

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: MAY 6, 2025

TIME: 1:00 P.M. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE - TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,

1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

A. Student Representative Update – Grace Koehler

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2025-2026 Capital Borrowing – Chet Strebe

Resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$1,500,000; and providing for the issuance and sale of general obligation promissory notes.

B. Award the Sale - Chet Strebe

Resolution awarding the sale of \$11,500,000 general obligation promissory notes, series 2025A; providing the form of the notes; and levying a tax in connection therewith.

- C. Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Modifications Chet Strebe
- D. <u>Tentative Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Summary and Confirming a Budget Hearing</u>
 Date Chet Strebe



E. Program Admission Priorities/Special Circumstances – Sarah Dillon

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:
 - a. Receipts + Expenditures
 - b. Personnel Changes

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

A. Using Data in Learning - Darren Ackley, Laura Ahonen + Kaolee Yang

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
 - a. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Updates from Spring DBA Meeting
 - b. Tentative 2025-2026 NTC Board of Trustees Meeting Dates
 - c. Reminder: Spring Graduation Ceremony Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Wausau East High School.
 - d. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025
 - i. 12:00 p.m. Public Hearing
 - ii. 12:15 p.m. (or immediately following) Lunch
 - iii. 12:45 p.m.: Regular Board Meeting
- C. Information
 - a. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. <u>Upcoming Meetings + Events</u>
 - c. 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)(c)(g) for the purpose of conducting year-end review and approval of President's performance and contract; and 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.
- B. Approval of President's Year-End Review and Contract



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: May 6, 2025

TOPIC: Authorizing the Borrowing of \$1,500,000; and providing for the

Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes

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 38.16 "District Tax Levy (2) The district board may borrow money and levy taxes to be used for the purchase or construction of buildings and for additions, enlargements and improvements to buildings and for the acquisition of sites and equipment. In financing activities under this subsection, the district may issue its bonds or promissory notes under ch. 67 to pay the cost thereof."

DATA/RESULTS: The attached resolution is passed each year in order to notify taxpayers of the District's intent to borrow for capital expenditures. A notice will be published in the local newspaper informing the taxpayers of their right to petition for a referendum within 30 days. If no petition is received, the District may proceed with quotations for the borrowing.

The total capital expenditure of \$13,864,807 was approved at the March 4, 2025 board meeting. The sale of promissory notes of \$11,500,000 was approved at the April 8, 2025 board meeting. The sale of promissory notes of \$1,500,000 will include this authorization at the May 6, 2025 board meeting.

AGENDA CATEGORY:	PROPOSED MOTION

Voting Agenda (roll call vote)

Move to approve the following resolution: Authorizing the borrowing of \$1,500,000 and providing for the issuance and sale of general obligation promissory notes.

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

Signed Ar Gracie Worden Dated May 6, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF \$1,500,000; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is necessary that funds be raised by the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin (the "District") for the purpose of paying the cost of the District's 2025-26 Capital Budget, to wit: remodeling and improvement projects (not to exceed \$1,500,000) (the "Project"), and there are insufficient funds on hand to pay said costs;

WHEREAS, the District hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the District's power to undertake and serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, technical college districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes to borrow money and to issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board of the District that:

Section 1. Authorization of the Notes. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, there shall be borrowed pursuant to Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) from a purchaser to be determined by a subsequent resolution of this District Board.

<u>Section 2. Sale of the Notes</u>. To evidence such indebtedness, the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to said purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the District, general obligation promissory notes in the principal amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) (the "Notes").

Section 3. Notice to Electors. Pursuant to Section 67.12(12)(e)5 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the District Secretary-Treasurer will, within ten (10) days of adoption of this Resolution, cause public notice of such adoption to be given to the electors of the District by publishing a notice in <u>The Wausau Daily Herald</u>, the official newspaper of the District. The notice to electors shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 4. Prior Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the District or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted and recorded this 6th day of May, 2025.

	Paul C. Proulx,	
	Chairperson	
Attest:		
Charlie Paulson,		
Secretary-Treasurer		

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DA	ATE: May 6, 2025	
TOPIC:	Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$11, the form of the notes; and levying a t	500,000 general obligation promissory notes; providing ax in connection therewith.
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gation Prom 10:30 a.m. T	issory Notes at its April 8, 2025 meetir	ns providing for the sale of \$11,500,000 in General Obling. Bids on the issues will be opened May 5, 2025 at explained with bid information, distributed, and acted
AGENDA CA Regular Voti	TEGORY: ing Agenda (Roll Call Vote)	PROPOSED MOTION: Drafted Resolution is attached. Completed motion will be made at the May 6, 2025 Board meeting.
CERTIFICATI of this date.	ON OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify	that the information contained in this report is true as
Signed	Dr. Gearie Worden	Dated <u>5/6/2025</u>

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$11,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2025A; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AND LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the District Board of the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin (the "District") adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in the aggregate amount of \$11,500,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of the District's 2025-26 Capital Budget, to wit: construction of building additions on the Wausau Campus (not to exceed \$1,500,000); remodeling and improvement projects (not to exceed \$1,500,000); building and site maintenance and repairs; site improvements; and equipment acquisition, installation and related costs (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the District (in consultation with the District's financial advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co.) caused a Notice of Sale to be distributed offering \$11,500,000 of the District's general obligation promissory notes for public sale on May 5, 2025;

WHEREAS, a notice of sale was published in the <u>Bond Buyer</u> offering the aforesaid general obligation promissory notes for public sale on April 15, 2025;

WHEREAS, sealed bid proposals were received as summarized on Exhibit C attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bid proposal (the "Proposal") submitted by BOK Financial Securities, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, fully complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the District. A copy of said bid is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board of the District that:

Section 1. Award of the Notes. The bid proposal of BOK Financial Securities, Inc. (the "Purchaser") is hereby accepted, said proposal offering to purchase the \$11,500,000 Northcentral Technical College District General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A (the "Notes") for the sum of ELEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$11,795,978.15) plus accrued interest to the date of delivery, resulting in a net interest cost of SIX HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-TWO CENTS (\$643,313.52) and a true interest rate of 3.3370%.

Section 2. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A"; shall be dated May 28, 2025; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall bear interest at the rates per annum and mature on September 1, 2025 and on March 1 of each year thereafter, in the years and principal amounts as set forth in the Pricing Summary attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by this reference. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on September 1, 2025. The schedule of principal and interest payments due on the Notes is set forth on the Debt Service Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit E and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Schedule").

<u>Section 2A.</u> <u>Designation of Purchaser as Agent</u>. The District hereby designates the Purchaser as its agent for purposes of distributing the Final Official Statement relating to the Notes to any participating underwriter in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Redemption Provisions</u>. The Notes shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

<u>Section 4.</u> Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged and a direct annual irrepealable tax is hereby levied upon all taxable property of the District. Said direct annual irrepealable tax shall be levied in the years 2025 through 2029 for payments due in 2026 through 2030 in the amounts as set forth on the Schedule.

The aforesaid direct annual irrepealable tax hereby levied shall be collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the District levied in said years are collected. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the tax herein above levied shall be and continues irrepealable except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus in the Debt Service Fund Account created herein.

The District will use excess debt service funds on hand in the amount of \$1,598,541.67 to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes coming due on September 1, 2025. Said sum shall be irrevocably deposited upon receipt into the segregated Debt Service Fund Account for the Notes created below and used to make the principal and interest payments due on the Notes on September 1, 2025.

Section 6. Debt Service Fund Account. There is hereby established in the District treasury a fund account separate and distinct from every other District fund or account designated "Debt Service Fund Account for \$11,500,000 Northcentral Technical College District General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A, dated May 28, 2025". There shall be deposited in said fund account any premium plus accrued interest paid on the Notes at the time of delivery to the Purchaser, all money raised by taxation pursuant to Section 5 hereof and all other sums as may be necessary to pay interest on the Notes when the same shall become due and to retire the Notes at their respective maturity dates. Said fund account shall be used for the sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes and shall be maintained for such purpose until such indebtedness is fully paid or otherwise extinguished.

Section 7. Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the "Note Proceeds") (other than any premium and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into an account separate and distinct from all other funds and be disbursed solely for the purposes for which borrowed or for the payment for the principal of and the interest on the Notes.

Section 8. Arbitrage Covenant. The District shall not take any action with respect to the Note Proceeds which, if such action had been reasonably expected to have been taken, or had been deliberately and intentionally taken on the date of the delivery of and payment for the Notes (the "Closing"), would cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and any income tax regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Regulations").

The Note Proceeds may be temporarily invested in legal investments until needed, provided however, that the District hereby covenants and agrees that so long as the Notes remain outstanding, moneys on deposit in any fund or account created or maintained in connection with the Notes, whether such moneys were derived from the Note Proceeds or from any other source, will not be used or invested in a manner which would cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of the Code or Regulations.

The Secretary-Treasurer, or other officer of the District charged with responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide an appropriate certificate of the District, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the District regarding the amount and use of the Note Proceeds and the facts and estimates on which such expectations are based, all as of the Closing.

Section 9. Additional Tax Covenants; Exemption from Rebate. The District hereby further covenants and agrees that it will take all necessary steps and perform all obligations required by the Code and Regulations (whether prior to or subsequent to the issuance of the Notes) to assure that the Notes are obligations described in Section 103(a) of the Code, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, throughout their term. The Secretary-Treasurer or other officer of the District charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes, shall provide an appropriate certificate of the District as of the Closing, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, certifying that it can and covenanting that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

Further, it is the intent of the District to take all reasonable and lawful actions to comply with any new tax laws enacted so that the Notes will continue to be obligations described in Section 103(a) of the Code, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The District anticipates that the Notes will qualify for the eighteen month expenditure exemption from the rebate requirements of the Code. The District Secretary-Treasurer or other officer of the District charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes, shall provide an appropriate certificate of the District as of the Closing, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, with respect to said exemption from the rebate requirements, and said District Secretary-Treasurer or other officer is hereby authorized to make any election on behalf of the District in order to comply with the rebate requirements of the Code. If, for any reason, the District did not qualify for any exemption from the rebate requirements of the Code, the District covenants that it would take all necessary steps to comply with such requirements.

Section 10. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner

thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Secretary-Treasurer shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The District shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

The 15th day of each calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes. Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the District maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer at the close of business on the corresponding record date.

Section 11. <u>Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only-System</u>. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the District has heretofore agreed to the applicable provisions set forth in the DTC Blanket Issuer Letter of Representation and an authorized official of the District has executed such Letter of Representation and delivered it to the DTC on behalf of the District.

Section 12. Execution of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in typewritten form, one Note for each maturity, executed on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer (except that one of the foregoing signatures shall be manual), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the District of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery. In the event that either of the officers whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the delivery of the Notes, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until such delivery. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized to do all acts and execute and deliver all documents as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing.

Section 13. Official Statement. The District Board hereby approves the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deems the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by officers of the District in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or Final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with Closing, the appropriate District official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or Final Official Statement. The appropriate District official shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or Final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

<u>Section 14.</u> Payment of the Notes. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer or his or her agent in lawful money of the United States.

Section 15. Continuing Disclosure. The District hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of its Continuing Disclosure Certificate, which the District will execute and deliver on the Closing Date. Any Noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Section.

Section 16. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the District or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2025.

Paul C. Proulx,
Chairperson

Charlie Paulson

Secretary-Treasurer



Wire Inbox

Parity Calendar

Deal List

Upcoming Calendar	Overview	Result	Excel	Print
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BOK Financial Securities, Inc. - Dallas , TX's Bid



Northcentral Tech Coll Dt \$11,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A

For the aggregate principal amount of \$11,500,000.00, we will pay you \$11,795,978.15, plus accrued interest from the date of issue to the date of delivery. The Bonds are to bear interest at the following rate(s):

Maturity Date	Amount \$	Coupon %	Yield %	Dollar Price
09/01/2025	1,450M	5.0000	3.0100	100.500
03/01/2026	5,840M	5.0000	3.0200	101.468
03/01/2027	975M	5.0000	3.0500	103.309
03/01/2028	1,025M	5.0000	3.0500	105.116
03/01/2029	1,075M	5.0000	3.0800	106.760
03/01/2030	1,135M	5.0000	3.1300	108.202

 Total Interest Cost:
 \$939,291.67

 Premium:
 \$295,978.15

 Net Interest Cost:
 \$643,313.52

 TIC:
 3.336987

 Time Last Bid Received On:05/05/2025 10:25:16 CDST

This proposal is made subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Official Bid Form, the Official Notice of Sale, and the Preliminary Official Statement, all of which are made a part hereof.

Bidder: BOK Financial Securities, Inc., Dallas, TX

Contact: Allen Mattson

Title:

Telephone:414-203-6558 Fax: 214-576-0870

Issuer Name:	Northcentral Technical College District	Company Name:	
Accepted By:		Accepted By:	
Date:		Date:	

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EXHIBIT B

(Form of Note)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF WISCONSIN CLARK, LANGLADE, LINCOLN, MARATHON, MENOMINEE, PORTAGE, PRICE, SHAWANO, TAYLOR AND WAUPACA COUNTIES NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2025A

REGISTERED

NO. R			
MATURITY DATE:	ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE:	INTEREST RATE:	CUSIP
1, 20	MAY 28, 2025	%	658545
DEPOSITORY OR ITS N	NOMINEE NAME: CEDE & CO.		
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	<u>(\$</u>	DO	LLARS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Depository or its Nominee Name (the "Depository") identified above (or to registered assigns), on the maturity date identified above, the principal amount identified above, and to pay interest thereon at the rate of interest per annum identified above. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on September 1, 2025 until the aforesaid principal amount is paid in full. Both the principal of and interest on this Note are payable in lawful money of the United States. The principal of this Note shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Note at the office of the District Secretary-Treasurer. Interest payable on any interest payment date shall be paid by wire transfer to the Depository in whose name this Note is registered on the Bond Register maintained by the District Secretary-Treasurer at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding the semi-annual interest payment date (the "Record Date").

For the prompt payment of this Note together with interest hereon as aforesaid and for the levy of taxes sufficient for that purpose, the full faith, credit and resources of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Note is one of an issue of Notes aggregating the principal amount of \$11,500,000, all of which are of like tenor, except as to denomination, interest rate and maturity date, issued by the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of paying the cost of the District's 2025-26 Capital Budget, to wit: construction of building

additions on the Wausau Campus (not to exceed \$1,500,000); remodeling and improvement projects (not to exceed \$1,500,000); building and site maintenance and repairs; site improvements; and equipment acquisition, installation and related costs; all as authorized by resolutions of the District Board duly adopted by said governing body at meetings held on April 8, 2025 and May 6, 2025. Said resolutions are recorded in the official minutes of the District Board for said dates.

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, things and acts required by law to exist or to be done prior to and in connection with the issuance of this Note have been done, have existed and have been performed in due form and time; that the aggregate indebtedness of the District, including this Note and others issued simultaneously herewith, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law or the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin; and that a direct annual irrepealable tax has been levied sufficient to pay this Note, together with the interest thereon, when and as payable.

This Note is transferable only upon the books of the District kept for that purpose at the office of the District Secretary-Treasurer. In the event that the Depository does not continue to act as depository for the Notes, and the District Board appoints another depository, new fully registered Notes in the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the new depository upon surrender of the Notes to the District Secretary -Treasurer, in exchange therefor and upon the payment of a charge sufficient to reimburse the District for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall not be obliged to make any transfer of the Notes after the Record Date. The District may treat and consider the Depository in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin, by its governing body, has caused this Note to be executed for it and in its name by the signatures of its duly qualified Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer; all as of the 28th day of May, 2025.

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT CLARK, LANGLADE, LINCOLN, MARATHON, MENOMINEE, PORTAGE, PRICE, SHAWANO, TAYLOR AND WAUPACA COUNTIES. WISCONSIN

By	y:	
	Paul C. Proulx,	
	Chairperson	
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Ву	y:	
	Charlie Paulson,	
	Secretary-Treasurer	

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

(Name	and Address of Assignee)
(Social Security or	other Identifying Number of Assignee)
(Social Security of C	other identifying Number of Assignee)
	er and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints Legal Representative, to transfer said Note on the books
kept for registration thereof, with full p	ower of substitution in the premises.
Dated:	
Signature Guaranteed:	
(e.g. Bank, Trust Company	(Depository or its Nominee
or Securities Firm)	Name)
	NOTICE: The above-named
(Authorized Officer)	Depository or its Nominee Name must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.



EXHIBIT C

Northcentral Technical College District

Results of Competitive Bids

\$11,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A Bids Received by 10:30 AM (CT) Monday, May 5, 2025

			riue interest
	Rank	Bidder	Cost
•	1	BOK Financial Securities, Inc.	3.3370%
	2	Piper Sandler & Co.	3.3533%
	3	Huntington Securities, Inc.	3.4484%
	4	UBS Financial Services Inc.	3.4971%
	5	Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	3.5065%
	6	StoneX Financial Inc.	3.5969%
	7	HilltopSecurities	3.6280%

True Interest

EXHIBIT D



BOND PRICING

Northcentral Technical College District (Aa1) General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A - FINAL NBQ; Non-Callable BOK Financial Securities, Inc.

Note Component	Maturity Date	Amoun	t Rate	Yie	ld Price	Premium (-Discount)
Serial Notes:						
	09/01/2025	1,450,000	5.000%	3.010 ^o	% 100.500	7,250.00
	03/01/2026	5,840,000	5.000%	3.020°	% 101.468	85,731.20
	03/01/2027	975,000	5.000%	3.0509	% 103.309	32,262.75
	03/01/2028	1,025,000	5.000%	3.050	% 105.116	52,439.00
	03/01/2029	1,075,000	5.000%	3.080	% 106.760	72,670.00
	03/01/2030	1,135,000	5.000%	3.130	% 108.202	93,092.70
		11,500,000)			343,445.65
	Dated Date Delivery Date First Coupon		05/28	3/2025 3/2025 1/2025		
	Par Amount Premium		11,500, 343,	000.00 445.65		
	Production Underwriter's Discount		11,843, (47,	445.65 467.50)	102.986484 (0.412761	
	Purchase Price Accrued Interest		11,795,	978.15	102.573723	%
	Net Proceeds		11,795,	978.15		

EXHIBIT E



BOND DEBT SERVICE

Northcentral Technical College District (Aa1) General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A - FINAL NBQ; Non-Callable BOK Financial Securities, Inc.

> Dated Date 05/28/2025 Delivery Date 05/28/2025

Period Ending	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	Annual Debt Service
05/28/2025					
09/01/2025	1,450,000	5.000%	148,541.67	1,598,541.67	1,598,541.67
03/01/2026	5,840,000	5.000%	251,250.00	6,091,250.00	
09/01/2026			105,250.00	105,250.00	6,196,500.00
03/01/2027	975,000	5.000%	105,250.00	1,080,250.00	
09/01/2027			80,875.00	80,875.00	1,161,125.00
03/01/2028	1,025,000	5.000%	80,875.00	1,105,875.00	
09/01/2028			55,250.00	55,250.00	1,161,125.00
03/01/2029	1,075,000	5.000%	55,250.00	1,130,250.00	
09/01/2029			28,375.00	28,375.00	1,158,625.00
03/01/2030	1,135,000	5.000%	28,375.00	1,163,375.00	
09/01/2030					1,163,375.00
	11,500,000		939,291.67	12,439,291.67	12,439,291.67

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

TOPIC: 2024-2025 Budget Modifications

POLICY 1.3 – Budgeting – Budgeting any fiscal year or the remaining part of any fiscal year shall not *deviate materially* from Board Community Benefit Statement priorities, risk fiscal jeopardy, or fail to be derived from a multi-year plan.

INTERPRETATION: To avoid *material deviation* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute, 65.90 (5) (a) (b), which states that the formal budget..."may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the governing body of the municipality."

DATA/RESULTS: The attached resolutions authorize 2024-2025 budget modifications in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 65.90. As a normal course of business, routine transfers within board parameters are made to the budget during the year. Annual budget modifications are made in May prior to the adoption of the 2025-2026 budget, when Financial Services *estimates* 2024-2025 actual revenues and expenditures.

The attached budget modifications are typical for funds within NTC's \$115 million budget. A brief explanation of the budget transfers and purpose of each are listed at the bottom of the resolutions.

AGENDA CATEGORY: PROPOSED MOTION:

Regular Voting Agenda To approve the budget modification resolutions as attached.

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

Signed Dated May 6, 2025

GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District general fund total resources are (\$2,394,042) less than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's general fund are (\$2,394,042) less than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The General Fund accounts for all financial activities except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

General Fund revenues are projected to be lower than originally budgeted. In response, the College conducted a mid-year budget review to realign spending with updated revenue expectations. These adjustments focused on reducing expenditures and deferring certain costs to minimize the need to use fund balance. This reflects the College's commitment to responsible financial stewardship, maintaining flexibility, and ensuring resources remain available to support future priorities.

Northcentral Technical College General Fund Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

Recommended 2024-2025 2024-2025 **Adjusted RESOURCES Budget** Difference **Budget** Revenues: \$10,892,222 \$10,827,234 (\$64,988) Local Government State Aids 22,570,252 22,931,528 361,276 **Program Fees** 9,686,000 9,246,426 (439,574) **Material Fees** 509,096 488,167 (20,929)Other Student Fees 146,000 80,949 (65,051)Institutional Revenue 994,274 1,000,500 6,226 5,000 7,990 2,990 Federal Revenue **Total Revenues** 44,802,844 44,582,794 (220,050) Transfers from Reserves and Designated Fund Balances:* **Designated for Post-Employment Benefits** 63,745 106,706 42,961 **Designated for State Aid Fluctuations** 41,593 (2,516,953)Designated for Subsequent Year 2,558,546 800,000 800,000 **Designated for Subsequent Years** (2,622,291)**Total Transfers** 2,622,291 948,299 (1,673,992) Other Funding Sources: Interfund Transfers In 500,000 (500,000) **Total Transfers** 500,000 (500,000) **Total Resources** \$47,925,135 (\$2,394,042) \$45,531,093 **USES Expenditures:** \$28,202,923 \$26,483,211 (\$1,719,712) Instructional **Instructional Resources** 1,461,848 1,432,539 (29,309)**Student Services** 3,400,007 3,124,531 (275,476)General Institutional 9,347,973 9,731,108 383,135 Physical Plant 4,390,093 4,347,084 (43,009)**Public Service** 46,802,844 **Total Expenditures** 45,118,473 (1,684,371) Transfer to Reserves and Designated Fund Balances:* 274,583 **Designated for Operations** 1,122,291 (847,708)**Designated for Subsequent Years** 138,037 138,037 1,122,291 412,620 (709,671) Interfund Transfers Out **Total Uses** \$47,925,135 \$45,531,093 (\$2,394,042)

^{*}Represents increase or decrease to designated balance.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - OPERATIONAL BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District special revenue fund – operational total resources are \$1,463,625 greater than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's special revenue fund – operational are \$1,463,625 greater than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The Special Revenue Fund accounts for proceeds and related activity of revenue sources that are legally restricted to specific purposes and cannot be moved between funds. This fund typically fluctuates from year to year based upon grant activity and the timing of grant awards. For example, this fund includes State Grants, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grants, and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Improvement Act Grants. Also included in this fund are workforce training contracts.

A unique trait of this fund is that expenditures drive revenue. Services are performed and then NTC is reimbursed by the granting agency. Budgeting is based on historical data with estimates for new year growth.

The increase in State revenue is attributed to additional state grants that the College received during the fiscal year. The increase in projected contracted training reflects a rise in institutional revenue. Federal revenue has also increased as a result of additional grants awarded throughout the fiscal year.

Northcentral Technical College Special Revenue Fund - Operational Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

	Recommended 2024-2025			
	2024-2025	Adjusted		
RESOURCES	Budget	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Revenues:				
Local Government	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	
State Aids	2,038,880	2,410,201	371,321	
Program Fees	247,500	196,350	(51,150)	
Material Fees	37,150	29,034	(8,116)	
Other Student Fees	522,750	441,070	(81,680)	
Institutional Revenue	5,906,204	6,744,135	837,931	
Federal Revenue	1,757,318	2,329,757	572,439	
Total Revenues	11,009,802	12,650,547	1,640,745	
Other Sources				
Interfund Transfers In	-	-	-	
Total Other Sources	-	-	-	
Transfers from Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Designated for Operations	-	-	-	
Designated for Subsequent Year	452,315	275,195	(177,120)	
Total Transfers	452,315	275,195	(177,120)	
Total Resources	\$11,462,117	\$12,925,742	\$1,463,625	
USES				
Expenditures:				
Instructional	\$8,831,076	\$10,362,365	\$1,531,289	
Instructional Resources	42,038	40,098	(1,940)	
Student Services	1,836,433	1,723,360	(113,073)	
General Institutional	728,858	759,492	30,634	
Physical Plant	23,712	25,427	1,715	
Total Expenditures	11,462,117	12,910,742	1,448,625	
Transfers to Reserves and				
Designated Fund balances:*				
Designated for Operations	-	-	-	
Designated for Subsequent Year	-	-	-	
Total Transfers	-	-	-	
Other Uses				
Interfund Transfers Out	<u> </u>	15,000	15,000	
Total Other Uses	-	15,000	15,000	
Total Uses	\$11,462,117	\$12,925,742	\$1,463,625	

 $^{{}^{\}star}\mathsf{Represents}\,\mathsf{increase}\,\mathsf{or}\,\mathsf{decrease}\,\mathsf{to}\,\mathsf{designated}\,\mathsf{balance}.$

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – NON-AIDABLE BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District special revenue fund – non-aidable total resources are \$1,732,214 greater than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's special revenue fund – non-aidable are \$1,732,214 greater than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The Special Revenue Fund - Non-Aidable includes resources held for the benefit of individuals where the college has administrative involvement. This fund primarily consists of Financial Aid activity, student accident insurance, student life, and college security. Additionally, student payments provided by grants flow through this fund.

Changes in State Aid and Federal Revenue are the result of fluctuations in anticipated financial aid provided to students by state and federal governments as well as changes with the financial aid loan packaging process with the switch to Workday.

Northcentral Technical College Special Revenue Fund - Non-Aidable Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

		Recommended				
		2024-2025				
	2024-2025	Adjusted	-100			
RESOURCES	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>			
Revenues:						
Local Government	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0			
State Aids	1,438,956	1,318,125	(120,831)			
Other Student Fees	825,000	243,000	(582,000)			
Institutional Revenue	50,750	45,000	(5,750)			
Federal Revenue	10,022,643	12,448,438	2,425,795			
Total Revenues	12,437,349	14,154,563	1,717,214			
Transfers from Reserves and						
Designated Fund Balances:*						
Reserve for Student Organizations	-	15,000	15,000			
Total Transfers		15,000	15,000			
Other Funding Sources:						
Interfund Transfers In	-	-	-			
Total Transfers						
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Total Resources	\$12,437,349	\$14,169,563	\$1,732,214			
<u>USES</u>						
Expenditures:						
Instruction	\$20,000	\$15,000	(\$5,000)			
Student Services	12,329,879	14,029,576	1,699,697			
Total Expenditures	12,349,879	14,044,576	1,694,697			
Transfer to Reserves and						
Designated Fund Balances:*						
Reserve for Student Organizations	87,470	124,987	37,517			
Total Transfers	87,470	124,987	37,517			
Other Uses:						
Interfund Transfers Out						
	-	-	-			
Total Uses	\$12,437,349	\$14,169,563	\$1,732,214			

 $^{{}^{\}star}\mathsf{Represents}\,\mathsf{increase}\,\mathsf{or}\,\mathsf{decrease}\,\mathsf{to}\,\mathsf{designated}\,\mathsf{balance}.$

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District capital projects fund total resources are \$1,720,469 greater than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's capital projects fund are \$1,720,469 greater than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The Capital Projects Fund accounts for resources and related financial expenditures for the acquisition, equipping, and improvement of sites.

The variability in the capital budget is due to the timing of capital projects. The typical borrowing schedule is during the May and June timeframe and includes borrowing for future fiscal year projects. Often, a portion of these future-year funds is expended early—during the same fiscal year in which funds are received—to allow construction activity to begin shortly after the spring semester concludes and carry into the early summer months. Changes in project timing often result from a combination of factors, including adjustments to instructional program needs, unpredictability in weather conditions that impact construction windows, and potential supply chain disruptions that cause extended lead times for materials and equipment.

Northcentral Technical College Capital Projects Fund Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

	Recommended 2024-2025			
	2024-2025	Adjusted		
RESOURCES	Budget	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Revenues:				
State Aids	\$2,486,177	\$2,425,316	(\$60,861)	
Institutional Revenue	-	1,780,878	1,780,878	
Federal Revenue	696,796	1,505,614	808,818	
Total Revenues	3,182,973	5,711,808	2,528,835	
Transfers from Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Reserve for Capital Projects	1,417,172	608,806	(808,366)	
Total Transfers	1,417,172	608,806	(808,366)	
Other Funding Sources:				
Proceeds from Debt	13,500,000	13,500,000	-	
Interfund Transfers In	<u> </u>	-		
Total Other Funding Sources	13,500,000	13,500,000	-	
Total Resources	\$18,100,145	\$19,820,614	\$1,720,469	
USES				
Expenditures:				
Instructional	\$4,675,272	\$5,306,605	\$631,333	
Instructional Resources	342,604	921,352	578,748	
Student Services		7,500	7,500	
General Institutional	5,793,234	4,865,294	(927,940)	
Physical Plant	7,289,035	8,719,863	1,430,828	
Total Expenditures	18,100,145	19,820,614	1,720,469	
Transfer to Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Reserve for Capital Projects	-	-	-	
Total Transfers	-	-	-	
Other Uses:				
Interfund Transfers Out	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	_	
	-	-	-	
Total Uses	\$18,100,145	\$19,820,614	\$1,720,469	

 $^{{}^{\}star}\mathsf{Represents}\,\mathsf{increase}\,\mathsf{or}\,\mathsf{decrease}\,\mathsf{to}\,\mathsf{designated}\,\mathsf{balance}.$

DEBT FUND BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District debt fund total resources are \$1,238,970 greater than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's debt fund are \$1,238,970 greater than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The Debt Service Fund accumulates resources for, and reflects current and prior year revenues for payment of general long-term debt and long-term lease purchases.

Northcentral Technical College Debt Services Fund Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

	Recommended 2024-2025			
RESOURCES	2024-2025 <u>Budget</u>	Adjusted <u>Budget</u>	Difference	
RESOURCES	<u>buuget</u>	buaget	Difference	
Revenues:				
Local Government Revenue	\$16,047,606	\$16,592,863	\$545,257	
Institutional Revenue	143,800	222,095	78,295	
Total Revenues	16,191,406	16,814,958	623,552	
Transfers from Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Premium on Long-Term Debt	-	250,000	250,000	
Reserve for Debt Services	<u> </u>	365,418	365,418	
Total Transfers	-	615,418	615,418	
Interfund Transfers In	-	-	-	
	-	-		
Total Resources	\$16,191,406	\$17,430,376	\$1,238,970	
USES				
Expenditures:				
Physical Plant	\$15,505,800	\$17,274,475	\$1,768,675	
Total Expenditures	15,505,800	17,274,475	1,768,675	
Transfer to Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Reserve for Debt Services	685,606	155,901	(529,705)	
Total Transfers	685,606	155,901	(529,705)	
Other Funding Uses:				
Interfund Transfers Out	-	-	-	
Total Transfers	-	-	-	
Total Uses	\$16,191,406	\$17,430,376	\$1,238,970	

^{*}Represents increase or decrease to designated balance.

ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District enterprise fund total resources are \$225,046 greater than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's enterprise fund are \$225,046 greater than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The Enterprise Fund accounts for costs of providing goods or services financed primarily through user fees. This fund includes activities such as: Agriculture Center of Excellence, Auto Mechanics, Campus Store, Campus Cafe, and the Dental Clinic.

Increased activity in these funds led to the increase in both revenue and expense as compared to the original budget.

Northcentral Technical College Enterprise Fund Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

	2024-2025		
RESOURCES	<u>Budget</u>	Adjusted <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:			
Institutional Revenue	\$2,145,760	\$2,359,210	\$213,450
Total Revenues	2,145,760	2,359,210	213,450
Transfers from Reserves and			
Designated Fund Balances:*			
Retained Earnings	-	11,596	11,596
Total Transfers	-	11,596	11,596
Interfund Transfers In	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total Resources	\$2,145,760	\$2,370,806	\$225,046
USES Expenditures:			
Auxiliary Services	\$1,843,850	\$2,370,806	\$526,956
Total Expenditures	1,843,850	2,370,806	526,956
Transfer to Reserves and			
Designated Fund Balances:*			
Retained Earnings	301,910	-	(301,910)
Total Transfers	301,910	-	(301,910)
Other Funding Uses:			
Interfund Transfers Out	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-
Total Uses	\$2,145,760	\$2,370,806	\$225,046

^{*}Represents increase or decrease to designated balance.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Northcentral Technical College District internal service fund total resources are (\$2,385,789) less than budgeted for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, total uses in the District's internal service fund are (\$2,385,789) less than budgeted for fiscal year 2024-2025,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 65.90(5) (a) (b).

NOTE: The Internal Service Fund is used to account for the financial activities of goods and services provided internally by one department to other departments within the College or to other governmental units, all on a cost-reimbursement basis. This fund includes printing and duplicating, self-funded health insurance and dental insurance activity.

Effective January 1, 2025, the College transitioned away from a self-funded health insurance model to a fully insured health plan. Given that self-funded health insurance previously represented the majority of activity in this fund, the transition to a fully insured plan is the primary reason for the significant reduction in projected expenses.

Northcentral Technical College Internal Service Fund Budget Transfer Resolution 2024-2025 Budget

	Recommended 2024-2025			
	2024-2025	Adjusted		
RESOURCES	Budget	Budget	<u>Difference</u>	
Revenues:				
Institutional Revenue	6,169,084	3,834,398	(\$2,334,686)	
Total Revenues	6,169,084	3,834,398	(2,334,686)	
Transfers from Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Retained Earnings	863,516	812,413	(51,103)	
Total Transfers	863,516	812,413	(51,103)	
Interfund Transfers In	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>		
	-	-	-	
Total Resources	\$7,032,600	\$4,646,811	(\$2,385,789)	
<u>USES</u>				
Auxiliary Services	\$6,532,600	\$4,646,811	(\$1,885,789)	
Total Expenditures	6,532,600	4,646,811	(1,885,789)	
Transfer to Reserves and				
Designated Fund Balances:*				
Retained Earnings	<u> </u>		-	
Total Transfers	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers Out	500,000	<u>-</u>	(500,000)	
	500,000	-	(500,000)	
Total Uses	\$7,032,600	\$4,646,811	(\$2,385,789)	

^{*}Represents increase or decrease to designated balance.

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE:	May 6, 2025			
TOPIC:	Tentative Approval of Fiscal Yes	ear 2025-2026 Budget S	ummary and confirming a	
	ing – Budgeting any fiscal year ord Community Benefit Statemen an.	= :	-	
that "each technical whole or in part by a	o avoid material deviation NTC v college districtshall annually, p general property tax, funds on old public hearings thereon."	orior to the determinati	on of the sum to be financed in	
DATA/RESULTS: Board adoption is requested on the tentative budget summary included in the board meeting packet. The purpose for adopting this tentative budget summary is to allow time for citizen input prior to the June board meeting when final approval is sought. A public hearing is proposed for Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Noon (12:00 p.m.) at NTC, Timberwolf Conference Center/D100, 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, and via Zoom.				
AGENDA CATEGORY Regular Voting Agen	da S	summary and encourage tend a Public Hearing to on Tuesday, June 3, 202 ence Center/D100, 1000	e fiscal year 2025-2026 budget e all interested parties to at- be held at Noon (12:00 p.m.) 5, at NTC, Timberwolf Confer- OW. Campus Drive, Wausau, rpose of allowing citizen input.	
CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.				
Signed Dr. 2	Jeanis Worden	Dated	May 6, 2025	

Northcentral Technical College BUDGET SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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	Actuals	ial Revenue Funds (Estimated (1)		Actuals	All Other Funds Estimated (1)	Dudget
	FY2024	FY2025	Budget FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	Budget FY2026
	F12024	F12025	F12026	F12024	F12025	F12026
SOURCES OF FUNDS						
Revenue						
Local Government Revenue	10,829,477	11,327,234	11,644,713	16,277,975	16,692,863	16,333,600
State Aids	24,612,480	25,341,729	25,045,652	1,733,372	3,743,441	1,605,121
Statutory Program Fees	9,522,195	9,442,777	9,744,400	1,155,512	-	-
Material Fees	539,942	517,201	578,588	_	_	_
Other Student Fees	637,783	522,018	1,537,350	236,085	243,000	
Institutional Revenue (2)	8,530,375	7,744,635	7,950,186	9,992,587	8,241,581	3,002,802
Federal Revenue			2,003,026			
Total Revenue	1,732,889	2,337,747		11,848,787	13,954,052	10,438,541
i otai kevenue	56,405,141	57,233,341	58,503,915	40,088,806	42,874,937	31,380,064
Other Funding Sources						
Proceeds From Debt/Sales	=	=	=	13,907,717	13,500,000	13,000,000
Interfund Transfers In	17,243	=	1,000,000	=	15,000	75,000
Reductions in Fund Balance	236,870	810,874	3,318,063	1,574,414	1,892,332	1,216,664
Total Sources of Funds	56,659,254	58,044,215	62,821,978	55,570,937	58,282,269	45,671,728
USES OF FUNDS						
<u>Expenditures</u>	25 725 452	26 045 576	20 002 044	4 417 604	5 221 625	2 225 577
Instructional	35,725,458	36,845,576	38,803,844	4,417,624	5,321,605	2,905,577
Instructional Resources	1,262,144	1,472,637	1,420,231	608,056	921,352	515,161
Student Services	4,941,559	4,847,891	6,033,171	11,184,650	14,037,076	11,729,514
General Institutional	10,625,576	10,490,601	11,208,701	7,961,183	4,865,294	4,488,673
Physical Plant	4,009,744	4,372,511	4,381,030	21,351,980	25,994,338	22,748,028
Auxillary		-	-	9,278,995	7,017,617	3,184,774
Total Expenditures	56,564,481	58,029,215	61,846,978	54,802,488	58,157,282	45,571,728
Other Uses						
Interfund Transfers Out	-	15,000	975,000	17,243	-	100,000
Increases to Fund Balance	94,773	-	-	751,206	124,987	-
Total Uses of Funds	56,659,254	58,044,215	62,821,978	55,570,937	58,282,269	45,671,728
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FUND BALANCE						
Beginning Balance	23,221,163	23,079,066	22,268,191	32,522,161	31,698,953	29,931,608
Ending Balance	23,079,066	22,268,191	18,950,129	31,698,953	29,931,608	28,714,945
PROPERTY TAX AND EXPENDITURE HISTORY						
	Equalized				Percent	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	Mill Rate	Inc/(Dec)	
2021	\$ 18,157,430,905	0.62456	0.63817	1.26273	n/a	
2022	\$ 18,700,654,022	0.57249	0.63817	1.21066	-4.12%	
2023	\$ 21,040,837,383	0.50436	0.66551	1.16987	-3.37%	
2024	\$ 23,814,254,899	0.46549	0.65000	1.11549	-4.65%	
2025	\$ 25,926,348,437	0.43812	0.64000	1.07812	-3.35%	
2026 (3)	\$ 25,926,348,437	0.44822	0.63000	1.07822	0.01%	
	Total Expenditures	Expenditure	Tax	Tax Levy	\$100,000	
Year	All Funds	Inc/(Dec)	Levy	Inc/(Dec)	of Property	
2021	\$ 90,115,796	n/a	\$ 22,927,965	n/a	\$126.27	
2022	\$ 100,995,001	12.07%	\$ 22,640,206	-1.26%	\$121.07	
2022	\$ 101,397,267	0.40%	\$ 24,615,099	8.72%	\$116.99	
2024	\$ 111,366,969	9.83%	\$ 26,564,481	7.92%	\$111.55	
2025	\$ 116,186,497	4.33%	\$ 27,951,757	5.22%	\$107.81	
2026	\$ 107,418,706	-7.55%	\$ 27,954,435	0.01%	\$107.82	
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⁽¹⁾ Nine months actual and three months estimated.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 budget for the Northcentral Technical College District will be held at Northcentral Technical College, Timberwolf Conference Center - D100, 1000 West Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401, and via Zoom, on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

The detailed budget is available for public inspection in the district finance department.

⁽²⁾ Consists of interest income, contract revenue, gifts, grants, sales and miscellaneous revenue.

⁽³⁾ For projected neutral mill rates: 0% increase in property valuation and 1% increase in net new construction.

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

TOPIC: Program Admission Priorities/Special Circumstances

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute TCS 10.07(5m): Program Admission Priorities/Special Circumstances: "Each district board may adopt a policy to reserve a reasonable number of program spaces to accommodate ad mission for students in special circumstances. Factors which may be considered for special circumstance admissions include, but are not limited to, hardship, school-to-work program participation, special need, and enrollment diversity. District special circumstances' policies are subject to state board review and approval."

INTERPRETATION: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 10.07(5m) requiring District Board approval for special circumstances in college admissions, allowing the College to reserve a limited number of seats in high-demand programs to accommodate admission of students who fall outside the standard admission and waiting list policy. These circumstances may be varied but are thoughtfully considered to ensure the College is meeting the district's student and workforce needs.

DATA/RESULTS:

A request is made to approve the following special circumstance: Northcentral Technical College (NTC) will hold 8 to 18 spots in the Nursing program for UW-Stevens Point (UWSP) students as part of the established 1+2+1 agreement between the two colleges, aligning with our mission of providing high quality learner pathways towards a degree. This partnership program not only provides an alternative pathway for students to obtain an Associate Degree in a high-demand field, but also offers an integrated and seamless mechanism for students to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN).

AGENDA CATEGORY:

PROPOSED MOTION:

Voting Agenda

That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the program admission priorities/special circumstances as noted in the topic summary sheet.

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

Signed: Dr. Grani Worden

Dated: May 6, 2025

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

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

F1-F7 Revenue: \$90,477,627.50 F1-F7 Expense: \$91,891,462.61

AGENDA CATEGORY: PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent Agenda (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: May 6, 2025

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

TOPIC: Personnel Changes

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: 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:

• Sarah Lynch – Executive Assistant, VP Human Resources, Facilities, & Risk Management

Resignations:

- Dragomir Marinkovich Faculty, Mechanical Design & Eng Tech
- Riley Bartsch Technician, Library Services

Retirements:

- Dan Knoblock Faculty, Traffic Safety
- Dan McRoberts Faculty, Communications
- Randall Wesenick Faculty, Automotive

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent Agenda	PROPOSED MOTION: (Motion is included with consent agenda.)
CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO this date.	, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of
Signed Dr. Jeanie Worden	Dated05/06/2025



Updated: 3/26/25

Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Bunten	Tom Felch	Renae Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann	Rainer Shooter
2025										
MONDAY July 14	Annual Organizational Meeting									
August 19	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
October 15-16	WTC DBA Legal Issues Conference (WCTC)									
October 21	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 13	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)									
2026										
February 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 7	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April TBD	WTCS Ambassador Banquet (Wisconsin Dells)									
April TBD	DBA Trustees + Ambassadors Breakfast (Wisconsin Dells)									
May 5	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 16	Graduation (10:00 a.m. Wausau West Fieldhouse)									
June 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Public Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:15 p.m. Regular Meeting at 12:45 p.m.)									

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Sign Language Interpreting in Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/12/2025 **Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Jennifer Sartori Lomira School District and SLIE Advisory Committee Chairperson
- Keith Burisek WI Educational Services Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH)
- Beth Velguth Fond Du Lac School District

Interpreter:

Dawn Koplitz – Interpreter

NTC Team:

- Chanel Volpel Sign Language Interpreting in Education Instructional Assistant
- Emily Stuckenbruck Vice Provost; Learning & Executive Dean
- Erin McNally Learning Manager, School of Business
- Jason Schenzel Dean, School of Business and Learning Technology
- Vicki Shapiro Sign Language Interpreting in Education Faculty
- Valerie Becker Administrative Assistant, School of Business & Learning Technology

Industry Discussion

Funding and Service Priorities in DHH Education

Keith Burisek (WI Educational Services Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing): WESP-DHH is prioritizing supporting families with the funding they receive. This may result in more virtual services for professionals. WESP-DHH provides services for ages 3–21, including:

- Counseling services for families
- Parent mentoring programs (hearing parents with deaf children)
- Deaf mentoring programs (deaf mentors work with families in the home on ASL, vocabulary, literacy)

Professional support is often integrated into family-based services. In-person events for professionals are less of a focus due to funding allocation.

Interpreter Training, Licensing, and Workforce Challenges

Keith Burisek: WESP-DHH offers training for school-based interpreters and DHH staff. Keith emphasized the value of working with interpreter training programs and graduates, particularly around licensure. Currently, the field is experiencing a chronic shortage—25–30 educational interpreter positions currently open. Major challenges include:

- Recruitment
- Program completion
- Career retention
- Pay and benefits

Becoming an interpreter is rigorous, but there's significant employment potential.

Delayed Assessment Results and Support for Early Testing

Chanel Volpel (Northcentral Technical College): Raised concerns that people are waiting 11–12 months for EIPA test results and questioned if this is the new normal. She also shared that she will encourage students to test early in their temporary license period.

Keith Burisek: The EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) is administered by a group in Omaha under Boys Town National Research Hospital. Testing delays are due to recent retirements and test intake limits. The average



wait time is currently 9–12 months. DPI introduced a 5-year waiver license to provide flexibility during this delay. Keith recommends that interpreters test early to get results within their first year and have time for retakes if needed and praised NTC for effectively preparing students for the assessment and the profession.

Erin McNally: Noted that retesting fees can add up and be a burden.

Instructional Area/Program

Enrollment Update

Vicki Shapiro (NTC): There are currently 7 highly motivated students in the program who collaborate well and are enjoyable to work with.

Program Updates

Vicki Shapiro: We completed course competency mapping to align with program outcomes. Next steps include curriculum adjustments. In December, we held the Winter Wonderland party and had 40 deaf students and 20 adults, who are educational interpreters, parents of DHH, DHH teachers, etc., in attendance. Students came from as far as Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. There was a deaf Santa and SLIE students along with some NTC interpreters who did a performance and led interactive activities for the kids. The NTC I-Sign Club also hosted a bingo night for the community, with 30 attendees and participation from interpreting students

Keith Burisek: Praised the Winter Wonderland Party as being a powerful event that is well-received by the deaf
community and emphasized its value as great practice for new SLIE students. He stated that deaf students rarely
get such inclusive experiences, especially since many are the only deaf student in their schools.

Emily Stuckenbruck (NTC): Emily announced Vicki's upcoming retirement and spoke with heartfelt appreciation about the remarkable impact she has had throughout her career. Vicki joined NTC in July 2009, initially teaching ASL 1, 2, and 3, and also lead distance learning efforts at Fox Valley. In August 2011, she transitioned into the role of a Deaf Mentor at NTC, and by 2014, she became full-time faculty for the SLIE program. Emily highlighted Vicki's unwavering dedication to her students and her instrumental role in shaping and developing the SLIE program, ensuring it consistently delivered high-quality education. Vicki's contributions extended beyond the classroom, as she helped organize the beloved annual Winter Wonderland party at NTC, collaborated closely with Deaf Mentors, and supported students through weekly open labs. Her tireless commitment to student success and program excellence has left a lasting legacy.

As is customary with faculty retirements, especially within smaller programs, a program review is underway. While there are no concerns about program quality, Emily noted there are cost considerations due to low enrollment numbers. The team is exploring ways to increase accessibility—possibly through distance learning—while being mindful of maintaining quality. They will be looking to advisory committee members for input and will continue to accept student applications to gauge ongoing interest in the program.

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, October 29 2025, at 5:00 pm via Zoom.



TECH!	VICAL COLLEGE Board of Trustees Upcoming	gs + Eve	s + Events – 2024-2025				Updated: 4/11/25			
Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Bunten	Tom Felch	Renae Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann	Rainer Shooter
2024										
MONDAY July 8	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	Е	X	X	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	
July 23	RFSC Groundbreaking Ceremony	Χ			Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	
August 13	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	E	Χ	X	X	E	E	
September 10	WTCS State Board Meeting (NTC)	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ		Χ		
September 10	WTCS State Board Dinner (Holiday Inn)			X		X		X		
September 11	WTCS State Board Meeting (NTC)			Χ	Χ			X		
September 17	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (9:00 a.m. start time)	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	
October 15	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	E	X	E	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
November 5	Board Retreat	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	X	Е	X	X	
November 20-22	WTC DBA Fall Meeting (Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton)				X			X		
December 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	Е	Χ	X	X	X	Е	X	X	
December 14	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)	Χ								
2025										
January 14	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	Χ	E	Χ	Χ	E	Χ	E	Χ	
January 15-16	WTC DBA Legislative Seminar Capitol Day (Madison)				Χ					
January 17	ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) (Madison + Zoom)				X					
February 11	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	E	X	Χ	X	E	X	Х
March 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Е
April 8	Sawmill Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Antigo Campus)	X			X		X	X		Χ
April 8	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Antigo Campus)	X	X	E	X	E	Х	X	Х	X

Date	Event	Troy	Sherry Bunten	Tom Felch	Renae Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann	Rainer Shooter
April 10	WTCS Ambassador Banquet (Wisconsin Dells)				X			Χ		
April 11	DBA Trustees + Ambassadors Breakfast (Wisconsin Dells)				X			Х		
May 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 17	Graduation (10:00 a.m. Wausau East High School)									
June 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Public Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:15 p.m. Regular Meeting at 12:45 p.m.)									

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Locals who want to speak include Diane Tremblay, Randy Drost, Sharon Millermon

Joint Committee on Finance meets April 28 at Hayward

By Bob Zientara

Visitors are expected to show up bright and early next Monday morning, April 28, 2025, at Hayward High School, for an unusual event.

On that day, 16 lawmakers who will write Wisconsin's next two-year budget will hold a six-hour public hear-

Anyone and everyone is entitled to speak, but there are some drawbacks. Sign-ups will be taken on a first-ome, first-served basis. Which

come, first-served basis. Winch means there will probably be a line at the doors before they open at 8 a.m. If you do go, if your name is called before the 5 o'clock deadline, and if you do get to talk to the committee, you'll have only two minutes to

speak your piece.
With all that said, this is about the closest that Wisconsin's political process can get to pure democracy.

These 16 individuals (with the as sistance of the governor, who has veto power) are going to write the state's estimated \$119 billion budget for the two fiscal years that start July 1, 2026 and end June 30, 2027.

If anybody wants to persuade state leaders to spend more, spend less, or re-direct where the state's revenue is spent, this will be the time and place to do it.

"It's a mixture (of people who come to speak)," said 25th Dist. State Sen. Romaine R. Quinn, a Birchwood Republican and a member of the Joint Finance Committee.

Quinn represents a district that includes Barron and seven other northwestern Wisconsin counties.

"Everyone and their brother is trying to meet with every member.

At least three presentations are ex-

pected to come from Barron County.

• Diane Tremblay, superintendent of schools for the Barron Area School District, said that she plans to ask for additional money for special education as a means to prevent districts like Barron from having to repeatedly approach voters with "excess levy" referendums.

Her presentation also includes a request to let school district revenue limits keep pace with the Consumer Price Index

• Randy Drost, superintendent, Rice Lake Area School District, who is also expected to speak on K-12 education.

 Sharon Millermon, clerk of court for Barron County.

Along with other area clerks (including Marge Kelsey, Sawyer County and Michele Wick, Douglas County), Millermon wants the Legislature to boost its annual support for circuit court clerks by an estimated \$60 million.

She noted that in 2023, Barron County Circuit Court took in \$1,028,603.41 but retained only \$215,765.69.
• There may also be a presentation

from the Association for Equity on Funding. https://waef.net/, according to Joe Leschisin, superintendent of the Cameron School District and a member of the AEF board.

He said the association wants the state to change the funding formula so that school districts get funded on an equal per-pupil basis. Historically, school districts that weren't spending as much as others on a per-pupil basis

have had trouble keeping pace with talked about the estimated \$4 billion other, better-funded districts.

It's about money, and more

Ouinn said that when he was elected to the Assembly about a decade ago, he asked the Republican leadership to schedule one of its public budget hearings at Rice Lake. It took place in March 2015 at what was then known as UW-Barron County.

Appointed to the Joint Finance Committee last December, Quinn has already put in 14 hours at earlier sessions that took place in the southern

part of the state (see infographic).
"I've asked them to do a hearing in northern Wisconsin again," he said.
"Hayward was where we landed. We didn't want to repeat it at Rice Lake, and Hayward was the biggest place that could accommodate (the hearing) between here and Superior.

Quinn said that many speakers have court and lost.

in unbudgeted revenue that is sitting in the state treasury, thanks to a strong economy and higher tax re-

ceipts in recent years.
Federal budget cuts have are also in the conversation, he added, including whatever reductions that the Department of Government Efficiency will come up with.

But Quinn said that a March 10, 2025, Wisconsin Supreme Court decision has been an even bigger topic. By a 4-3 margin, the high court up-

held Gov. Tony Evers' partial budget veto that extended a temporary school funding increase by 400 years.

According to Wisconsin Public Ra-dio, it was in July 2023 when Evers changed the duration of a \$325 perpupil funding increase from 2025 to 2425.

Republicans challenged the veto in

State of Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

Leadership

Co-Chairs (Republicans): Rep. Mark Born, Dist. 37, Beaver Dam, and Sen. Howard Marklein, Dist. 17, Spring Green. Vice-Chairs

(Republicans): Rep. Tony Kurtz, Dist. 41, Wonewoc, and Sen. Patrick Testin, Dist. 24, Stevens Point.

Senate Republicans

Eric Wimberger, Dist. 2, Oconto; Rob Stafsholt, Dist. 10, New Richmond; Julian Bradley, Dist. 28, New Berlin and Romaine Quinn, Dist. 25, Birch-

Assembly Republicans

Shannon Zimmerman, Dist. 30, River Falls; Jessie Rodriguez, Dist. 21, Oak Creek; Alex Dallman, Dist. 39, Green Lake and Karen Hurd, Dist. 69, Withee.

Senate Democrats

LaTonya Johnson, Dist. 6, Milwaukee and Kelda Roys, Dist. 26, Madison. Assembly Democrats

Tip McGuire, Dist. 64, Kenosha, and Deb Andraca, Dist. 23, Whitefish Bay

Meeting schedule:

- Wednesday, April 2, 2025, Kaukauna High School
- Friday, April 4 Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, West Allis
 Monday, April 28 Hayward High School gymnasium
 Tuesday, April 29 North Central Technical College, Wausau

- Each public hearing lasts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a lunch break.
 Testimony will end at 5 p.m. Those who don't get to speak can email their comments to budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov

Source: Wisconsin Legislature



Want to see a Looney Lutheran guide to love, marriage, and other relationships, then don't miss "It Could Be Worse" on stage Wednesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 8, at the Heyde Center for the Arts in Chippewa Falls. Tickets for the lunch & show are Adults \$41-Seniors \$39--and Youth \$25. A cash bar will open at 11:30 a.m., lunch is at 12 p.m., and the show starts at 1 p.m. Prices for the show only are Adults \$21, Seniors \$9 and Youth \$10. The Heyde Center for the Arts is located at 3 South High Street, Chippewa Falls, Wis., phone 715-726-9000--www.726-9000--www.cvca.net.





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Board Of Education Approves Hires, Trip To Europe

An exciting opportunity for international travel will be available to Thorp High School students and community members after the Board of Education approved a student trip to Europe during their monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Bryce Connor, a social studies teacher at Thorp, gave a presentation on the nine-day trip, which includes stops in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. The trip will cost students \$4,999 and will take place in June of 2026. The approval of the trip fixes the price at \$4,999, though adults must pay an additional \$100 for hotel accommodations.

"The purpose of this trip is to explore the topic of the Holocaust on a much deeper and more intellectual approach," Connors said. "So this is not a vacation; we're not going to the beach. This is an educational experience."

Three days will be spent in Munich, Germany, three days in Prague, Czech Republic and the Palace of Justice, where the Nuremburg Trials were held, and two more days are spent in Krakow, Poland. The trip consists of a tour of the infamous Dachau and Auschwitz concentration camps as well as visits to museums and a chance to see life in a European city.

"All these tours are guided with people who live in these areas, speak the native language and also speak English," Connor said. "Every student is also rigged with an earpiece that translates the native language directly into English."

Connor recommended the district go with travel company ACIS, as they do not have hidden fees on their tours. Connor said ACIS provides meals along with tipping, eliminating the need for currency exchange.

Connor said the trip is open to community numbers, and **School Board Continued on page 9**

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requires at least six participants, but is only open to students in the School District of Thorp. However, due to the sensitive nature of the trip, he suggested keeping it confined to Thorp High School students.

"I do want to put a bit of warning on this," Connor said. "All of this trip is centered around Holocaust remembrance, so you will be exposed to very sensitive content; it's rough. They are going to show the pictures and the videos and the bodies. That requires a certain level of maturity."

ACIS also helps with fundraising and Connor said he is actively looking for donations from the community to help support the trip. An itinerary of the Holocaust Remembrance - Educational Tour can be found on ACIS's website at https://acis.com/trips/tour-detail/holocaust-remembrance/?code=HRB.

Connor said ACIS handles transportation logistics, and it will require a passport. ACIS also has basic protection plans should someone need to cancel the trip on short notice.

"This would be, in my opinion, a life-altering experience for our students," Connor said. "With the rise of antisemitic incidents across the United States and the world, this is a topic I feel needs to be discussed more."

Other business

The board approved the resignation of Kurt Girard as seventh grade boys' basketball coach and the retirement of Jan Stroinski, who had been serving as an interventionist.

The board approved Erin Klapatauskas and Caitlin Lauria as assistant track coaches. Also approved were Jacob Barth as a sixth-grade teacher, Abby Wundrow as a speech/language pathologist, Trever Derksen as a high school science teacher and Brandon Baldry as Thorp Elementary School Principal.

The district continues to discuss a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Board of Education president Jeanette Kodl offered suggestions, such as surveys, to help with greater community engagement, sharing of district wide goals and retention of students and district growth.

Thorp High School Principal Adrian Foster said on May 7 students have the option of visiting either **NTC** in Rice Lake or UW – Eau Claire and UW – Oshkosh to see examples of post-secondary education thanks to donations from the Thorp Alumni Association.





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Wisconsin Awards \$468,255 in CDL Grants to Train 260 Drivers

Driver Shortage Accounts for 6,000 Open Positions a Year on State Job Board



The <u>Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</u> has awarded \$468,255 in grants for commercial driver license training to get 260 drivers on the road.

Wisconsin is facing a driver shortage. According to DWD, the state posts 6,000 job openings for truck drivers annually at the Job Center of Wisconsin website. On April 23, a search of truck driver jobs revealed more than 500 open positions in the state.

"As a leading 'hot job' in Wisconsin, there is high demand for skilled drivers to fill positions across our state," said <u>DWD</u>
Secretary Amy Pechacek. "These training grants will help meet demand and provide trainees the opportunity to gain jobs with family-sustaining wages."

The average yearly salary in Wisconsin for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers is \$56,000, as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Pechacek

State funds were given to 17 organizations in 13 counties throughout Wisconsin to encourage 260 people to take up careers in professional truck driving. The grants are provided under the DWD in the state's Commercial Driver Training Grant program, established to meet workforce needs for this high-demand occupation.

Grants reimburse the cost of training students for a CDL through awards of \$10,000 to \$30,000, which can pay for half of the training costs for each student, or \$3,000 — whichever is less.

Planning to train a dozen students each are Rock Gate Capital in Milwaukee County (awarded \$29,700) and <u>Fox Valley Technical College</u> in Outagamie County (\$28,470) for Class A training.

"This grant allows us to focus specifically on our FVTC regional centers and our relationships in those communities," said Rob Behnke, director of truck driving programs. "Barriers to a quality career often include cost and the length of training. This grant significantly reduces both those barriers. It creates a fantastic opportunity to get to the industry more quickly without giving up quality levels of training."

Grants of \$30,000 went to:

- Elexco Inc. in Seymour to train 11 people to obtain their CDL license with a tanker endorsement to meet the excavating contractor company's needs.
- Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation Inc. in Eau Claire to train 22 students.
- Dark Horse CDL School in Winnebago County to train 12 people.

Three CDL training sites in Waukesha County were awarded grants. Next Level CDL Institute in Butler plans to train 10 drivers in Class A or B licenses. Visu-Sewer in Waukesha County will receive \$16,576 to train eight Class B CDL holders. Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee will use state funds to instruct 48 students to obtain a Class A license.

"This grant is great news for WCTC's truck driving program. It will give our truck driving students financial assistance, which will be greatly appreciated," said Mark Rzeznik, associate dean of graphics, construction and transportation. "Over the past three years, WCTC has graduated 320 professional truck drivers. We are on pace this academic year to have over 100 graduates."

Northcentral Technical College in Wausau was awarded \$30,000 to provide Class A training to 30 people at its CDL Training Center in Merrill and area small business sites.

Dane County received two grants to pay for Class A training. Family-owned Frank Beverage Group in Middleton was awarded \$30,000 to provide 10 drivers to meet its operational needs in 19 counties. Watco Cos. intends to use the \$13,259 in state funds to train seven team members.



Students discover future possibilities at manufacturing camps









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Local college teams up with Michigan Tech to bring science event

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) - Michigan Tech held an event called STEM Fest at the NTC campus in Wausau.

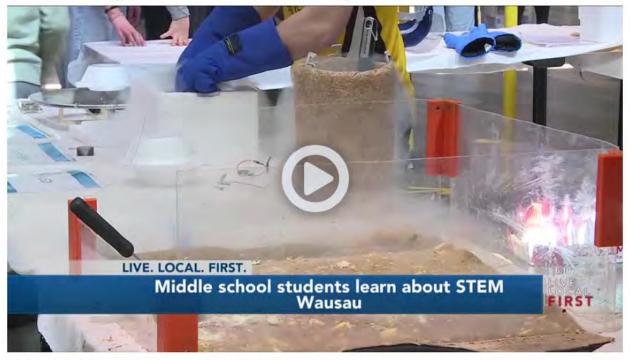
The group is called 'The Mind Trekers'. Their goal is to find fun ways to implement science that would catch the mind of the youth and their families. The students had a ton of fun experiments and interactive learning opportunities.

Kira Shaffer, President of The Mind Trekers and student at Michigan Tech said, "To me it's really important to get anyone exposure to science... I feel like especially in school, you'll have like one bad experience... Yes it can be challenging, but there's this really cool side to it... These demos are just made to make science fun. Everyone has a great time they are very interactive."

The star of the show was the fan favorite liquid nitrogen explosion that they held once every hour of the event. Michigan Tech leaders credit pulling off the event to their sponsors along with North Central Technical college.



Thousands of middle schoolers converge on NTC campus for STEM Fest



STEM Fest continues Saturday and is open to the public from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wausau campus

By Madison Maronde

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Around 5,000 students from across the state attended Northcentral Technical College's STEM Fest on Friday.

They learned about bike-powered fans, a liquid nitrogen-caused water explosion and even nitrogen-made ice cream.

Michigan Tech students helped to run the more than 75 STEM exploration stations. Student volunteer Hannah Monville loves her role in sparking scientific interest in young minds.

"I want them to take away that science is more than just what they learn in school and that math is more than just what they learn in school," she said. "It's that there are so many different dimensions of science, and if they can find something that they're passionate in, that's really cool."

Cassy Tefft de Muñoz, the executive director of the Center for Educational Outreach at Michigan Tech, says this is the fifth time the event has run thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

"We are really thrilled to be able to be back again. This is one of our longest running events, it's also one of our largest festivals," Tefft de Muñoz said. "The Michigan Tech Mind Trekkers program travels all across the country doing festivals like these and this particular event here in Wausau is absolutely one of our largest."

NTC's free STEM event runs from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. The community is welcome, and there will be food trucks on site.

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NTC in Antigo opens multi-million dollar sawmill

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A number of area teachers are being recognized by the Herb Kohl Foundation as outstanding educators.

In all, 114 teachers and administrators were picked this year.

The educators are being recognized for their exceptional leadership, dedication to students and commitment to educational excellence.

Each winner will receive a Teacher Fellowship award of \$6,000. Their schools will also receive a matching \$6,000 grant to further support student learning and

Here are the winners from our area:

- Cara Shepherd, Crandon Crandon Middle School, Crandon
- Peter Aerts, Eagle River Northland Pines High School, Eagle River
- Robert Hughes, Rothschild NTC Alternative High School, Wausau
- Katherine Janssen, Eagle River Northland Pines High School, Eagle River
- Scott McKenzie, Eagle River Northland Pines Elementary, Eagle River
- Steven Miller, Conover Northland Pines High School, Eagle River
- Patricia Rickman, Rhinelander Northland Pines Montessori, Saint Germain
- Kristine Dix, Medford Medford Elementary, Medford
- Morgan Mueller, Medford Owen-Withee High School, Owen



Local restaurant holds fundraiser for future nurses

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) - La Taqueria in Wausau hosted NTC for a fundraiser for their Student Nurses Association.

From 11 AM to 6 PM nursing students were at the restaurant supporting their fellow student as well as the restaurant. Each sale that was made had a percentage go directly to the SNA to help out the future nurses.

Reed Champagne, a nursing teacher at NTC as well as the advisor for the SNA said, "We have a great program first off at NTC that allows us to produce a lot of great nurses for this

community that we need... Having that sense of togetherness and collaboration, really helps not only establish those roots as a student. But then as they get into their profession, they are ready to go."

A fourth semester nursing student and president of the SNA, Kaylee Podevels said, "It means a lot, it really great. You know us nursing students go through a lot in nursing school. The 2 years is tough so having people that are willing to get in and be involved is great."



Budget Listening Session Scheduled for Tuesday at NTC

By Mike Leischner

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WAUSAU, WI (WSAU) — Wisconsin's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee will hold its last listening session with residents in Wausau.

The session begins at 10 AM in the Center for Health Services and runs through 5 PM. Residents are encouraged to come out and provide feedback on what they'd like to see in the new two-year spending plan.

Those who can't make the in-person session can submit written feedback through an online public comment form. Click here for more information.

It's the last of four listening sessions. The statewide tour began on April 2nd in Kaukauna with stops in West Allis and Hayward.

The new two-year budget remains a work in progress. The current fiscal year ends on June 30th.

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NTC opens state-of-the-art training sawmill

April 17, 2025





Leaders from Northcentral Technical College, the Wisconsin Technical College System, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. gather April 8 during the ribbon cutting event at NTC's sawmill training facility in Antigo. Photo courtesy NTC.

WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College recently celebrated the grand opening of its state-of-the-art sawmill at the NTC Antigo campus marking a significant investment in hands-on, industry-aligned education for students entering or already employed in lumber manufacturing fields.

The new sawmill stands as the only commercial scale training facility of its kind in the United States, NTC said. Designed to prepare students for careers in the lumber industry, the facility features advanced commercial equipment and emphasizes safety, efficiency and best practices without the pressure of full-scale production.

"We are pleased to partner with state and local government, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and local businesses to bring state of the art, one of a kind training to Antigo, while building educational pathways in the wood and forest products industries at NTC," said Jeannie Worden, president of NTC.

"The forestry industry is a huge part of the economy in Wisconsin," said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. "This sawmill will help train and prepare the industry's future workforce to make sure forestry continues to thrive."

Inside the sawmill, students work through the entire lumber production process – from debarked logs to finished, quality inspected boards. Key equipment includes a 54" head saw, a horizontal band resaw, a two-saw optimized edger

and a two-saw trimmer. All machine centers are elevated for better teaching access and are supported by a complete residue handling system that recycles byproducts.

The sawmill is being funded as part of the \$8 million state Workforce Innovation Grant that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point received to address the forestry industry's workforce shortage. The WIG program is a joint effort between the WEDC And the Department of Workforce Development.

"As a public service university, UW-Stevens Point is excited to help find solutions to workforce needs in our communities and industries," said UWSP Chancellor Thomas Gibson. "The new sawmill and UWSP and NTC's collaborative Mill Technology Immersion Training Program are direct responses to the need for highly skilled commercial operators within the forest products sector."

The sawmill supports multiple NTC programs, including the wood science associate degree, wood technology technical diploma and a variety of specialized certificates.

To learn more, visit www.ntc.edu/about/locations-facilities/wood-technology-center-excellence/sawmill.

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Sawmill in Antigo will help with training for Northcentral Technical College

WXPR | By WAOW Television Austin Schindler





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Antigo NTC campus cuts ribbon on new sawmill

By: Wyatt Williams Apr 8, 2025



ANTIGO, Wis. (WJFW) -- With the swift cut of a ribbon the brand new \$5 million facility was turned loose for students looking to sharpen their craft in the sawmill business.

The project was funded by grants, and a partnership with UW-Stevens Point.

This facility allows students to learn and gain experience on equipment they'll be using daily in the workforce.

Jeannie Worden, President, NTC, said, "When we think about the sawmill, one of the things that's

most important to Northcentral Technical College is that we want to make sure our students are learning on and about the latest and greatest technology," said Jeannie Worden, NTC President. "As they go out into the workforce they're able to support their employers and learn on the latest technology."

The sawmill is the only one like it in the country. NTC decided Antigo was perfect for the mill, due to its logging history. "All of the technical colleges are invested and making sure that they represent their local workforce and the employers in this area," Worden said. "The woods inter-industry happens to be one of the biggest in Langlade County, so we're serving that local need."

UWSP Chancellor, Thomas Gibson said the decision to work with NTC was one that wasn't difficult to make. "They have expertise in sawmill technology, it was a no-brainer for UWSP to partner with NTC in this way," Gibson said.



Wisconsin Forestry Center

April 2025 Newsletter

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at NTC's State-of-the-Art Sawmill

Last Tuesday, the Wisconsin Forestry Center and leadership from the College of Natural Resources and UW-Stevens Point joined our partners at Northcentral Technical College (NTC) for the ribbon cutting ceremony of their new sawmill. The new mill is a one-of-a-kind facility aimed at providing industry standard training in wood science and sawmill technology.

Located in Antigo, Wisconsin, the new sawmill is the only commercial scale training sawmill in the United States, and advances the Wisconsin Forestry Careers Coalition's mission of addressing the urgent need for skilled workers in the forestry industry. By providing students with the opportunity to train without the pressure of production, students will learn how to use equipment safely and efficiently, while engaging in best practices that align with industry's high standards.

The sawmill features state-of-the-art equipment, including a head saw, resaw, optimized edger, and scanner, allowing students to use precise technology as they expand their knowledge and prepare for a career in the wood manufacturing industry.

NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence offers several programs that will utilize the Sawmill, including a Wood Science Associate degree, a Wood Technology Technical diploma, and multiple certificate and training programs. Credits can also transfer from NTC to UWSP for students wanting to pursue a university degree.

This project was made possible through the Workforce Innovation Grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

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BUSINESS

From chasing spy balloons to saving family farms, AI in Wisconsin has arrived

Rick Barrett and Eva Wen Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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In early 2023 as Americans anxiously watched a Chinese spy balloon drift across the country, <u>a Delafield firm</u> used artificial intelligence, or AI, to locate the balloon's launch site in Hainan, China.

RAIC Labs founder Corey Jaskolski started with a simple hand drawing of what the balloon might look like in satellite images, knowing that many satellite cameras take photos through separate colored filters in fractions of a second.

"I drew something resembling a red, green and blue snowman," he said.

He then fed the image into an AI model that searched 18 trillion pixels of satellite data for a 100-pixel photo of the real thing. It was like looking for a needle in a haystack, but in this case, AI provided a powerful magnet.

To his astonishment, Jaskolski got his first hit in two minutes. From there, over several days, his firm discovered where the balloon originated by tracing its path from China.

It was a pioneering moment in AI, which is the use of computer systems to perform tasks usually requiring human intelligence, such as perceiving, reasoning, problem solving, and even exercising creativity.

Jaskolski founded RAIC in 2019 to provide deeper insights into visual data analysis for a wide range of applications including tracking poachers of endangered animals and search-and-rescue missions.

"Finding the Chinese balloon was a textbook-use case for RAIC and a perfect test of what the technology could help accomplish," he said.



Al has provided a huge boost for not only image tracking but also some of Wisconsin's most important industries, including medical research, agriculture, and factory automation. Experts such as Google CEO Sundar Pichai have said Al is as important as electricity was more than a century ago.

"The real challenge is the speed with which it is arriving," said Jack Uldrich, a global futurist and author from Minneapolis. "The amount of change we're going to see within the next few years will be absolutely astounding."



that," Uldrich said.

Al could eliminate work, or even jobs, in high-paying fields

About one-in-five U.S. workers have jobs with tasks that are likely to be aided or replaced by AI, according to a Pew Research Center study.

Occupations with repetitive routine tasks are likely at risk.

"To the extent it's just number crunching, AI is really good at

Occupations with the greatest exposure to AI tended to be in higher-paying fields where individuals had a college education, the 2023 Pew study noted.

Workers with a bachelor's degree or more (27%) were more likely than those with only a high school diploma (12%) to have the most exposure.

A greater share of women (21%) than men (17%) were more likely to be affected by AI because of differences in the types of jobs they held, the study found.

Still, another Pew study found that many U.S. workers did not feel threatened by AI, especially if they were familiar with emerging technologies. For instance, 32% of workers surveyed in information and technology said AI would help more than hurt them.

It's unclear to what extent AI will lead to job losses, according to Pew research.

Customer service agents, for example, could be replaced by AI, or the technology could enhance their productivity.

All may create new types of occupations, much as the internet created jobs such as website developers. It may also increase employment by boosting the economy through higher productivity.

Powerful and increasingly available AI tools have already changed the way people work, according to a state of Wisconsin task force studying the issues.

Many people now use AI in writing emails, reports, and summarizing documents. It's commonly used for applications such as making product recommendations, fraud detection and supply chain management, the task force said in a 2024 report.



Some uses need a "human-in-the-loop" to manage and check Al's work, while others do not. The emerging technology could help fill gaps in occupations where there are worker shortages.

"We have demographic challenges that have been working against us for decades," said Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Amy Pechacek.

"Right now we physically do not have enough people to fill the current number of jobs. And so what a wonderful and fortuitous time for technology to advance to a point where generative AI can help augment virtually every industry and occupation, to some degree," she added.



administrative burden through automation."

In medicine, AI is more than a note pad

About three in five (66%) physicians surveyed in 2024 indicated they <u>used AI in their practice</u>, up significantly from 38% in 2023, according to the American Medical Association.

Many doctors use AI in writing clinic notes or responding to insurance companies. The top area of opportunity for AI according to 57% of the doctors surveyed was "addressing

However AI has much greater value in the medical field where researchers are developing tools to assist clinicians, oncologists, and patients with life-changing decisions.

At University of Wisconsin-Madison, radiology and biomedical engineering professor Pallavi Tiwari is leading a team of researchers to make cancer diagnoses more comprehensive with the help of AI. Tiwari is also one of the leaders for the school's RISE-AI and RISE-THRIVE initiatives focused on AI in advancing health outcomes.

Tiwari's lab trained an AI tool that would help give "diagnostic, prognostic and predictive answers" for cancer patients based on previous patient diagnoses, treatments and outcomes. According to Tiwari, the AI trains on past patient data shared by international institutions. By looking at how thousands of cases played out with different diagnoses and treatments, the AI would help doctors analyze the optimal treatment for particular patients.

"These questions are currently being answered in a very subjective, qualitative manner, not necessarily data-driven," she said. "And that's where I think AI can have a huge impact."

The technologies will likely be used in doctors' offices in the next three to five years, Tiwari said. To make sure the tools will be helpful to medical professionals, the team has consulted clinicians, oncologists and radiologists.

"(The doctors) understand what's happening. And because they understand, it's not a black box anymore," she said. "And that is really the way to go forward for AI to be adopted into clinical practices."

Al could help save family farms

Some Wisconsin farmers are using artificial intelligence to help build a bridge to the future. Many are asking themselves whether a small conventional dairy operation is still the best use of their land and talent, and if so, how they can make it work.



Al analysis of agricultural trends could help farmers with decisions in a marketplace often strained by overproduction and conflicts between global trading partners.

Through AI, dairy farms of the future could be diversified into areas such as cattle genetics and producing specialty milk for biopharmaceuticals.

Artificial intelligence will be integrated with data gathered across an entire farmstead, down to bacteria in the soil where crops are raised, improving productivity.

University of Wisconsin-Stout and River Falls, as well as Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, are developing Al technologies to help farmers increase crop yields.



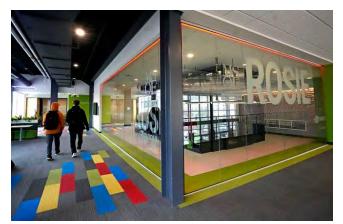
"With our growing world population, the Earth itself is not getting any bigger," said Jenna Breitenfeldt, a farm and outreach technician at Northcentral Technical College.

"We need to feed all the people with the land that we have," she said.

Researchers are talking with farmers about customizing the technology for their needs.

"If somebody is interested in your design, it means the market needs it and what you're doing is meaningful," said Yuan Xing, a UW-Stout engineering professor and project leader.

Taking supply and demand into consideration, UW-Madison, along with University of Arkansas and University of Florida, are developing a user-friendly tool that would help specialty crop farms predict market demand, suggest pricing and analyze profits.



Milwaukee is a leader in AI education

Milwaukee School of Engineering recently announced a \$125 million fundraising campaign for a new academic building and greater efforts to make the university a leader in applied AI and robotics education.

The 97,000-square-foot Robert D. Kern Engineering Innovation Center will house the Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence

Education, various engineering departments, and the User Experience program.

The university is establishing the Dwight and Dian Diercks School of Advanced Computing, integrating AI into a wide range of degree programs beyond engineering.



A 1990 graduate of MSOE, Dwight Diercks is senior vice president of software engineering at Nvidia, a Silicon Valley firm on the cutting edge of AI with around 30,000 employees and \$130 billion in annual revenue. The group Diercks oversees has around 9,000 employees and a \$2.3 billion budget.

"Dian and I saw the incredible opportunity that AI was going to have on computer science and beyond, and we wanted to help MSOE be at the forefront of that revolution," he said.

Microsoft Corp. is planning a major expansion of AI education and job training programs in Wisconsin to accompany data

centers it's building in Mount Pleasant and Kenosha.

Microsoft says the goal is to provide training for 100,000 people.

Microsoft has established a manufacturing-focused AI Co-Innovation Lab at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the first of its kind in the country. The program has already started working with a handful of manufacturers, the company said in March.

The lab will connect companies with Microsoft's experts to design and prototype AI solutions. It aims to serve 270 companies by 2030.

Microsoft says its training will bolster participation in the AI economy through a varied approach for students, workers in need of new skills, and business leaders.



Beyond the spy balloon, RAIC Labs finds a rare bird

In tracing the path of the Chinese spy balloon over millions of square miles of unlabeled satellite data, RAIC Labs says it performed an AI imagery analysis most would have thought impossible. The company worked with the Visual Investigations Team at the New York Times to publish its results.

RAIC's AI has been used in a variety of contexts, including defense, search-and-rescue, and wildlife conservation.

For example, RAIC technology discovered a bird thought to have been wiped out decades ago on the Pacific island of Palmyra.

It was a wedge-tailed shearwater — one of eight ground-nesting seabird species believed to have been locally eliminated from Palmyra during World War II when rats, cats and other non-native species arrived by ship. But in an analysis of millions of bird images from the island, RAIC's AI flagged two of the wedge-tailed shearwaters.

The Cable News Network used RAIC to reveal the impact of Israel's 2023 bombardment of Gaza, detecting more than 500 craters from 2,000-pound bombs in satellite imagery and providing real-time insights into the scale of destruction.

RAIC had a role in the Hobby-Eberly Telescope Dark Energy Experiment, increasing the usable data by 50% and accelerating an analysis of the most elusive phenomena in the universe.

Jaskolski, a Wisconsin native, said a previous position he held with National Geographic inspired him to start RAIC Labs.



He developed AI-based technologies used for tracking poachers of rhinos for their horns and elephants for their ivory. In 2020 he was named the Rolex National Geographic Explorer of the Year.

"Jaskolski's work has taken him to all seven continents on projects like scuba diving among the icebergs in Antarctica, descending 12,500 feet below the ocean's surface in a threeperson submarine to explore the Titanic, leading a helicopter-

based effort to produce a high-resolution aerial LIDAR map of the Nepalese side of Everest, and venturing deep inside flooded caves while digitizing Maya human sacrifice victims and Ice Age bear skeletons," National Geographic says on its website.

With master's degrees in computer science and electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Jaskolski has combined his passion for AI with exploration, photography and wanting to make a difference in the world.

"One of the things that really keeps me passionate about RAIC Labs is knowing we're advancing the state of the art in AI. We're continuing to innovate and push the boundaries of what's possible," he said.

Al is no substitute for the human heart

Artificial intelligence has rapidly become adept at mimicking the human mind, for good or for worse.

Al-generated content poses the risk of spreading misinformation and causing harm, especially if policymakers aren't privy to how it works and who's behind it.

It's concerning when policymakers think of AI as "something akin to magic" and fail to regulate the technology properly, said Annette Zimmermann, an assistant professor of philosophy at UW-Madison who studies AI and machine learning.

As people increasingly rely on Al-generated content, more measures should be in place to ensure users receive accurate information, Zimmermann said.

Although Al-generated content is usually accompanied by warnings about potential errors, the disclaimers don't necessarily provide users with the tools to understand what the misinformation is, she added.

The power of AI to make the world a better place, or not, is immense depending on how it's used, according to Uldrich, the futurist from Minnesota.

But don't underestimate the power of the human spirit which machines will never realize.

"Unless we also tap into and harness the power of the human heart and the spirit of something greater than ourselves, we will not achieve either the future we desire or a future that is worthy of our immense responsibility to future generations," Uldrich said.



Northcentral Technical College to host STEM Fest this weekend

By Desiree Fischer

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Northcentral Technical College and the Michigan Tech Mind Trekkers are pleased to announce the return of STEM Fest, a dynamic and interactive event celebrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics at NTC's Wausau Campus Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At STEM Fest, attendees will experience the awe and power of science through hands-on experimentation, guided by students from Michigan Technological University. It presents a unique opportunity to experience science in action with engaging activities such as:

- · Playing a piano made of bananas
- · Skewering a balloon without popping it
- · Stepping inside a giant bubble

STEM Fest provides an interactive learning environment that blends fun with education, making scientific concepts accessible and exciting. Attendees will be able to explore exhibits, engage with STEM professionals and participate in experiments that showcase the real-world applications of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Mind Trekkers is a nationally acclaimed traveling STEM roadshow that brings high-energy, hands-on experiments to communities across the country. It is designed to inspire curiosity and foster a love for STEM fields among students of all ages. The event brings together educators, industry professionals and the community to highlight the importance of STEM education in building a strong future workforce.

STEM Fest is free and open to the public. Families, educators and STEM enthusiasts are encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit: www.ntc.edu/stem-fest.

Celebrate National Apprenticeship Day with Expanding Opportunities

BY KELSI SEUBERT APR 30, 2025



(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC), in proud partnership with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and the Department of Workforce Development, is excited to celebrate National Apprenticeship Day Wednesday, April 30.

As the demand for skilled workers continues to rise, apprenticeships offer a proven solution by bridging the gap between education and employment. These programs allow participants to "earn while they learn," combining paid, hands-on experience with classroom instruction to build valuable, workplace-relevant skills. Apprenticeships offer career seekers an affordable path to highwage, high-demand careers while providing employers with a pipeline of well-trained talent.

NTC's apprenticeship program continues to grow and currently supports 200 apprentices across 14 different apprenticeship programs. This spring, 40 apprentices are set to graduate, showcasing the strength and success of NTC's commitment to workforce development.

In addition, NTC is proud to announce the launch of its first Early Childhood Teacher apprenticeship program, beginning this fall. This is an exciting opportunity designed to address critical needs in the early education sector.

National Apprenticeship Day is a time to recognize the important contributions apprenticeships make to businesses, communities and the broader community. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 90% of apprentices remain employed after completing their program, highlighting the effectiveness of this model in building lasting careers.

NTC remains dedicated to expanding apprenticeship opportunities, strengthening partnerships with industry and preparing students for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

Central Wisconsin Al Center To Host Al, Coffee and Donuts Series

BY KELSI SEUBERT APR 28, 2025



(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and the Central Wisconsin AI Center (CWAIC) are excited to invite business owners, executives, entrepreneurs, industry professionals, educators and AI enthusiasts to their upcoming "AI, Coffee and Donuts," part of a free monthly series exploring the latest advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and how businesses can harness AI.

This engaging series aims to foster discussions around the latest developments in AI and its applications across various industries. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, collaborate, stay informed and discover how AI can enhance decision making, optimize operations and create new business models.

The May event will highlight AI agents, which are artificial intelligence that use one or more models/services to complete tasks and can access internal or external systems on a user's behalf. This enables AI agents to make decisions and take actions with minimal human oversight. For example, Chatbots simulate conversation, help troubleshoot and help guide users through processes. Attendees at this event can learn how AI agents can reshape their industry.

This event is free and open to the public. Join us Friday, May 16 at 7:30 a.m. in E101 on the NTC Wausau Campus.

To learn more + register for this event, visit: www.ntc.edu/calendar/2025/05/16/cwaic-monthly-ai-coffee-donuts-series.

Farm & Culture Fest

BY KELSI SEUBERT APR 24, 2025



(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce Film, Farm & Culture Fest of Wausau (FFCFW) 2025. FFCFW is an annual summer meeting place for audiences and young filmmakers to celebrate award-winning independent films selected from around the world. The film festival program includes fiction and documentary films exploring the relationships between farming, land and rural life.

"Our goal for the film festival is to bring community members together for an engaging conversation and exchange about our primal connection to the land and agriculture," said Jila Nikpay, Videography Faculty and NTC.

Film screenings will be held at the Woodson History Center (410 McIndoe Street, Wausau, WI 54403) from July 18 through August 9 on Fridays and Saturdays. Film titles for the weekly screening will be announced Monday, July 7.

Film Screening Schedule:

- Friday, July 18 + Saturday, July 19
- Friday, July 25 + Saturday, July 26
- Friday, August 1 + Saturday, August 2
- Friday, August 8 + Saturday, August 9

Additionally, NTC's video production faculty will offer summer labs for aspiring film makers. The video production summer labs aim to educate future filmmakers through hands-on, collaborative filmmaking at Studio 7, a state-of-the-art video production facility on NTC's Wausau campus.

Video Production Summer Lab Schedule:

- Short Narrative Production: July 14, 16 + 18 (9 AM to 1 PM)
- Documentary Production: July 21, 23 + 25 (9 AM to 1 PM)
- Product Commercial: July 28, 30, August 1 (9 AM to 1 PM)
- Intro to Motion Graphics: August 4, 6 + 8 (9 AM to 1 PM)

The film festival screenings and video production labs are presented by NTC and organized by the Studio 7 Video Production faculty.

To learn more about FFCFW 2025 or the summer video production labs, visit: www.filmfarmculturefest.com.

Caitlin Johnson Begins Journey as NTC's Newest WTCS Ambassador

BY KALEY FECH APR 14, 2025

Caitlin Johnson has spent the past few years discovering who she is, and that journey led her to Northcentral Technical College (NTC).

After high school, she felt she wasn't ready for college and instead chose to serve in the United States Navy as a sonar technician.

"I love the person who I turned into because of it," she said. "I wouldn't change it. It gave me independence. It taught me how strong I really am."

After four years, she moved home and began the process of figuring out what she wanted to do next. Caitlin said she had put so much of herself into her service that the military had become her whole identity, and it was time to find herself again.

Her mom suggested to her that she go to school, and this time, Caitlin was ready. She felt a calling to become a nurse, and she chose NTC because of the high quality of the nursing program and the welcoming atmosphere of the institution. She said she loves her instructors, and she has been able to meet other nontraditional students like herself, which has made her feel at home at NTC.

"I feel like for the first time since the miliary I've found my purpose," she said. "I think having purpose in life is so important."

After completing the nursing program at NTC, Caitlin would like to get into aesthetic nursing, with a dream to one day open her own medical spa. She said she is excited to see where her path takes her.

Caitlin has been selected as the school's 2025 Wisconsin Technical College System's (WTCS) ambassador.

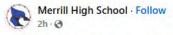
"The interview committee was blown away by Caitlin's story and impressed by how well she represented herself throughout the interview process," said Shawn Sullivan, Director of Student Retention and Engagement. "As I have worked with Caitlin since her selection, I continue to be confident she will be a great representative of not only NTC, but the entire Wisconsin Technical College System."

Each of the 16 technical colleges in the WTCS select one student each year to serve as the ambassador and participate in a leadership development and recognition program. The WTCS Ambassador program is designed to create public awareness and appreciation for technical colleges, highlight the technical skills, academic achievements, community impact and leadership of technical college students and graduates and encourage collaboration among state and local education, workforce and economic development and industry partners.

"Every year, these individuals share their unique stories, reflecting different backgrounds, perspectives, and professional goals and yet, there is a consistent theme of how impactful their attendance at a technical college has been for them," Shawn said. "Common themes are always affordability, accessibility and exemplary faculty and staff that are all committed to helping students meet their goals."

Caitlin said she is honored to have been chosen as NTC's ambassador, and she is excited to meet the ambassadors from the other colleges and hear their stories.

"I am pretty spiritual and was wondering if I was on the right path, so I asked for a sign," Caitlin said. "And then this happened. It really solidified there is a plan for me."



This Bluejay has a plan. Devon Ament will be attending Northcentral Technical College for Radiography. Congratulations Devon!





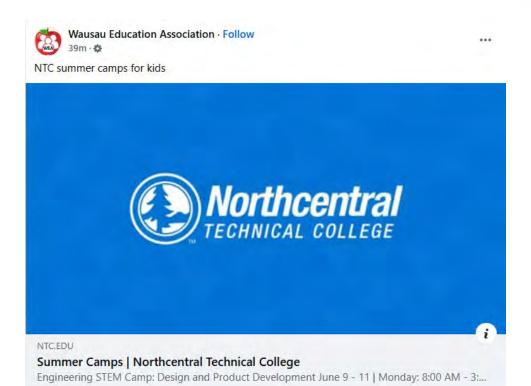
Thank you to Northcentral Technical College for showcasing a hands-on learning experience that



WITESOL: Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages · Follow 23h · 🚱

Exciting news for ML professionals!

WITESOL is hosting a FREE Regional Mini Conference at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau on Friday, May 16th from 12-4 p.... See more





Regional Mini Conference for ELL Professionals

Teaching Strategies & Classroom Best Practices

Join us for a hands-on, engaging professional development event!

Friday, May 16, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Northcentral Technical College, Room D100 1000 W Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

Event Format: Hands-On Swap Shops & Round Tables

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- Reggie Smith, Al Project Manager at NTC
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- · Eunjee Jang, Assistant Professor, UW-River Falls **How Reading Motivation Affects**

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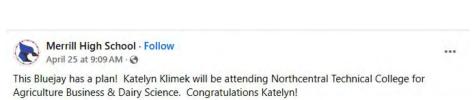
- Networking opportunities with fellow educators
- · Interactive sessions for practical
- · Door prizes . FREE lunch and refreshments



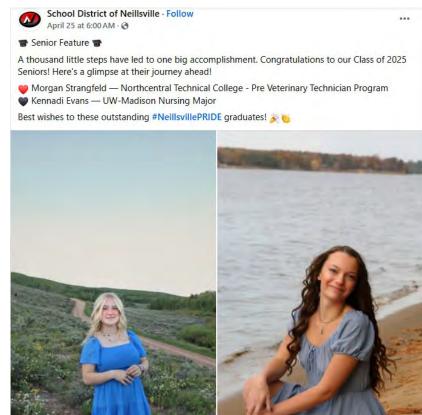
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🔉 Calling all future Certified Nursing Assistants: Marshfield Clinic Will Cover Your Training!



Marshfield Clinic has partnered with @Northcentral Technical College to offer a CNA Training Program. Candidates interested in opportunities at Marshfield Clinic hospitals in Weston, Minocqua or Marshfield are encouraged to apply.

Full details:

- · Marshfield Clinic covers the full cost of tuition and books.
- · Classes are held 5-10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, a balance for work and other
- Classes begin June 2 July 23, 2025 (no classes from June 30-July 4).
- · Gain valuable hands-on health care experience while completing the training.
- · A minimum of one year in a .5 FTE (20 hours per week) or higher in a CNA position is required upon certification.
 - Must be 16 years old
 - May 5, 2025 is the deadline to apply or until class reaches 10 students.
 - Apply here: https://marshfieldclinichealthsystems.wd5.myworkdayjobs.c...

For questions, email Jenny Schad at schad.jennifer@marshfieldclinic.org or call her at 715-389-5517.





This Bluejay has a plan! Marley Krueger will be attending Northcentral Technical College for Dental Hygiene. Congratulations Marley!





High fives and big vibes for the Class of 2025!

> We're sending our #PESDHawks graduates off with pride and excitement as they embark on their next chapter.

Today, we celebrate Aleea Bonner!

Technical College

Major/Minor: Dental

Congratulations, Aleea!

#ThriveWith25





Centergy, Inc. is with Northcentral Technical College and Aspirus Health. · Follow April 25 at 1:00 PM · ❸

It was great attending the 2025 Business EXPO last week! We had a wonderful time networking, connecting with our investors, and celebrating local success.

The Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce also announced the 2025 Small Business of the Year Award recipients—check them out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCUxm79DCol

Swipe through to see some familiar faces we caught at the event!
#WausauEXPO #SmallBusinessAwards #CentergyInvestors #BusinessSuccess





Extra! Extra! Be sure to check your inbox today to catch the latest edition of our newsletter to read up on the exciting events going on at the Wisconsin Forestry Center, including exciting details about Northcentral Technical College's new Sawmill facility ribbon cutting ceremony, upcoming workshops, and information on our webinar series!

Not subscribed? Visit our website at https://bit.ly/wfcnewsletter to stay up-to-date on everything we have to offer!







Congratulations to Business Education students from #WausauSchools West High for earning their industry-recognized Microsoft Office Specialist Master certifications by passing exams in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel!

MOS Master certification demonstrates you have the deepest level of skills needed to proficiently use key office programs needed and required in today's industries. In total, 39 certifications have been earned so far this semester!

Special thanks to Northcentral Technical College for their support of these programs.







BottleCap Mosaics by Danna · Follow

Just wrapped up a vibrant *Mosaic House Numbers* workshop at Northcentral Technical College - Antigo Campus! I had the joy of working with 5 incredible participants who each created their own unique masterpiece using broken colored glass, ceramic plates, and even pebbles. It was such a pleasure to spend time with this creative group, and I'm so proud of what they accomplished.

Excited to announce I'll be running this workshop again in the fall—stay tuned!

Explore more at bottlecapmosaics.com

#MosaicArt #MosaicWorkshop #HouseNumberArt #CreativeCommunity #AntigoWI #NTC #MosaicArtist #DIYMosaic #ArtClassFun #GlassArt #PebbleArt #UpcycledArt #BottlecapMosaics #FallWorkshop #MakeArtWithMe





Congratulations to Marissa Flannery, Kaylee Kegley, and Lindsey Mihalko!

We are thrilled to announce that these talented students received State Awards at the regional WRAP-Teen Art Exhibit!

Their incredible artwork was chosen from among submissions by students across seven area communities: Antigo, Crandon, Elcho, Rhinelander, Three Lakes, Wabeno, and White Lake. The exhibit was proudly hosted at Northcentral Technical College in Antigo, and sponsored by the Association of Wisconsin Artists (AWA) and Antigo Visual Arts (AVA).

Out of all entries, only 10 pieces were selected for state recognition by the exhibit's judge — and Marissa, Kaylee, and Lindsey's work stood out!

Their pieces will now move on to be showcased at the AWA WRAP State Conference this summer at the Center for the Visual Arts in Wausau.

Way to go, artists! / !-

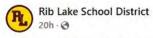
#StudentSuccess #TeenArtExhibit #WRAP2025 #FutureArtists #ArtMatters #ProudMoment





This Bluejay has a plan! McKenna Thomas will be attending Northcentral Technical College. Congratulations McKenna!





Last week, our 6th and 7th grade students visited Northcentral Technical College for STEM Fest! Students took part in a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math activities, including making ice cream, creating electricity with bicycles, and making paper! #RLSD #RLSDPRide

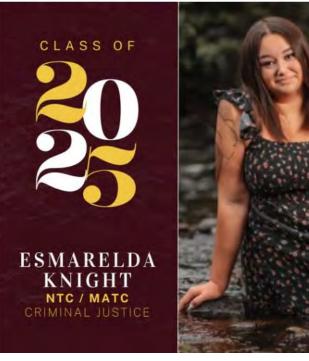


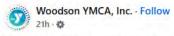




During high school, Esmarelda has been involved in Spanish Club. After graduation, she plans to attend either Northcentral Technical College or Milwaukee Area Technical College and pursue a degree in criminal justice. She hopes to one day be a paralegal.

Congratulations, Esmarelda! #RLSD #RLSDPride





We've got the plan-you bring the excitement. Just register!

During this week, Explorers will be taking several day trips around the Wausau area.
NorthCentral Technical College will be hosting explorers for E-Sports, and they will tour the campus to learn more about the opportunities they have to offer. This week will also include a trip to Manmade Lake, where explorers can swim or relax on the beach.

The highlight of this week will be a trip to Polito's Pizza, where explorers will learn the "behind the scenes" of pizza making. After their learning and dining experience at Polito's, explorers will return to camp for a late night with a campfire and night games. This week will be an unforgettable experience for explorers to learn new skills and make new friends.

https://www.woodsonymca.com/specialty-camp/





ANTIGO -- On the evening of April 17, the halls of Northcentral Technical College-Antigo campus were alive with creativity as the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP-Teen) held its annual exhibit reception.



ANTIGOJOURNAL.COM

'Art is not merely a pastime.' Teen artists celebrated at WRAP-Teen exhibition
ANTIGO -- On the evening of April 17, the halls of Northcentral Technical College-Antigo cam...



In conjunction with our usual operations, we have been serving as a host site for the Certified Firefighter 2 training program this spring.

The course includes several of our own firefighters and has been instructed by our fire officers, who are also certified fire instructors with Northcentral Technical College Fire + EMS Training.

This past week, students displayed their proficiency in testing fire hose and applying foam.





The juniors went to visit UW-Stevens Point and Northcentral Technical College. It was an amazing visit! Lots of great memories and good information learned.

#HigherLearning #CHSSoar #CSDSoar





We're thrilled to celebrate Greg Zabrowski as he prepares to graduate from NCS! He'll be continuing his journey at Northcentral Technical College this fall.
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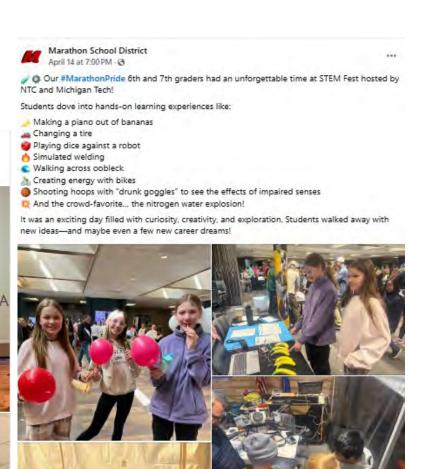




This Bluejay has a plan! Haylea Drabek will be attending Northcentral Technical College for Business. Congratulations Haylea!









Northcentral Technical College Fire + EMS Training April 7 at 11:05 AM ⋅ 🚱

It's been a very busy semester here at the Public Safety Center of Excellence. Our Firefighting Principles class at Colby High School has been running full stream ahead. Our day and night





Northcentral Technical College Fire + EMS Training April 13 at 1:00 PM ⋅ 🚱

Saturday April 12th was a busy day. Our Colby High School class and our day and night Merrill classes completed their live fire evolutions. It was a busy day full of activities. Special thank you to our friends at the Salvation Army for their support of our program and ensuring that all the instructors and students were well nourished and hydrated.













Michigan Tech Mind Trekkers is with Northcentral Technical College. 18h. 3

A massive THANK YOU to Northcentral Technical College and all of our incredible sponsors for making this year's STEM Fest one to remember!

Your support helped bring science to life for hundreds of curious minds. We watched students become scientists, engineers, and explorers—one hands-on activity at a time.

We're so grateful for partners who believe in the power of STEM to ignite passion, creativity, and endless possibilities. Because of you, the next generation is ready to build, lead, and discover. Until next time—keep wondering, keep exploring, and keep asking "what if?"

#MindTrekkers #STEMFest2025 #MichiganTech #NTC #STEMeducation #HandsOnSTEM #FutureReady



Peoples State Bank was recently highlighted in Northcentral Technical College's article for its Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program. NTC remains dedicated to workforce development through its YA program. For nearly 20 years, Peoples has been a proud and committed supporter, mentoring high school students in the finance field. Read the full article below!



NTC Youth Apprenticeship Program Partners with Peoples State Bank to Build Future Financial Leaders | Northcentral Technical College





Unified School District of Antigo April 15 at 10:11 AM · ❸

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Our 6th and 7th graders attended the Northcentral Technical College STEM Fest in Wausau last Friday. It was a great opportunity to explore various science, technology, ... See more





Mosaic Massage and Float Center is in Antigo. \cdot Follow

April 16 at 8:00 AM · 🚱

Get ready for more massage availability, Antigo! We're thrilled to welcome Jenna, our newest team member, to Mosaic Massage and Float Center. Jenna will soon be a licensed massage therapist after graduating this May from Northcentral Technical College's Therapeutic Massage program. This means we'll soon be expanding our calendar to offer you even more relaxation and wellness options. Join us in giving her a warm welcome!





Interested in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)? We will pay for your training!

Marshfield Clinic is offering a unique opportunity for individuals passionate about healthcare at their Marshfield Medical Center – Weston site. We have partnered with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) to offer a CNA Training Program to help you jumpstart your healthcare career! Candidates interested in opportunities in Weston, Minocqua or Marshfield may be considered!

Program Details

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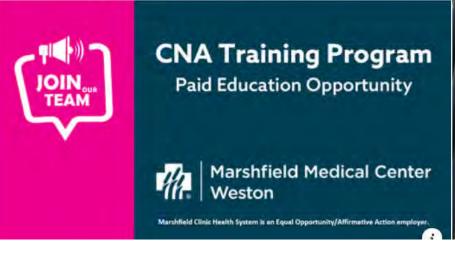
spoulght on our "marathon had class of 2025.

Join us in celebrating these incredible seniors and their exciting next steps! 🍆

- Alyssa Sessions will be attending Northcentral Technical College for Nursing.
- Riley Ott plans to attending NTC for Welding.

Way to go, Alyssa and Riley! Your hard work and dedication have brought you this far, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next!

Drop a congratulatory message in the comments to cheer them on! 🎊









SparkForce, The FMA Foundation

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Not just learning to weld - learning they belong here. 👌



This is the future of manufacturing.

Northcentral Technical College

Miller Welders

#SparkForceFoundation #FMAmfg





SENIOR CELEBRATIONS:

Kari Schwingle from Peoples State Bank presented SPASH Senior, Miranda Mansavage, a \$500 Scholarship award today. Miranda will be attending Northcentral Technical College this fall to study Dental Hygiene.

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Thank you to Peoples State Bank for supporting SPASH seniors. Congratulations, Miranda! The future is bright!

#PointProud #spashpride #scholarships #peoplesstatebank #NTC #dentalhygienist #CTEworks





Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation · Follow

Check this out!

Students at Northcentral Technical College now have a place to sharpen their skills.

The Antigo campus recently celebrated the opening of a brand new sawmill.

This one-of-a-kind facility in the country allows students to learn by using the equipment they'll end up using in the workplace.

The Antigo community has a rich history of logging, so it was a natural location for this facility.

This project was supported in part by a Workforce Innovation Grant through a partnership with UW-Stevens Point.

WEDC Deputy Secretary Sam Rikkers attended the ribbon cutting ceremony last week.

Learn more: https://www.waow.com/.../article_65355bc5-bd5a-4400-a037...

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Segura & Sons Mushroom Farm is at Northcentral Technical College Agricultural Center Of Excellence. • Follow

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DC Everest Idea School is at Northcentral Technical College. \cdot Follow April 12 at 12:07 PM \cdot Wausau \cdot \odot

Thanks NTC for hosting the Midtrekkers event again this year. We had a blast.





Middle school students from #WausauSchools attended the Michigan Tech Mind Trekkers STEM Fest event at Northcentral Technical College!

Mind Trekkers is a nationally acclaimed traveling STEM roadshow bringing high-energy, hands-on STEM festivals to communities around the country. Guided by Michigan Tech students, participants will discover firsthand the awe and power of science through experimentation. From being inside a bubble to skewering a balloon without popping it, to playing a piano made of bananas--Mind Trekkers serves to bring communities together to support an educational ecosystem and a strong future workforce in STEM.





Marathon County Supervisor & DC Everest Board Member Yee Leng Xiong · Follow April 16 at 12:27 PM · ❸

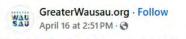
Yesterday, I had the immense honor, alongside Public Safety Chair Jean Maszk, of presenting a resolution recognizing Brian Fiene for his outstanding years of service in shaping and teaching future law enforcement officers.

Mr. Fiene recently retired from Northcentral Technical College, where he made a lasting impact as an instructor in Law Enforcement. His dedication extended beyond the classroom; he served as a reserve deputy with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office and held the position of Deputy Chief of the Wisconsin State Fair Police.

It is no exaggeration to say that Brian has played a crucial role in the training and uplifting of hundreds of law enforcement officers. Thank you, Mr. Fiene, for your unwavering commitment and the legacy you leave behind!







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Join us for Northcentral Technical College's Community Open House next... | Northcentral Technical College

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Stem Fest 2025 is here!

As a stem-based business focused on Civil Engineering, Environmental Consulting, and Survey as well as Safety Compliance, we are thrilled to team up with Northcentral Technical College and the area businesses shown below, to sponsor this amazing event.

Educating area youth though learning opportunities that help them on the path to a successful future is a passion of ours.

"Thank you" to the Michigan Technological University students for sharing your time and talents with the youth in our area. We hope that you consider Wausau, and one of our outstanding area companies when you're ready to begin your new career.

Festivities for the public begin tomorrow, April 12th, at 9:00 a.m. on the Wausau NTC campus. This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to learn more about STEM through a variety of hands-on activities. You don't want to miss it!

#STEMeducation #STEMLearning #students #studentsuccess #civilengineering #civildesign #environmentalscience #EnvironmentalConsulting #Surveying #surveyor #relengineeringwausau #wausau #wausauwisconsin





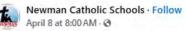
Tongratulations to Brock Gasper, a soon-to-be graduate of NCS! We're so proud of him and excited for all that's ahead. This fall, he will be attending Northcentral Te... See more











■ Join us in celebrating Anthony Moua, who will graduate from NCS this spring! He's headed to Northcentral Technical College this fall — and we couldn't be prouder.

#NCSGrad2025





At STEM Fest, attendees will experience the awe and power of science through hands-on experimentation, guided by students from Michigan Technological University.



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Northcentral Technical College to host STEM Fest this weekend

Attendees will experience the awe and power of science through hands-on experimentation, g...

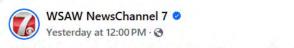


What a fantastic day at Northcentral Technical College! We were thrilled to join the community for the ribbon cutting of NTC's new Sawmill Training Center.

We're honored to be the design partner on this collaborative project, which will support the forestry industry in Langlade County and beyond—an industry that supports over 50,000 jobs in Wisconsin.

Congrats to all involved in the project!





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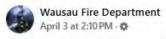
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Behind the Scenes at NTC's Studio 7

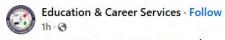
Firefighter Rich recently had the chance to sit down with Adam Kong, a Video Production student at Northcentral Technical College, for an upcoming project focused on the importance of Community Communication Specialists in public safety.

Adam has a passion for helping others tell their stories, and his latest project shines a light on how powerful video and storytelling can be in connecting communities. Rich shared how watching our department's recruitment videos played a big role in his decision to apply at Wausau Fire.

Huge thanks to NTC and Adam for collaborating with us and highlighting the impact of strong communication in today's fire service!







Flooring Installation Technician Program



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Kayla and Mackenzie attended the "Dental Career and Transfer Fair" at Northcentral Technical College today.

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They had a great time meeting and networking with other dental professionals and students. Northcentral Technical College



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betting more often showering or bathing at night, keeping windows closed and staying inside when the pollen count is high. happening tomorrow, northcentral technical college is hosting a free sealant of that for kids. it runs from 08:00am to noon at their wausau campus and is open to kids ages 6 to 17 sealants are thin protective coatings. >> applied to back teeth to help prevent cavities. the application is pretty quick and painless. they will be provided by ntc, dental hygiene, students under the supervision of dentists and hygienists appointments are required. they can be made by calling the number which is listed right there on your



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Wake Up Wisconsin 6AM on News 9

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submit their evidence. the board also voted to subpoena both bernard and jacobson for a hearing on that matter. that will be scheduled for april 30th. and happening today, northcentral technical college is hosting a free sealant event for kids that run from 08:00am to noon. >> at their wausau campus, it's open from kids from 6 to 7 team. sealants are thin protective coating is applied to back to you to help prevent cavities application. a quick and painless that will be provided by ntc, dental hygiene, students the supervision of dentists and hygienists. if you want to make an appointment, give the number at the bottom of your screen. a call during the day today. >> in the weather, it looks pretty good for today. we're



WSAW (CBS) 4/7/2025 11:05:45 PM

Wausau, WI

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Local Viewership: 4,413

Local Publicity Value: \$333.75

least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, and have the ability to pedal a bike. starting this friday, northcentral technical college will host a 2-day festival for science and engineering the college is teaming up with michigan tech university's mind trekkers team. friday's activities are for registered middle schools only. saturday, the public can come out between 9 and 2 to learn more about science, technology, engineering, and math, or 'stem'. before the brewers take the field august 24, the team will honor legendary broadcaster bob uecker. bob costas, a longtime friend and former colleague of



WAOW (ABC) 4/8/2025 10:01:44 PM

Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 10PM

Local Viewership: 11,203 Local Publicity Value: \$701.23

support of pat snyder who got this going and we're still out here trying our best to stop it from happening to someone else. the future is now for northcentral technical college in an ago they open up a brand-new sawmill for their lumber and forestry program. hasta schiller was there for the ribbon cutting today. he has more on how this facility can keep an ago thriving for years to come. >> i'm hearing and ago right behind the campus as they ready to open up their brand new multi-million dollar saw mail. so the college and its students taking a massive step into the future. >> only one of in the country



WAOW (ABC) 4/9/2025 6:33:13 AM

Wausau, WI

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Local Viewership: 1,552

this going and we're still out here trying our best to stop it from happening to someone else. well, the future is now for northcentral technical college. in an ago they opened up a brand new sawmill for their lumber and forestry program. austin schindler was there yesterday for the ribbon cutting and has more on how this facility can keep annabelle thriving for years to come. >> i'm hearing and ago right behind the campus as they ready to open up their brand new multi-million dollar saw mail. so the college and its students taking a massive step into the future. >> only in the country

Local Publicity Value: \$61.68



WSAW (CBS) 4/11/2025 5:11:14 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 5

Local Viewership: 10,772 Local Publicity Value: \$448.80

increasing to 6 to 11 mph in the morning. winds could gust as high as 20 mph. today and tomorrow, northcentral technical college is hosting a 2-day festival for science and engineering. the college is teaming up with michigan tech university's mind trekkers team. today's activities are for registered middle schools only. but tomorrow, the public can come out between 9 and 2 to learn more about science, technology, engineering, and math, or 'stem'. we've got more from staff and volunteers on how they make such a large event possible, that's tonight on newschannel 7 at 6. newschannel seven is excited to partner with the milwaukee brewers to bring you ten games this season free, over-the-air!



WSAW (CBS) 4/11/2025 10:06:26 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 10

Local Viewership: 8,635 Local Publicity Value: \$552.30

milwaukee's health department says it is committed to finding local solutions. about five thousand middle schoolers from across the state gathered at northcentral technical college to learn about stem. they got to see how bike powered fans worked, a liquid nitrogen caused water explosion, even nitrogen made ice cream. tomorrow, you can take in all the fun as well at n-t-c. it runs from 9 to 2. the event is free.) senator patrick testin visited noble community clinics in stevens point, to read to a group of young children, and see the impact of a new reading program. this is the third clinic visit with a legislator, and first in the stevens point area,



WAOW (ABC) 4/14/2025 6:36:51 AM

Wausau, WI

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Local Viewership: 1,866 Local Publicity Value: \$111.84

group called the mind of truckers. their goal is to find fun ways to implement science. that would catch the mind of youth and their families. they held an event again over the weekend at northcentral technical college in wausau. it was open to the public and the students who came and attended had a lot of fun with those experiments and interactive learning opportunities. >> that's really important. you want to exposure to science. i feel like especially in school why you'll have like one bad experience you can be challenging. but there's this really cool side to it. these demos are just made to make science fun, right? everyone has a great time. they're very interactive. >> and the star of the show



WSAW (CBS) 4/15/2025 10:05:57 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 10

Local Viewership: 17,165 Local Publicity Value: \$1,347.68

the wisconsin legislature's budget writing committee. people will have a chance to share their thoughts in wausau on april 29th at northcentral technical college. a bipartisan bill proposal would secure more guns in the state. it would make gun safes exempt from state sales tax. during a public hearing today in madison, many spoke in favor of it. the proposal promotes secure storage of guns, which advocates say address safety concerns. governor evers included a similar proposal in his 2025-2027 state budget. he also included the same idea in his previous state budget, but republicans removed it. lawmakers also debated



WSAW (CBS) 4/22/2025 6:04:44 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 6

Local Viewership: 15,825 Local Publicity Value: \$1,036.84

committee is scheduled to host a public hearing in wausau one week from today. that starts at 10 a-m at northcentral technical college. governor tony evers laid out his biennial state budget back in february. those on the committee want to get input about *what should be included. that's why they're holding the public hearings. the governor says education is one item of importance. :26 we believe that there is sufficient money to increase some areas, especially education, but also to make sure that property taxes for the average property taxpayer stays the same. and so all we have to do is work together and we are talking about we can't just take



WJFW (NBC) 4/29/2025 5:00:39 PM

Wausau, WI

Newswatch 12 at 5

Local Viewership: 6,844 Local Publicity Value: \$283.68

good evening, i'm dan hagen. the joint finance committee controls the budget writing process in wisconsin and today, northcentral technical college in wausau was home to the final joint finance committee public hearing is gives elected officials a way to learn more about communities and find places to put taxpayer dollars that they wouldn't be able to find unless doing this groundwork has on their community and the support they need for that sort of thing, so you get a good



WSAW (CBS) 4/29/2025 10:08:30 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 10

Local Viewership: 17,165 Local Publicity Value: \$1,347.68

maronde has some of the takeaways from the event at northcentral technical college. budget requests at todays hearing ranged from more funding for libraries, to public transportation and special education. advocates from learn in my shoes pushed for an increase in refunds districts get. they say last year-more than 3-and-a-half million dollars was taken from general education funds, to support special needs programs. learn in my shoes says, the funding shortage is harming the rights of students with special needs. (tiffany schanno-co-founder learn in my shoes) "being able to access curriculum, being able to have equal access as their peers, and right now the legislature is not taking their rights seriously and they are

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