

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
Timberwolf Conference Center/D100

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Special Guests: Dr. Morna Foy (WTC System President), Layla Merrifield (Executive Director, WTC DBA), Dr. Jack Daniels, III (President, Madison College), Dr. Turina Bakken (Provost, Madison College), Dr. Howard Spearman (Vice President of Student Affairs, Madison College), Dr. Todd Stebbins (Dean of Arts + Science, Madison College), Dr. Ramon Ortiz (Associate Dean of Arts + Sciences, Madison College), Brian Short (Associate Dean of Arts + Sciences, Madison College), Chandra Kleinsmith (Senior Administrative Coordinator (Arts + Sciences), Madison College), Dr. Keith Hilts (Superintendent, Wausau School District), Garrett Rogowski (Superintendent, Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District)

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. Public Comments

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from February 11, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College Board approve the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Voice vote required to approve.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- a. [Approval of 2020-2021 Final Capital Budget](#) – Roxanne Lutgen

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the 2020-2021 Capital Budget not to exceed the \$12,600,000 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$11,500,000, fund balance of \$450,000, anticipated donations of \$400,000, and anticipated grants of \$250,000, including identified items exceeding \$50,000.

Voice vote required to approve.

- b. [Web Consulting for User Experience Project – Capital Purchases >\\$50,000](#) – Roxanne Lutgen

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve to utilize \$70,000 of capital fund balance in FY 2019-2020 for Web Consulting for the User Experience Project.

Voice vote required to approve.

- c. [Incidental Fees and Miscellaneous Student Charges](#) – Jeannie Worden

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the revised incidental fees and miscellaneous student charges as identified above.

Voice vote required to approve.

- d. [Wausau Warehouse Addition](#) – Rob Elliott

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College Board approves the Wausau Warehouse Addition at a cost not to exceed \$200,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same.

Voice vote required to approve.

V. CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- a. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda
- i. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
 - ii. [Personnel Changes](#)

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College Board approve the Consent Voting Agenda including:

- i. Receipts + Expenditures
- ii. Personnel Changes

Roll call vote required to approve.

VI. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- a. New Transfer Agreement with Madison College – Brooke Schindler, Sarah Dillon, Shannon Livingston + Kelsi Seubert

VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a. President's Report
- i. Student Representative's Report – Jett Shepro
 - ii. Strategic Plan Update – Jeannie Worden + Vicki Jeppesen
 - iii. In-Service Update – Katie Felch + Cher Vink
 - iv. Comments from Informational Update
- b. Chairperson's Report
- i. Spring 2020 Board Appointment Update
 - ii. WTC DBA Spring Meeting – April 2-4, 2020 (Milwaukee, WI)
- c. Information
- i. [Capital Projects Monitoring Report](#)
 - ii. [NTC Spring Commencement](#) – Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Wausau West HS
 - iii. [Upcoming Meetings/Events](#)
 - iv. [Good News](#)

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (Immediately following the above Open Meeting)

- a. Adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(b) for the purpose of:
 - i. Approval of the February 11, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Update on personnel

Motion: Adjourn Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(b) for the purpose of:

- i. Approval of the February 11, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- ii. Update on personnel

Roll call vote required to approve.

IX. OPEN SESSION

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

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

Roll call vote required.

X. 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 provides high-quality, learner and employer focused, educational pathways committed to enriching lives and strengthening the economy.

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

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

TOPIC: 2020-2021 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. *2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Funding Sources* shows the funding plan for the next year's capital budget.
2. *2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Summary* shows categories of capital expenditures for next year's capital budget.
3. *2020-2021 Capital Equipment Budget Requests* provides additional information and identifies *expenditures greater than \$50,000* requiring board approval.

At the February meeting the Board tentatively approved these same capital expenditures of \$12,600,000, which includes spending from fund balance of \$450,000, anticipated donations of \$400,000, and anticipated grants of \$250,000. At this meeting the Board is being presented with the authorization to borrow \$11,500,000 toward this capital expenditure plan.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

- Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approval not to exceed the \$12,600,000 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$11,500,000, fund balance of \$450,000, anticipated donations of \$400,000, and anticipated grants of \$250,000, 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. Lori A. Weyers

Dated March 10, 2020

2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Funding Sources

\$12,600,000	Total Capital Expenditures Budget
\$11,500,000	Funded through Annual Capital Borrowings
\$450,000	Funded through Fund Balance
\$400,000	Funded through Anticipated Donations
\$250,000	Funded through Anticipated Grants

2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Previously Committed Capital Expenditures		
Distance Education Leases	\$115,320	
Other Items	<u>\$1,203,200</u>	\$1,318,520
Capital Contingency Fund	<u>\$404,600</u>	\$404,600
Technology Maintenance		
Advanced Technology Initiatives	\$450,000	
Microcomputers and Consulting	\$906,000	
Network Equipment	\$1,638,829	
Smart Classrooms	<u>\$350,000</u>	\$3,344,829
High Priority Educational Needs		
Equipment and Software	<u>\$3,216,051</u>	\$3,216,051
Long Range Facility Plan Recommendations		
Regional Campuses	\$815,000	
Central Campus	<u>\$3,501,000</u>	\$4,316,000
Total Capital Expenditures Budget		\$12,600,000

2020-2021 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items greater than \$50,000)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
District-wide	Capital Contingency Fund	P	Emergency Dollars	Emergency capital dollars for equipment that breaks or new initiative equipment or facility needs during the year.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$404,600	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Advanced Technology Initiatives	N	Technology Services	District-wide impact	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$450,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Capital Contingency for IT renovations	R	NTC plans for complementary IT renovations whenever building remodeling occurs.	IT renovations related to building remodeling requires contingency as needs become apparent throughout the remodeling project.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Computer Workstations	R	NTC plans to replace approx. 25% of all computers each year. This year we plan to purchase approximately 500 computers/peripherals for student classroom use with all the replaced items assigned to staff workstations.	Workstation replacements per the long-term computer refresh plan.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$400,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Consultant Support	P	Consultant support by KAH Consulting to enhance the usability of PeopleSoft.	District wide and distance learner impact.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$506,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Data Cabling and Telephones	R	Data Cabling and telephones in remodeled areas.	Renovations related to building remodeling.	15 years	Growth and Innovation	\$ 50,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Distance Education Leases	P	Charter Wide Area Network, WiscNet, and WTCN Teach Link all support distance education.	District-wide and distance learner impact. Provides connectivity to regional campuses and the Internet. Impacts all students, employees, and stakeholders.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$115,320	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	HD Video Conferencing	P	NTC plan to replace/upgrade Interactive video conferencing (IVC) rooms on an as needed basis.	This replaces/upgrades our IVC system/rooms per the long-term IVC refresh plan.	5 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$350,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	PeopleSoft Operating System Maintenance	P	PeopleSoft is the software platform that houses Student, Finance, and HR Information Systems.	Software maintenance on this system is required and a replacement plan is currently under development.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$635,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Microsoft products and other Software Licenses	P	NTC student and staff access to Microsoft products, and other Software licenses necessary for college business throughout the District.	Software licenses necessary to conduct business and training throughout the District.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$1,065,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Safety & Security	N	Additional Cameras and related monitoring equipment	Increased Safety and Security for all students and staff.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$ 75,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Server and Network Equipment Replacement	R	Replacement and repairs of servers and network equipment.	Servers that provide communications within the network as well as the network itself need regular maintenance and replacement.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$503,829	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Information Technology	Smart Classrooms	P	Maintenance of Smart Classrooms equipped with DVD, document camera, computer, LCD screen, and instructor station with control system, speakers and wiring.	District-wide impact.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$350,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021

2020-2021 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items greater than \$50,000)

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Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N	Farm Feed Pads	Add additional concrete feed pads to increase animal feed storage quantities.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$50,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Antigo Campus	N	Wood Dust Collection Updates due to code changes.	Install explosion/backdraft dampers on wood dust collection system.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Antigo Campus	R	Wood Saw Filing Upgrades	Paint walls and upgrade lighting in old Antigo Autobody Shop to provide space for the new wood saw filing program.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$150,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Capital Contingency for Facilities	R	Construction Contingency	Renovations related to building remodeling requires contingency as needs become apparent during remodeling projects.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Center for Health Sciences	R	ARC Center Renovation (\$25,000 Renovation/\$40,000 Furniture & Equipment)	Remodel existing locker room in the HCS Building to provide additional space for the ARC Center.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$60,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Diesel Parking Lot	R	Parking Lot Resurfacing	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$250,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Fleet Vehicles	R	Replace existing high mileage fleet vehicles (2 vehicles)	Life cycle replacement	5 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$62,500	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Maintenance Equipment	R	Replace maintenance equipment	Life cycle replacement	5 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$75,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Maintenance Storage Building	N	Wausau Storage Warehouse Building	Wausau Storage Building	25 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Phillips Campus	R	Roof Replacement	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	C Building Roof Replacement	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$320,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	C Parking Lot - Stripe & Seal Coating/Replacement – Semi/Trailer Parking	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$500,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Corridor Carpet Replacement	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	F Building Exterior Metal Panel Wall Repair	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$60,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Foundation/Grants Workspace Renovation (\$60,000 Remodeling/\$40,000 Furniture)	Renovate portions of the B building to provide office space for the Foundation & College Advancement staff.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	G Building Air Handler Unit (AHU) Replacement	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	I-Wing Addition (Industry 4.0) (\$600,000 Addition/\$200,000 Remodeling)	Expand the AME Lab in the I Building to provide new space for Industry 4.0 programming.	25 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$800,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Lighting Upgrades	Lighting upgrades to LED.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$50,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Red Shed Upgrades	Add interior liner panel, heating system, and upgrade lighting in the red shed to provide a flexible lab space for learning programs.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$150,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Sidewalk Replacement	Sidewalk replacement on Wausau Campus.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$50,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	Space remodeling for Civil Engineering Program (\$400,000 Remodeling/\$100,000 Lab Furniture)	Remodel portions of the H building to provide space for the new Civil Engineering Program.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$500,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Video Production Renovation (\$40,000 Remodeling/\$60,000 Furniture)	Remodel Room H102 to add animation emphasis to the video production program.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021

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Learning	Agricultural Center of Excellence	N/R	Farm Learning Equipment	Farm Equipment such as: Autoclave, swing head centrifuge, discovery barn cleaner, manure tanker.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$116,747	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Agricultural Center of Excellence Electrical Power Distribution Program	N	Equipment (Used digger, warming house/trailer, Utility Poles, Pole Trailer)	Additional equipment needed for the EPDP program that started a year and a half ago. Some equipment will be shared with Gas Utility.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$111,950	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence / Gas Utility Program	N	Natural Gas Piping to EPDP/Gas Utility	Equipment that will be used for both the Gas Utility and EPDP programs which are both very new and need additional equipment.	5 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$79,850	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Antigo Campus	N	Wood Saw Filing Equipment	Equipment to train students on how to sharpen large band saws for the wood products industry.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$150,000 (anticipated donations)	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Capital Contingency for Learning	R	Emergency Dollars for Learning Capital equipment and projects.	Emergency capital dollars for equipment that breaks or new initiative equipment or facility needs during the year.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$60,672	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Merrill Campus Fire Safety Program	R	Fire Equipment (Used or Demo Fire Truck)	Replacing a 30-year-old fire truck that has several failing systems and is not able to be driven on public roads.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$386,362	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence CDL Program	N	Merrill - CDL Equipment	Class B truck driving equipment.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$213,639	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Dental Program	R	Dental Equipment	Dental chairs (1 pod = 6 dental chairs) for dental visits and training.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$101,645	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Addition	N	I-Wing Addition (Greater Wausau Prosperity Project)	Equipment needed to teach Smart Manufacturing / Industry 4.0 skills throughout various manufacturing programs.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$1,295,000 (\$795,000 borrowed funds, \$250,000 anticipated donations, \$250,000 anticipated grants)	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Apprenticeship Program	N	Apprenticeship Equipment (Injection Machine, Electrical Code Training, Electrical Fabrication Trainers, Powerflex 525 drives, SKF Bearing Star)	Equipment needed to teach hands-on, industry relevant training in three Apprenticeship programs.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$51,966	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Civil Engineering Program	N	Start up equipment for Civil Engineering Program.	Equipment for new Civil Engineering program to allow for hands-on instruction.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$98,436	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Electromechanical & Automation	N	Three industrial robots	Three Fanuc robots, to complement the six we currently have. They will be used to give our classes of 24 students more hands-on robot time in both the Electromechanical and Automation programs.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$90,867	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Radiology Program	R	Radiology Program Equipment (Mobile X-Ray Unit)	Replacing old, outdated equipment to ensure our students are being trained on technology currently being used in industry.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$84,711	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Campus Welding Program	R	Miller Welding Equipment Leasing MOU	Lease agreement with Miller Electric to ensure our students are being trained on the latest technology being used in industry.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$54,666	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Learning	Wausau Downtown	N	Clark Island Innovation Center	Industry 4.0 Equipment for Clark Island Center	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$64,400	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2021

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

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

TOPIC: Web Consulting for User Experience Project - Capital Purchases > \$50,000.

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

INTERPRETATION: Expenditures greater than \$50,000 must have board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: The College will use \$70,000 of existing capital fund balance in FY 2019-2020 for Web Consulting costs related to the User Experience Project.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:
Approval to utilize \$70,000 of capital fund balance in FY 2019-2020 for Web Consulting for the User Experience Project.

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

Signed *Lori A. Waynes*

Dated 3/10/2020

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

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

TOPIC: Incidental fees and miscellaneous student charges

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38.14(9) District board powers. Activity and incidental fees. *The district board may establish student activity and incidental fees to fund, in whole or in part, the cost of services and activities offered as support services for regular instruction.*

INTERPRETATION: A change in miscellaneous student charges requires board approval.

DATA/RESULTS:

Northcentral Technical College charges incidental fees and miscellaneous student charges for various services. A change in the testing center fee for the release of past test scores is recommended for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The Testing Center currently charges two fees for releasing past test scores: \$5 for processing in 2-4 days and \$10 for immediate processing. We are requesting to simplify the process and charge one fee of \$7 and process all requests immediately.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

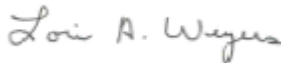
Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board approves the revised incidental fees and miscellaneous student charges as identified above.

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

Signed



Dated: March 10, 2020

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

TOPIC: Addition: Wausau Warehouse 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 facili-
ties.

INTERPRETATION: Addition of new facilities requires Board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: At the March 12, 2019 Board meeting, the Board approved capital budget of
\$100,000 for a new warehouse building at the Wausau Campus. At the February 11, 2020 Board
meeting, the Board approved the tentative capital budget for 2020-21 which included plans for an-
other \$100,000 added to the new warehouse building at the Wausau Campus for a total of
\$200,000. The addition of a 5,000 square foot warehouse building is needed to store excess
learning equipment, furniture, and building supplies. In order to begin construction this summer,
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
Wausau Warehouse Addition at a cost not to
exceed \$200,000 and requests the WTCS
State Board to do the same.

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

Signed: *Lori A. Weyers*

Dated: March 10, 2020

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

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

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

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

DATA/RESULTS: The following Status of Funds listing receipts and expenditures including operating transfers in the aggregate is included for informational purposes as of January 31, 2020.

YTD Fund 1 – 7 Revenues: \$58,871,227

YTD Fund 1 – 7 Expenses: \$55,977,470

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 Lois A. Wayman

Dated 3/10/2020

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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TOPIC: Personnel Changes

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

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

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

New Hires:

1. Joshua Kretschmar – IT Networking Faculty
2. Cadie Larson – Instructional Designer
3. Leah Matuszewski – Nursing Faculty
4. Kelly Timmerman – Library Services Technician
5. Jason Wylesky - Custodian

Resignations:

1. Nathan Daniel – IT Help Desk
2. Kristy Luedtke – Academic Resource Center Assistant
3. Terri Madden – Interpreter & Accommodation Specialist
4. Keenan Rood – PC Support Specialist
5. Foua Vang – Academic Resource Center Specialist
6. Tera Wiesman – Medical Assistant Faculty
7. Mouachouaj Yang – IT Help Desk

Position Eliminations:

None

Retirement:

1. Linda Kent – Nursing Faculty
2. Jeff McDonald – Social Science Faculty

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 Loi A. Wayma Dated 3/10/2020

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

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

TOPIC: Capital Projects Monitoring Report

POLICY 1.6 – Asset Protection – Capital project monitoring reports will be presented to the Board.

INTERPRETATION: The Board reviews the year-to-date financial progress on the fiscal year’s capital projects.

DATA/RESULTS:

All projects are on track to completion within dollar amounts allotted.

- See the following *2019-2020 Capital Expenditure Summary of Projects*.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Other Information that may properly come before the Board.

PROPOSED MOTION:
(None required)

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

Signed Lori A. Weyman

Dated March 10, 2020

**Northcentral Technical College
Capital Projects Activity
Fiscal Year 2019-20
As of February 7, 2020**

Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Actual Paid to Date	% Completed to Date	Total Committed to Date (Includes Encumbrances)	% Complete based on Total Commitment to Date	Current Budgeted Amount Remaining
Antigo Disaster Recovery Site*	894,126.92	712,653.13	80%	758,410.67	85%	135,716.25
Wausau Storage Garage	100,000.00	34.28	0%	34.28	0%	99,965.72
Predictive Analytics	45,372.00	26,742.55	59%	45,035.05	99%	336.95
User Experience (UX Project)	1,173,971.55	300,172.60	26%	489,990.36	42%	683,981.19
E-sports*	201,560.12	186,562.12	93%	201,560.12	100%	0.00
CDL Track	344,110.19	9,695.00	3%	9,695.00	3%	334,415.19
H121 Computer Lab	25,261.96	20,030.84	79%	20,030.84	79%	5,231.12
F Bldg Reconfiguration	224,011.26	223,243.77	100%	224,011.26	100%	0.00
New System Infrastructure/ERP	750,000.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	750,000.00
Starfish*	71,435.00	39,777.05	56%	70,990.45	99%	444.55
CDL Parking Lot Resurface*	97,078.50	19,172.25	20%	97,078.50	100%	0.00
TLC-Timberwolf Learning Commons*	10,188.00	10,188.00	100%	10,188.00	100%	0.00
EPDP-Electrical Power Distribution Prog-Bldg/Improv*	107,972.29	107,972.29	100%	107,972.29	100%	0.00
Scheduling Software	40,000.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	40,000.00
Curriculum Development Software	80,000.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	80,000.00
Tableau Implementation Salary*	133,362.00	77,639.68	58%	132,183.37	99%	1,178.63
Salon & Spa Renovation & Equip	943,184.11	745,349.14	79%	845,903.54	90%	97,280.57
CDL Training Building*	4,804.38	4,804.38	100%	4,804.38	100%	0.00
Bos Creek Berm	56,510.00	52,160.00	92%	56,510.00	100%	0.00
Merrill Campus Projects*	115,931.89	68,083.45	59%	69,723.45	60%	46,208.44
Gas Utility - Road	304,374.37	302,099.37	99%	304,374.37	100%	0.00
Auto Shop Roof Replacement	170,875.78	66,658.00	39%	158,896.00	93%	11,979.78
Culinary Addition & Equip	1,385,593.14	691,115.73	50%	1,323,446.28	96%	62,146.86
CHS Improvements FY20	204,084.32	196,896.05	96%	204,084.32	100%	0.00
Other General IT/IVC Projects	4,622,576.10	2,369,507.36	51%	2,637,728.62	57%	1,984,847.48
Other General Facilities Projects	906,162.88	656,176.59	72%	792,415.27	87%	113,747.61
Instructional Equipment	1,458,291.84	1,096,525.31	75%	1,260,339.73	86%	197,952.11

* Continued Project - does not include amount spent in prior fiscal years



NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Spring 2020 Commencement

Wausau West High School Fieldhouse

May 16, 2020 | 9:15 am Arrival | 10 am Ceremony

RSVP: Nikki Kopp | koppn@ntc.edu | 715.803.1066 | 715.574.4815



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Tom Felch	Kristine Gilmore	Lee Lo	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Ruth Risley-Gray	Dale Smith	Maria Volpe
2019										
July 8	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
July 18-20	WTC DBA Summer Meeting (Rice Lake)						X			
Aug 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
Sept 11	A Day for NTC Students (Medford)					X				
Sept 17	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X
Sept 25	A Day for NTC Students (Antigo)									
Oct 16-19	ACCT Leadership Congress (San Francisco, CA)						X			
Oct 22	NTC Board & NTC Foundation Joint Lunch Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
Oct 30 – Nov 2	WTC DBA Fall Meeting (Pewaukee)						X			
Dec 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	E	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	X
Dec 5	Scholars & Donors Reception									
Dec 14	Mid-Year Commencement (Grand Theater)	X	X	X			X	X	X	
2020										
Jan 14	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jan 16-18	WTC DBA Winter Meeting (LaCrosse)									
Feb 11	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
Feb 9-12	ACCT National Legislative Summit (Washington, D.C.)									
Mar 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
Apr 2-4	WTC District Board Assn. Spring Meeting (Milwaukee)									
Apr 7	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
Apr 30	Scholars & Donors Reception									
May 5	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 7	A Day for NTC Students (Wausau)									
May 16	Commencement (Wausau West Fieldhouse)									
June 9	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Public Budget Hearing at Noon, Regular Meeting at 1:15pm)									
MONDAY July 13	Annual Organizational Meeting									

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



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COLLEGE NOTES

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College announced Matthew Higgins, of Wittenberg, graduated from NTC's Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy on Dec. 20.

The Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy prepares learners to enter the workforce as police officers or deputy sheriffs in Wisconsin. Graduates are able to demonstrate tactical skills, conduct investigations and manage emergencies.

UW-Whitewater

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater dean's list for the 2019 fall semester.

- Clintonville: Kaylie Branstrom and Samantha Huggins
- Shawano: Shawn Klemens and Lauren Roloff
- Bonduel: Jessica LaBerge and Austin Steinbach
- Pulaski: Jeremy Bartels, Michelle Wood and Cole Kaczrowski

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade-point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

Graceland University

Kerry Baird, of Clintonville, graduated with a Master of Science in nursing (family nurse practitioner) from Graceland University, celebrated in a ceremony Dec. 14 in Lamoni, Iowa.

Ripon College

Ripon College has announced its dean's list for the fall 2019 semester, recognizing academic excellence.

Local students making the list include Caitlin Carpenter, of Clintonville; Arabella Gauthier, of Clintonville; Molly Waggoner, of Pulaski; and Logan Zeinert, of Wittenberg.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve a 3.4 grade-point average or higher and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Local students were named to Wisconsin Lutheran College's dean's list for the fall 2019 semester, including Trevor Stiede, freshman, Pulaski; and Christopher Parker, freshman, Shawano.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or higher.

Western Technical College

Cade Hoffman, financial services program student from Shawano, was named to Western Technical College's president's list of high distinction for the fall 2019 term.

To be included on the president's list, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and carry 12 or more credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University has announced the dean's list for the 2019 fall semester, and Dawn Chuilli, a public administration major from Wittenberg, was named to it. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade-point average for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student.



Leaders from Northcentral Technical College's School of Public Safety stand with Matthew Higgins, right, following the commencement ceremony in Wausau. From left, Sara Gossfeld-Benzing, dean; Brian Fiene, instructor; Matt Kecker, instructor; and Paul Clarke, instructor. CONTRIBUTED

Area students earn college honors

Northcentral Technical College

The Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Foundation has awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling over \$116,000 to students who will be pursuing higher education at NTC during the Spring 2020 term. The following local students were recently awarded scholarships to help them finance their education while pursuing their dreams:

Loyal: Jordan Radue

Spencer: Elizabeth Endreas, Brooke Lenz

Willard: Brian Miller

University of Iowa

Bailey Cichon, a University of Iowa student from Greenwood, has been named to the Dean's List for the recently-completed fall 2019 semester. Cichon's major is Journalism and Mass Communication in the UT's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Northern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University announces its fall 2019 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and

Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Logan Zschernitz of Spencer is majoring in Mechanical Engineering - B.S. and is a graduate of Spencer High School.

UW-Green Bay

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for the fall 2019 semester. Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all "A" grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages.

Honor students from this area include:

-- Chili: Zachary Needham, Semester Honors

-- Granton: Lisa Smith, Semester Honors

-- Loyal: Vanessa Koopman, Semester Highest Honors

-- Neillsville: Emily Brekke, Semester High Honors; Noah Hennen, Semester High Honors; Madelyn Koprek, Semester Honors; Alex Langreck, Semester Honors; Troy Leffelman, Semester High Honors; Rayle Winegarden, Semester Highest Honors

-- Spencer: Kallie Reckner, Semester High Honors



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Athens

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Brandon Krause and Makayla Schreiner.

Grade seven: Sarai Aguilar-Hernandez, Lily Butler, Aleah Frahm, Braiden Imhoff, Arwyn Stewart and Aaliyah Thompson.

Grade eight: Sophia Coker, Sydney Coker, Jennifer Espinoza, Jenna Handschke, Jazelle Hartwig and Faith Nowak.

Honors

Grade six: Vanessa Espinoza, Gavin Frahm, Alyvia Haehlke, Xandria Heier, Taylor Hein, Zachary Martyn, Hector Manchaca, Evin Passehl and Bradley Yessa.

Grade seven: Kaden Aumer, Kyana Janda and Ellyanne Manecke.

Grade eight: Jakob Annala, Addison Lavicka, Emma Normand, Kiara Nowacki, Cambrea Sarasin, Kaydin Streit, Alexa Weiler and Ava Zettler.

Continuing ed

Stratford Continuing Education is offering a Yoga Basics class on Thursdays from March 5 until May 14 at 6:30-7:30pm in Athens. Advance sign up required. For more info and to sign up visit www.stratfordclasses.com.

College notes

Sierra Schug of Athens received highest honors during the fall 2019 semester at UW-Green Bay.

Kyncaide Diedrich graduated from UW-Stout in December of 2019 with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education.

[Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) students Sherry Gutknecht, Beth Steinke and Brady Wagner were recently awarded [NTC](#) Foundation scholarships to help them finance their college education.

Military supper

A Military Appreciation supper will be hosted by the Wien Wildcats 4-H at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Edgar High School. Current and former military service members and a guest are invited.

Weaving initiative

All ages of people can participate in a community-wide weaving project happening now through March 19 at the Marathon County Public Library's Athens Branch, located at 221 Caroline St.

People can add to this ever evolving project using yarn and other textile materials any time the branch is open. People wanting more information on this community initiative can call the Athens library at 715-257-7292.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens card group met on Jan. 30 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Three games of Sheephead were played. Alvira Henrichs won the first game and Wil Strack took second place. Butch Boris won the second game and Bitsy Ewan placed second. Jan Lake won the third game and Norbert Lake took second place. Andy Hoest received low score.

The Senior Citizens card group will play cards again at 1 p.m. on this Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Play and Learn

Parents and their young children are welcome to attend Play and Learn at

10:30 a.m. each Tuesday until May 26 at the Marathon County Athens Branch Library.

Weekly knitting

Adults can practice their knitting, crocheting and more on a weekly basis with new sessions of Needle Arts afternoons from 1-4 p.m. each Tuesday until May 26 at the Marathon County Public Library's Athens Branch, located at 221 Caroline Street.

Book Club

The public is welcome to join the monthly book club discussion the Marathon County Athens Branch Library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. This month's book is titled, "Professor Chandra Follows His Bliss."

Candlelight Walk

The Athens Area Trails Association will hold its sixth annual Candlelight/Moonlight Walk from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Erbach Park, which is located at the north end of Wells Street in Athens.

Attendees can either walk, snowshoe or cross country ski approximately 2.5 miles of beautifully groomed candlelit trails in Erbach Park.

There is free admission and no registration is required for this event. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Attendees can warm up around a giant campfire. Donations given during the event will aid in winter trail maintenance costs.

Family Story Time

Athens-area parents and their young children can attend Family Story Time at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday until May 14 at the Marathon County Athens Branch Library.

Open House

The Poniatowski Dare Devils Snowmobile Club is having a 50th anniversary open house on Saturday, Feb. 8, from noon until 6 p.m. at the club's shed, which is located at 126866 Cherry Grove Lane in rural Edgar.

There will be food and drinks available at the open house. The Poniatowski Dare Devils Snowmobile Club was established in 1970.

Book Club

People are invited to stop at the Marathon County Branch Athens library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, to discuss a contemporary fiction novel titled, "Professor Chandra Follows His Bliss," by author Rajeew Balasubramanian.

Anyone with questions on the event can call the Athens library at 715-257-7292.

Special story time

Athens library staff will sing songs, play games, make heart-shaped crafts and hear stories about love during a special story time from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the library. This event is free to the public.

Library craft event

All ages of people can use acrylic paints and metallic color pens to decorate a wooden heart with funky folk art designs from this Monday, Feb. 10, until Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Marathon County Public Library's Athens Branch.

All supplies will be provided.

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Student of the Month

Hannah Krueger has been awarded the Stratford High School Student of the Month in January.



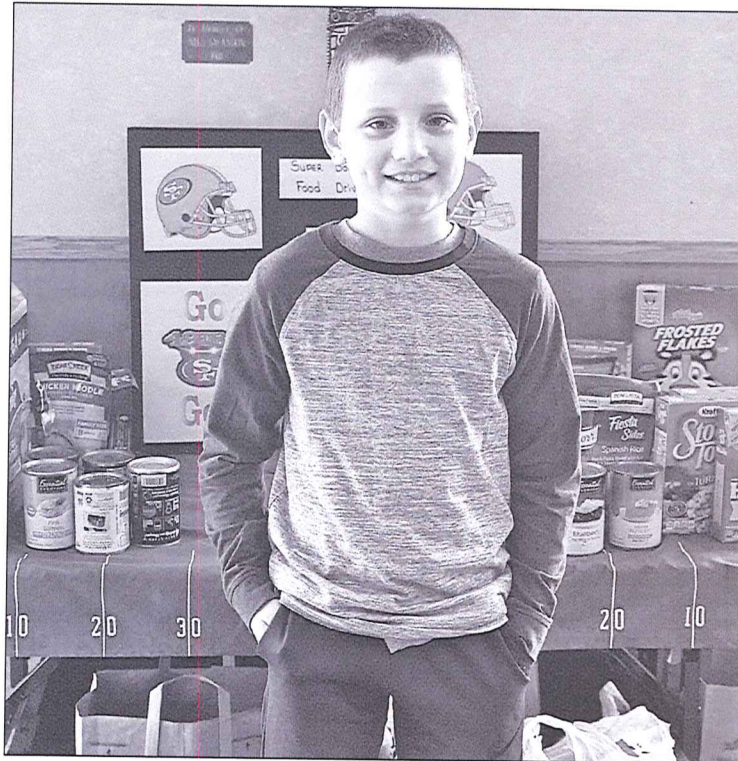
Hannah Krueger

The term that best describes Krueger is diligence. A diligent person is one who has or shows care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties. Krueger exhibits diligence toward making the school, community and society a better place.

One school staff member who nominated Krueger for the award said this about her: "The Student of the Month is an incredibly driven student in and out of the classroom. She is an asset to any classroom or organization. She isn't only concerned with having the correct answer, but she also understands the material for future application."

Another school staff member who nominated Krueger for the award said this about her: "The Student of the Month has taken a lead role in organizing a very influential speaker to address our student body. Additionally, she is a very positive and kind young lady. She sets goals and strives to accomplish them."

Krueger participates in the following extracurricular school activities: Marshfield



Youngster organizes food drive

In excitement for Super Bowl LIV, Hudson Ballerstein of rural Stratford shared his idea with Zion Lutheran Church Faith Formation group to organize a food drive. Members were asked to bring items to church and place their items on a table in support of whichever team they were rooting for in the Super Bowl on Sunday. San Francisco 49ers fans brought in 52 food items and Kansas City Chiefs fans donated 90. The Stratford Food Pantry was the ultimate winner, because it received 142 food items along with many hats and scarves.

Medical Center Volunteer, art club, Spanish club, SADD, CFO, FCCLA, student council and student senate. She has also gone on a church mission trip to El Salvador and has took advantage of numerous

other volunteer opportunities.

College notes

Tessa Rauch, a 2016 Stratford High School graduate, graduated from UW-Eau Claire on Dec. 21, 2019, with a bachelor

of science degree in elementary education and a minor in language arts.

She accepted a position with the Chippewa Falls Area United School District as a Title 1 Math teacher servicing

SCHOOL LUNCH

Stratford Public School

Monday, Feb. 10:

Rotini, peas, pears

Tuesday, Feb. 11:

Tiger hotdish, green beans, apple slices

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

Nacho supreme, lettuce, mandarin oranges

Thursday, Feb. 13:

Chicken strips, baked beans, applesauce

Friday, Feb. 14:

Hangry bear pizza, carrots, fruit cup

Lunches served with milk.

St. Joseph's School

Monday, Feb. 10:

Nachos, corn

Tuesday, Feb. 11:

Chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

Hot dogs, potatoes, wedges

Thursday, Feb. 13:

Tator tot casserole

Friday, Feb. 14:

Chicken stir fry

Lunches served with milk, vegetables and fruit.

the McDonell Area Catholic schools until the end of the school year.

Jake Schmitt of Stratford graduated in December of 2019 from UW-Stout with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education.

Stratford graduate Mason Kauffman was awarded to the 2019 dean's list at Northern Illinois University. He is majoring in kinesiology. Stratford graduate Kaylee Hollatz received high honors for the fall 2019 semester at UW-Green Bay.

Stratford college students Mitchell Kaiser and Brooke Spaeth attending [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#)

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were recently awarded scholarships from the NTC Foundation to help them finance their education.

Medicare basics

Adults can learn all the ins and outs of Medicare eligibility during a free informative event from 5-7 p.m. this Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Marathon County Public Library's Stratford Branch, located at 213201 Scholar St.

Registration for the event is required by calling 1-888-486-9545.

Square dancing

The Marshfield HoeDowners Square Dance Club is offering classes for new dancers from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 22 and Feb. 29, at the Lincoln Town Hall, located at 10905 Falcon Road just southwest of Marshfield.

There is a fee for adults that includes the two February dance classes and four additional sessions in March. There is no charge for youth between the ages of eight to 18 who are still in high school. A light lunch will be provided at the new dancer classes.

After adults and children complete the two new dancer classes in February, they are then welcome to join the club's regular dance lessons from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in March.

Anyone seeking more information on the new dance classes should call Wes and Ginger Reshel, presidents of the Marshfield HoeDowners Square Dance Club, at 920-960-7299.

Military supper

A Military Appreciation supper will be hosted by the Wien Wildcats 4H from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 9, at Edgar High School.

Current and former military service members and a guest are invited.

VFW blood drives

The following is the 2020 schedule for Stratford Community Blood Drives from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the VFW Clubhouse: Feb. 25, April 28, June 23, Aug. 25 and Oct. 27.

People are encouraged to walk in the door of the VFW Clubhouse to donate blood, and then they'll be treated to a light lunch and refreshments.

Continuing Education

Stratford Continuing Education is offering a Gentle Yoga class on Wednesdays now through May 6 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Stratford.

Advanced sign up is required. People wanting more information and who want to sign up for the class can visit www.stratfordclasses.com.

Leap for Learning

St. Joseph Catholic School in Stratford is offering Leap for Learning Days, which are half days at school for children who will be in Pre-Kindergarten next school year, to try out the school. Children would need to be four years old by Sept. 1, 2020 to start Pre-Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year.

The following are upcoming Leap for Learning Days from 8 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.: Feb. 10, Valentine's Day activities; March 13, St. Patrick's Day activities and April 8, Donuts with Dad/Grandpa/Uncle.

Children who attend the Leap for Learning Days should come to school with a coat, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens for playing outside for recess. Children would also need to wear a pair of shoes to wear inside the school when their wet boots are removed.

Genealogy training

Adults can work on their family histories and swap genealogy tips with one another during a free monthly event that from 1-2 p.m. at the Marathon County Public Library's Stratford Branch on Feb. 12, March 11 and April 8.

Resource Center

Play & Learn is held at 10:45 a.m. each Wednesday through May in the Resource Center inside the Marathon County Branch Stratford Library.

Play and Learn is free for families who live anywhere to attend. It provides an opportunity for parents to meet other parents and find out about community resources available.

Book Club

People are welcome to discuss with each other the book titled, "The Witch Elm" by author Tana French at the Stratford Book Club, held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Counseling week

Stratford School District is celebrating Happy National School Counseling Week 2020, in which they are helping students win. Stratford school counselors are Tammy Berg, Jackie Cepress, Mary Wussow and intern Kaylee Karlen.



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College notes

The following students were awarded scholarships from the [Northcentral Technical College](#) Foundation: Marisa Cruz, Samantha Hawkey, Maria Palacios, Juanmanuel Rocha and Katrina Weaver. The foundation awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling over \$116,000 to students who will be pursuing higher

education at [NTC](#) during the spring 2020 term.

Adam Budzinski and Tyler Kunze earned highest honors for the fall 2019 semester at UW-Green Bay. Highest honors are reserved for those who earn a 4.0 grade-point average, or all A grades. Autumn Schreiner earned honors, which go to students with a GPA between 3.50 and 3.74.



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College note

Maria Garcia-Torres was awarded a scholarship from the Northcentral Technical College Foundation. The foundation awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling over \$116,000 to students who will be pursuing higher education at NTC during the spring 2020 term.

DORCHESTER

Dorchester Senior Citizens

The Dorchester Senior Citizens met Jan. 23 at the home of Helen Ludwig. Four members were present.

Cards were played and the winner was Helen Ludwig.

The next card party will be Thursday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Dorchester Village Hall.

College notes

The following students were awarded scholarships from the Northcentral Technical College Foundation: Dayna Blume, Schyan Kautzer, Joseph Serano, Juan Tzintzun. The foundation awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling over \$116,000 to students who will be pursuing higher education at NTC during the spring 2020 term.

Raquel Lopez earned highest honors for the fall 2019 semester at UW-Green Bay. Highest honors are reserved for those who earn a 4.0 grade-point average, or all A grades. Kolby Jensen and Kora Reynolds both earned honors, which go to students with a GPA between 3.50 and 3.74.

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Students from a variety of colleges and universities in central Wisconsin will participate in The Branch's spring 2020 session.

WAUSAU – Students from a variety of colleges and universities in central Wisconsin will participate in The Branch’s spring session which kicks off on Saturday, February 29 at Northcentral Technical College’s Wausau campus. The Branch is a workforce development initiative introduced by the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce, Northcentral Technical College and Church Mutual Insurance Company in 2016. The program is an entrepreneurial skills accelerator which is designed to retain talent in central Wisconsin.

Three student teams will work on innovation challenges from Church Mutual Insurance Company, Ruder Ware LLSC and Westphal Staffing Inc during the session. Interested students can review the spring schedule and apply on The Branch’s website.

“The Branch asks students from around the region to solve complex problems and to be entrepreneurial while connecting to the companies that need this local talent.” said Dave Eckmann, President/CEO of the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce. “We live in a very talent-competitive economy and will for the next 25 years, making this program very important.”

AROW Global, Ansay & Associates LLC, Church Mutual Insurance Company, Incredible Bank, M3 Insurance, North Central Health Care and the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce have also provided challenges to student teams in previous sessions.

To view student and mentor testimonials and to watch videos from the program’s several Demo Day events, visit The Branch’s YouTube channel.

AROW Global, Ansay & Associates LLC, Church Mutual Insurance Company, Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce, Incredible Bank, M3 Insurance, North Central Health Care, Ruder Ware LLSC and Westphal Staffing Inc are sponsors of the program.

The Branch Academy program will return this summer. The Branch Academy will offer high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to earn college credit while showcasing their talents for business and community leaders. Students can apply for the program on The Branch’s website.

For more information or to register as a coach for a team, visit The Branch’s website. Businesses that are interested in becoming involved with the program can also register projects through the site or contact Brian Otten, marketing manager at the Chamber, at botten@wausauchamber.com or 715-848-5947.



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13th Annual Wausau Financial Wellness Conference to be held at NTC

(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) will play host to the 13th Annual Wausau Financial Wellness Conference on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Center for Health Sciences building, located on the Wausau campus. The conference includes breakfast, lunch and a free credit report.

Attend to hear a keynote address delivered by Sara Guild, Executive Director of the WI Automotive and Truck Education Association. Learn personal finance concepts that can prepare you for a better financial future and choose from various workshops featuring area experts who cover several topics, including:

Budgeting Basics...How to Have More Money than Month for a Change

Dean Kolden, US Bank

Career Exploration

Kimie Kretz, Northcentral Technical College

Banking FAQs

Katie Matz, CoVantage Credit Union

Medicare and Medicaid

Bee Lee, Wisconsin Advantage/UnitedHealthcare

Credit – What to Know and What to Avoid

Kelly Hladovcak, Valley Communities Credit Union

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Wisconsin Public Service, CoVantage Credit Union, Catholic Charities, US Bank, UnitedHealthcare, Peoples State Bank, the Get \$mart Wausau Coalition and Northcentral Technical College.

The cost to attend is \$4 for adults and \$1 for kids. To learn more about scholarships that are available to attend this event, contact Asset Builders at 866.304.6896.

To register, contact the City of Wausau Community

PCBC names annual award winners

Two Portage County businesses and two industry leaders were honored on Wednesday, January 29 at the Portage County Business Council's Annual Dinner held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, Stevens Point

Nearly 400 people attended.

Chosen for her dedication to community outreach and participation in activities that promote the mission of the Portage County Business Council, Sarah Agena, entrepreneur and owner of Flexible Nutrition Solutions was selected for the Ambassador of the Year. "Sarah's enthusiasm and dedication toward volunteering for the Business Council is outstanding. She is a patient, compassionate, and humble leader who is continually an example to others and never seeks recognition for her efforts," said Karen Myers, Director of programs and events for the Portage County Business Council.



Award recipients and dignitaries at the Portage County Business Council's annual dinner are, from left, Sen. Patrick Testin, Alan Marten and Debra Marten of Marten Machining, Sarah Agena, Tori Rogoski, owner of Dance Education Center, Ward Wolff and Rep. Katrina Shankland

Dance Education Center owner Tori Rogoski was selected for the Small Business of the Year Award for their growth, strength in employer/employee relations, efforts to adapt to market changes, commitment to community service and industry leadership. The Center has donated more than \$175,000 to local organizations and is the first Wisconsin chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.

The Business Council selected Marten Machining for the Decree of Excellence Award based on their contributions to the area's economic vitality, increase in local employment base and

significant contributions in community service. This summer, Martin Machining will be moving into its new 40,000-square-foot manufacturing headquarters on 11.5 acres in the Portage County Business Park.

The company has 40 full- and part-time employees and plan to double its workforce within five years.

Ward Wolff was selected for the President's Award for his dedication to the Portage County Business Council, the Portage County business community and economic development for our

community.

"Ward Wolff is a great example of a Portage County leader. He is truly an executive with a community vision. Through his leadership at First Weber Realtors, as past board member of the PCBC, and through volunteering with the Lions Club, Green Circle Trail and Stevens Point Board of Realtors, Ward has shown that he believes in local economic development and strong community partnerships. Ward is deserving of the 2019 President's award," said Todd Kuckkahn, PCBC executive director.

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The agreement already is operational.

The Branch spring session begins Feb. 29

Students from a variety of colleges and universities in central Wisconsin will participate in The Branch's spring session that begins Feb. 29 at Northcentral Technical College's Wausau campus. The Branch is a workforce development initiative introduced by the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce, Northcentral Technical College and Church Mutual Insurance Company in 2016. The program is an entrepreneurial skills accelerator.

Interested students can review the spring schedule and apply at www.thebranchwi.com.

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College notes

Maeghan Weiler was awarded a scholarship from the Northcentral Technical College Foundation. The foundation awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling over \$116,000 to students who will be pursuing higher education at NTC during the spring 2020 term.

Ashley Streveler, daughter of Brian and Sara Streveler, was named to the

first semester 2019 dean's list at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The list includes 355 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The following students recently graduated from UW-Stevens Point: Bridget Donahue, magna cum laude, bachelor's degree in elementary education; Jarod Rachu, bachelor's degree in geoscience with GIS certificates.



NTC Foundation awards scholarships

The **Northcentral Technical College (NTC)** Foundation awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling over \$116,000 to students who will be pursuing higher education at **NTC** during the spring 2020 term. Students receiving scholarships were:

Athens — Sherry Gutknecht, Beth Steinke and Brady Wagner.

Curtiss — Maria Garcia-Torres.

Dorchester — Dayna Blume, Schyan

Kautzer, Joseph Serrano and Juan Tzintzun.

Gilman — Jocelyn Holtz.

Medford — Chelsea Cullen, Mackenzie Fries, Amber Hamm, Sierra Johnson, Zachary Meier, Claire Pearson, Mary Phillips and Kayla Rausch.

Owen — Erica Arndt, Stephanie Meyers and Allison Milbert.

Stetsonville — Trentin Messman.



Bee conference

The Central Wisconsin/Marathon County Beekeepers Association will hold an annual conference Saturday, March 14, in the Health Sciences Center at Northcentral Technical College, Wausau.

Topics at the conference will be hive maintenance, disease and pest control, honeybee genetics and queen rearing.



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Teams from all over the Midwest came to [Northcentral Technical College](#) last weekend for the Badger State Games esports competition. It was the first time the egames were held in the new arena at [NTC](#).



Meet the Gilman FFA leadership team

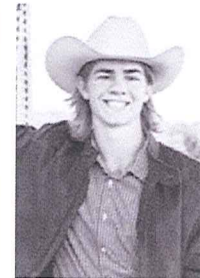
Hello, my name is Kali Anderson and I am a junior at Gilman High School. I have been in FFA since I was in sixth grade and have been an officer since freshman year. FFA has been an important activity in my life, I've met plenty of new people over the years that I'm still friends with today. I have learned and experienced enough to last a lifetime, thanks to the FFA. I will forever be thankful for everything FFA has taught me and gave me the opportunity to experience. I'm only a junior but I hope to continue my education by going to a university and majoring in psychology.



Kali Anderson



Sydney Webster



Ethan Grunseth



Emma Warner

Hello! My name is Sydney Webster, I am the Gilman FFA reporter. I have been in FFA since seventh grade and I have learned so much from it. FFA is a great way for kids

to learn great leadership skills, improve teamwork, and work on organization skills. In the future I plan on attending Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) for their nursing program. With the communication and teamwork skills that I have learned from FFA my journey at CVTC will be much easier.

Hi, my name is Ethan Grunseth. I have been an officer for the Gilman FFA

Chapter for four years now. FFA has opened my eyes to so many amazing things, opportunities, skills, and so much more. I met so many amazing people in the past four years and the memories I have made will stay with me forever. After graduation, I plan on attending [North-central Technical College's \(NTC\)](#) Electrical Power Distribution program and eventually become a journeyman lineman at a local electric company.

My name is Mikayla Wiachulis and I have been a part of the Gilman FFA for six years. To me FFA has been a chance to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. It has been the stepping stone to many other leadership opportunities. I have met so many new people who are not from my tiny village of Gilman, and learned about how different the culture of a community can change just by heading 15 miles in any direction. FFA has really helped me to open my eyes and learn to help the world around me. After high school I will attend UW-Stevens Point to major in chemistry and minor in education. I have plans to be a high school chemistry teacher.





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LAWSUIT SETTLED—The city of Antigo, Antigo/Langlade County Chamber of Commerce and related parties have reached an agreement on a long-simmering lawsuit. The top photo shows the chamber offices on Antigo’s south side, which will receive \$65,000 in room tax funds for upgrades. The lower photo shows the Northcentral Technical College Wood Technology Center, which houses the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation, which will split room tax dollars with the chamber for the next three years.



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School board backs remodeling project

The Antigo board of education discussed some data, renovations, donations, field trips and resignations Tuesday.

At the board's regular monthly meeting, Kelly Fassbender, director of instruction, gave a presentation about Forecast 5 which uses pools of data to determine student achievements, performance, attendance, discipline, etc. The information can compare the averages and differences among other students, classes or by schools.

The board approved hiring Streich Equipment to complete the Family Consumer Science Class remodel project for \$81,645.02 Five new kitchens and one industrial kitchen will be built.

This is the first update at the high school for 'food elective classes' and it is anticipated to last 20-plus years. With \$75,000 in grants towards this renovation, it will be beneficial in a several ways officials said. Students will learn culinary skills, earn dual credits and a 'Server Safe' certification upon completion of the class. Northcentral Technical College also has a culinary program in which students can roll over their credits.

New epoxy flooring will also be installed.

The board also approved three new water heaters at the high school, replacing four 120 gallon units. Currently only two water heaters are running.

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Phillips seniors recognized for academic achievements

BY ANNA MARIA HANSEN
ahansen@pricecountyreview.com

Two Phillips High School seniors, Trinity Pesko and Jessica Roush, have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian of the 2020 graduating class. This year will see 58 seniors graduate from high school. At their regular meeting Feb. 17, the Board of Education got a snapshot of the academic achievements of those students.

Of the graduating class, 14 will be graduating as honor students with a minimum grade point average of 3.35.

Five of the students are working in the welding academy at Northcentral Technical College, four students have completed the industrial electronic maintenance technician academy at NTC, five have completed or are working toward CNA certification, and at least seven of the students are working in the youth apprentice program.

Eight students are enrolled in Advanced Placement English, four in AP chemistry, and eight in AP calculus.

The selected valedictorian, Pesko, has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school career. She has been involved in numerous extracurricular and co-curricular activities including, honors choir four years, Northwoods Players since the age of five, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, soccer, state solo ensemble, tennis, and show choir. She is the daughter of Jon and Sherry Pesko.

She plans on pursuing a degree in theater arts post-high school graduation.

The selected salutatorian, Roush, has maintained a 3.979 GPA through high school. She

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Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce Allyson Farrand and John Hanson, both of Medford, were awarded Jail Academy Certificate diplomas. Instructors from NTC's School of Public Safety stand with the graduates following the commencement ceremony at NTC's Wausau campus on Feb. 7. Upon graduation, learners are prepared for employment in county jails. Pictured, front row, (l. to r.) instructors Andrew Kleppe, Kathy Kaniecki and Melissa Fleischman. Back row, Farrand and Hanson.



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NTC announces Jail Academy graduates

(WAUSAU, Wis.)—Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce Brent Ziebarth (Montello) and Nicolas Fisher (Oxford) were awarded Jail Academy Certificate diplomas at commencement exercises on February 7, 2020.

Instructors from NTC's School of Public Safety stand with the graduates following the commencement ceremony at NTC's Wausau campus on February 7, 2020. Upon graduation, learners are prepared for employment in county jails.

Pictured, front row, left to right: Andrew Kleppe, Instructor; Kathy Kaniecki, Instructor; Melissa Fleischman; Instructor.

Pictured, back row, left to right: Brent Ziebarth, Montello; Nicolas Fisher, Oxford. (Photo submitted)

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NTC's E-Sports Leads the Northwoods in Gaming

Submitted: 02/05/2020

Wausau - Competitive gaming - known as E-Sports - continues to grow in popularity. In addition to national and international competition, colleges and high schools across the US are making their own teams.



The industry is big money, pulling in roughly \$1.1 billion last year. That's mostly from China and North America, but the industry is popular across Europe, Latin America, and East Asia. That's no different here in the Northwoods.

Northcentral Technical College in Wausau started their E-Sports program last year. They began in earnest in September. Since then, they've established a few teams and taken on opponents from all over the country.

NTC isn't unique in having an E-Sports program but their gaming arena is definitely something else: state-of-the-art and equipped with everything a gamer could hope to have at their fingertips.

Jon DeGroot is head of E-Sports at NTC and helped found the program last year. He said college leadership was excited about adding E-Sports. DeGroots says "It's about getting our students engaged in something at our institution that we can use to make them successful. To build leadership, teamwork, and communication."

Captain of the Overwatch team at NTC, Logan Frischmann, appreciates the opportunity to play with a team. Online play can be serious with players in ranked games competing against other players online. But competitive games take a little more. You can't just "fly by the seat of your pants" like you do in ranked online games.

Frischmann enjoys the more intellectual challenge of coordinated, competitive play. Working with his teammates day in and day out gives them the opportunity to adapt to one another's style. The synergy developed in a setting like this can't be done any other way.

The program has been a great success so far. DeGroot plans to expand, adding new games and more spots for players on the team.

Written By: Cooper Henckel

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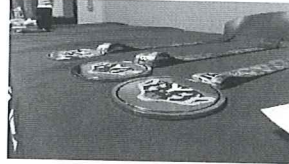


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Using Esports to Improve Inclusion in Athletics

Submitted: 02/15/2020

Wausau - Activities like chess and even debate can earn high school students varsity letters. Many colleges and universities have also introduced non-traditional sports. Northcentral Technical College Wausau Campus is one of them.



NTC hosted the 31st Badger State Games Esports event. The State Games first introduced esports three years ago but BSG Director Nick Ockwig said his vision didn't come to life until this year. He reached out to NTC's Head of Esports, Jon DeGroot late last year. The two of them got work and built this year's event.

DeGroot said that competitive gaming opens doors for students to the world of athletics. He added that e-athletes benefit from the activity in the same way as their traditional peers - improved confidence, strengthened self-esteem, and some harder lessons in humility. DeGroot holds his athletes to standard guidelines: miss class, you're missing practice; fail a class, you lose your spot.

Both Ockwig and DeGroot agree - the accessibility of esports makes it an incredible addition to the Badger State Games. Whether you're four or 75, able-bodied or struggling to move, there's a way to play along.

"Anybody and everybody can compete in the BSG at any athletic ability. Come and have a good time. Go away feeling good about yourself and come back next year," said Ockwig.

DeGroot said that makes esports unique:

"The benefit of esports is really anyone can compete or participate in esports," said DeGroot. "We're able to bring in people who haven't had that opportunity and give them that opportunity in esports."

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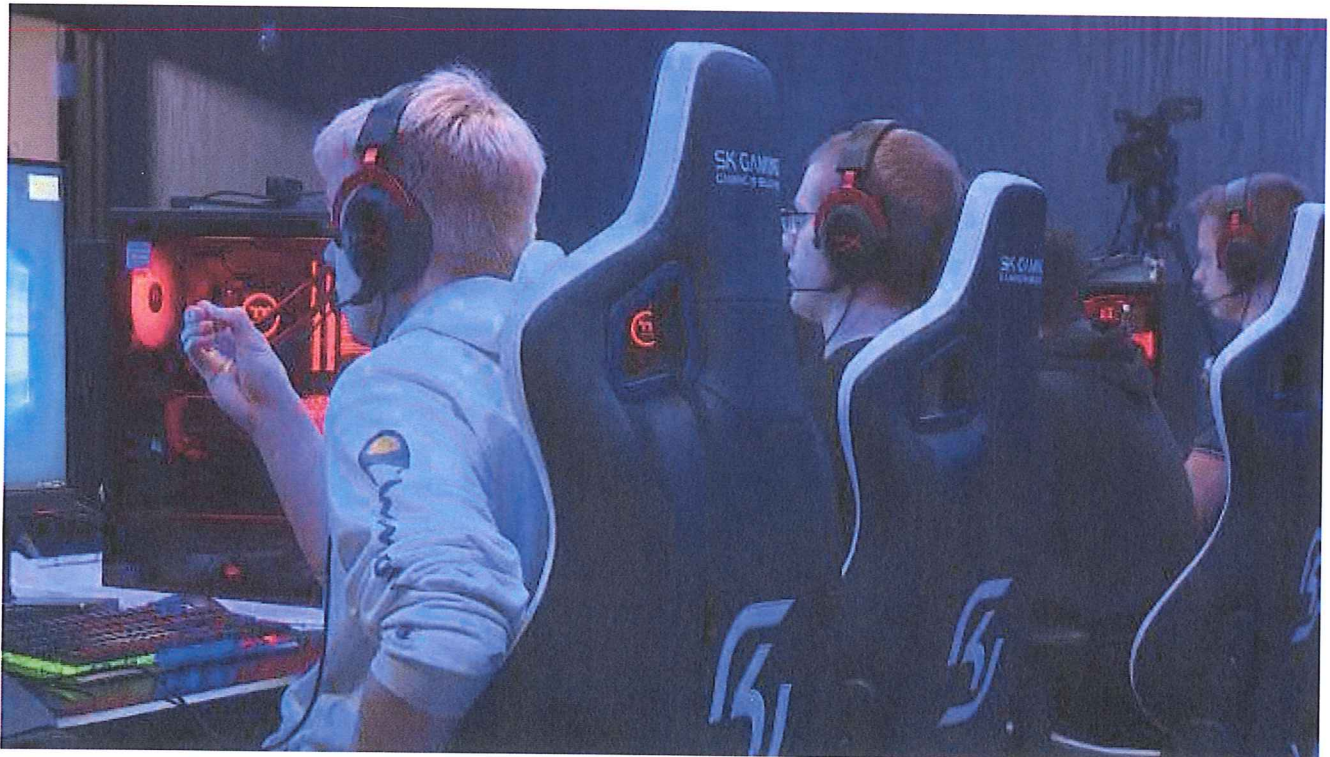
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NTC partners with Badger State Games for Esports tournament



By Stella Porter | Posted: Sun 5:51 PM, Feb 16, 2020 | Updated: Sun 10:42 PM, Feb 16, 2020

WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) -- Northcentral Technical College Esports partnered with the Badger State Games for two days of gaming tournaments at NTC in Wausau.



Gamers compete in the esports tournament (WSAW Photo).



On Sunday, 11 teams played a League of Legends tournament. Saturday, they hosted Smash Bros. and Rocket League tournaments.

High school and college students came from around the state to compete for a \$1,000 prize.

NTC's head coach believes Esports can teach students valuable life skills.

"We have teamwork, confidence building, leadership, we have a team captain. There's a lot that the school provides you and what a competitive sport provides you," said John DeGroot, Dean of Flexible Learning and head coach of NTC Esports.

NTC's Esports facility was finished just last fall, and this is the first year they are partnering with the Badger State Games.

"In our Esports program, you're going to have the opportunity to compete at a college level against other college throughout the U.S.," DeGroot said.

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	<p>WJFW (NBC) 2/13/2020 5:21:56 PM Wausau, WI Newswatch 12 at 5 Local Viewership: 9,195 Local Publicity Value: \$385.36</p> <p>dane, milwaukee, and racine counties. "the badger state games" begins its newest winter event, this weekend: e-sports. northcentral technical college -- in wausau -- will host the event saturday and sunday. saturday will have rocket league and super smash brothers... and registration is still open, if you want to play. you're also welcome to swing by and watch. there will be food, games, and a few chances to measure up against the pros. sunday is all- day "league of legends". newswatch 12 will be covering the event... and broadcasting streams on twitch -- and the finals for all three on facbeook. there's no charge to</p>
	<p>WJFW (NBC) 2/13/2020 6:21:23 PM Wausau, WI Newswatch 12 at 6 Local Viewership: 8,766 Local Publicity Value: \$384.46</p> <p>issues. wisconsin's rural population loss is concerning, however, it's still lower than the national average. northcentral technical college in wausau will host the first- ever badger state games esports tournament this weekend. the tournament starts saturday, february 15th with rocket league and super smash brothers. there will be food, games, and even some vr to try out during the day. sunday will be all league of legends. there are still spots open for teams interested in joining in - day-of registration for smash is allowed! even if you aren't interested in trying your hand at taking home the prize pool, spectators are welcome to join</p>
	<p>WQOW (ABC) 2/13/2020 10:31:05 PM La Crosse, WI 10 pm News Report</p> <p>college students. i have a little treat for you - thank you so much! the group handed out gift bags at northcentral technical college. inside those bags were homemade cookies--snack bars--and a few gift cards. they did it in anticipation of "random acts of kindness day"--which is next monday. primrose staff say-- they want students to feel cared-for. "they want to make sure that they get out and help the community and help the college kids. that life can be kind. there are kind people out there and to help them to not only accept the kindness but also then to go forth and give kindness to other people as they're going about their day as well."</p>



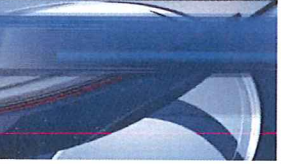
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 ockwig, director for the badger state games, reached out to northcentral technical college in wausau after learning about its state-of-the-art gaming program. head of e-sports jon degroot says competitive gaming opens doors for students to the world of athletics who might otherwise not be able to join in. sot really anybody can participate. you don't have to be a physical specimen or be able to travel - we do everything here on site. so we're able to bring in people who haven't had that opportunity and give them that opportunity




WSAW (CBS) 2/16/2020 10:11:18 PM
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 Local Viewership: 24,546 Local Publicity Value: \$1,597.59
 northcentral technical college esports partnered with the badger state games in two days of gaming tournaments at ntc in wausau. sunday-- eleven teams played games like rocket league and league of legends. high school and college students came from around the state to compete for a thousand dollar prize. ntc's head coach believes esports can teach students valuable life skills. jon degroot/dean of flexible learning, head coach of




WJFW (NBC) 2/16/2020 10:15:11 PM
 Wausau, WI
 Newswatch 12 Weekend
 Local Viewership: 31,082 Local Publicity Value: \$2,188.45
 worlds tournament for league of legends filled an arena of nearly 300,000 (no idea if this is true - find the right stat) - the arena at northcentral technical college doesn't seat quite as many but the energy was no different! cheering sot starting saturday, gamers from around the midwest made their way to wausau to compete in the badger state games. the two-day event was held at ntc's state of the art gaming arena. rocket league, super smash brothers, and league of legends filled screens all over campus. sot about the event participants ran the gambit - business owners matched up against high school




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 Wausau, WI
 Newswatch 12 Morning News
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 (tyler ad lib) ((marisa)) and a two-day video game tournament drew teams from across the region to northcentral technical college... we'll show you the action... it's monday, february 17th... (angela) good morning! thanks for waking up with us today! i'm angela kim here with marisa silvas. (angela) the annual central wisconsin sports show wrapped up its 10th year yesterday. (marisa) newswatch12's zack white was there and learned about the big business of outdoor




WJFW (NBC) 2/17/2020 6:03:28 AM
 Wausau, WI
 Newswatch 12 Morning News
 Local Viewership: 2,834 Local Publicity Value: \$101.40
 northcentral technical college in wausau hosted a different kind of sports competition this weekend -- a two-day video game tournament drew teams from across the region. participants ranged from local business owners to junior high school students... all of them competed for one thing - the gold. many of the benefits of traditional sports are shared with esports. i've loved to play it since i was a kid. i started on the wii playing brawl. i love the characters. i love how the game



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 Wausau, WI
 Sunrise 7
 Local Viewership: 7,330 Local Publicity Value: \$243.36
 year-old daughter gianna, and the other victims of the helicopter crash will be honored in los angeles during a public memorial next week. ((kassandra)) for the first time.... northcentral technical college e- sports partnered with the badger state games for two days of gaming tournaments in wausau. sunday-- eleven teams played games like rocket league and league of legends. high school and college students came from around the state to compete for a thousand dollar prize. n-t-c's head coach believes esports can teach students valuable life skills. "we have teamwork, confidence building, leadership, we have a team captain. there's a lot that



WSAW (CBS) 2/26/2020 6:06:07 PM
 Wausau, WI
 NewsChannel 7 @ 6
 Local Viewership: 19,099 Local Publicity Value: \$753.61
 public tonight. dale-- ((dale)) heather-- a public information meeting started here at 5:30 at northcentral technical college. giving city staff and engineer consultants a chance to show off the designs for both projects and answer any questions. the wastewater treatment facility will cost about 70-million dollars. many of the parts and equipment date back to 1939. the wastewater plant will begin advertising for bid in early march. the drinking water facility will run approximately 40- million... and is being relocated from river drive to a



WSAW (CBS) 3/5/2020 12:24:32 PM
 Wausau, WI
 NewsChannel 7 @ Noon
 Local Viewership: 15,151 Local Publicity Value: \$635.89
 stall and possibly leading to the driver losing control. ((kassandra)) an area kitchen is bringing guests freshly grown ingredients from their herb garden. spoons restaurant at northcentral technical college is working on an herb garden right now, using a hydroponic system, with a controlled amount of water. join heather foster tonight, to learn more about how the garden came to fruition, and what other green initiatives the kitchen is incorporating. that's tonight on newschannel 7 at ten. ((kassandra)) it's you're taking a live look at eye-39 and portage county road b from our skycam in plover. a final check of your forecast is next. ((kassandra)) dunkin' is trying to turn t-g-i-f f

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February 12, 2020

Lori A. Weyers, Ph.D., President
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

RE: Data Analytics Technician Associate Degree Program

Dear Dr. Weyers:

Thank you for hosting my recent visit to Northcentral Technical College (NTC). The discussions with your staff and faculty, you, and local industry partners were very informative. I write to express my support for your Data Analytics Technician Associate Degree Program. I am willing to advise you and your team and to collaborate with you in your efforts.

As you know, I am the Faculty Director of the Smart Manufacturing Leadership Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). This program is focused on supporting the digitization and automation of manufacturing and helping to fill the skills gap during this transition. We are a leader in education and research that moves all industries forward. We help small and large manufacturing businesses foster innovation and embrace the technologies required to be efficient and effective, and to thrive, in the global economy.

During my time at NTC we discussed the need for more integration of manufacturing and information technology. We discussed that many of your local businesses, specifically manufacturers, are already collecting data. My recommendation is that you work with these businesses to help them understand the things they are already doing, and how they can build upon those things. This will allow both small and large manufacturing partners to understand and embrace these new technologies.

Although some may not yet realize it, many businesses are already on the journey to Industry 4.0; they are collecting data. This can be in the form of machine reports, sensor data or external data sources. It is imperative that they learn how to map, collect, visualize and analyze this data, in order to move their businesses further. The Data Analytics Technology Associate Degree Program is an important step in supporting these business partners. MIT and I would be happy to work with you as you develop this program, to help you ensure integration between disciplines, educate your faculty involved in the initiative, and consult on facility and IT projects. I would also like to work with you to analyze the ways NTC can use data from their current program technologies to educate the students in the Data Analytics Technician Program, through real-world data sets.

I have created and led degree programs and lead the founding of a university. I have extensive experience with designing instruments and techniques to control physical systems; I know how important a program like your Data Analytics Technician Associate Degree Program is to all industries. It is for this reason that I express my support for the approval and offering of this program.

Sincerely,



Brian W Anthony

[Via email melk@ntc.edu](mailto:melk@ntc.edu)

February 11, 2020

Northcentral Technical College District
Sara Melk
College Advancement Accountant
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Dear Ms. Melk :

We have reviewed for resolutions the single audit report for your agency for the fiscal years 2018 and 19. Our review was limited to programs under contract with DWD.

The audit was reviewed for compliance with our guidelines. The auditors provided unmodified opinion with no findings related to our program.

We are happy to inform you that your agency's audit has been accepted relative to our programs. We consider these audit reports closed. Please note the various award agreements allow for on-site reviews of the programs.

For future years, please have your auditors to send us a certified copy of the audit reports. We prefer to receive the audit reports electronically. Our email address is finance@dwd.wi.gov

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at 608/266-1735 or yasin.samadzada@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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