇺🇸



With a growing need and high demand for flooring installation, now is the perfect time to consider a career as a flooring craftsman. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing a flooring installation career, be sure to check out this opportunity!

Northcentral Technical College, located in Wausau, WI, will be offering a 15-week Flooring Installation Technician program from May 5th - August 19th. A registration form for the course can be found here: <https://bit.ly/ntc>... See more



FLOORING INSTALLATION TECHNICIAN

15 Week Program

May 5 - August 19, 2025

Mondays & Tuesdays | 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Northcentral Technical College
Wausau Campus

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Prevail Bank is a proud supporter of the [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\) Foundation](#) --- lending support for learners 🎓 who make an impact in our communities and businesses with the Prevail Bank Scholarship fund.

Each year, three students enrolled at NTC are awarded scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Applications are being accepted NOW, through February 18, 2025 online via the NTC website. Scholarship awards will be announced and recipients will be contacted by NTC staff members by April 4, 2025.

We encourage you to apply! Details on how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.ntc.edu/.../grants.../foundation-scholarships>

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	<div>WAOW (ABC) 2/12/2025 6:09:15 AM</div> <div>Wausau, WI</div> <div>Wake Up Wisconsin 6AM on News 9</div> <div>Local Viewership: 1,552</div> <div>Local Publicity Value: \$69.39</div> <div>>> thank you very much, cooper. that is pretty cool. well, it is random acts of kindness week and some area students on the receiving end yesterday. primrose retirement community members brought gifts to northcentral technical college nursing students. dozens of students retirees chatted it some cookies and checked out the state-of-the-art training equipment, staff of both ntc and primrose say it was a really good experience. >> an amazing so this is such a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our community. lot of compassion here just a thing that we do every year just to get our residents out in the community, help them spreading joy and kindness. >> this is now the 3rd year primrose has visited and tc. a</div>
	<div>WSAW (CBS) 2/13/2025 6:05:19 PM</div> <div>Wausau, WI</div> <div>NewsChannel 7 @ 6</div> <div>Local Viewership: 17,108</div> <div>Local Publicity Value: \$837.68</div> <div>the clark county sheriff's office in a facebook post says they're no danger to the public. right now we're taking a live look for northcentral technical college in wausau. there's a meeting going on to talk about the rib mountain state park trail concept. it's part of the park's master plan. newschannel 7's sloane wick is there and will share more about the plan, tonight on newschannel 7 at 10. the man accused of killing three people in juneau county in december appeared in court today. virgil thew is facing additional charges of hiding a corpse and owning a gun as a felon. he's already facing 3</div>

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