

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)
(ZOOM MEETING ID: 849 8307 4591 | PASSWORD: 619987)

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.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Oath of Office for Appointed District Board Members
- B. Election of Board Chairperson
- C. Election of Vice Chairperson
- D. Election of Secretary-Treasurer
- E. Establish WTC District Boards Association Committee Representatives
- F. [Establish 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates](#)
- G. Annual Board Conduct and Ethics Acknowledgement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2024, Board of Trustees Public Hearing + Regular Meeting

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:
 - a. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
 - b. [Personnel Changes](#)

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- A. Industry 4.0: Agriculture – Emily Stuckenbruck + Greg Cisewski

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President’s Report
 - a. Graduate Outcomes Report (Handout) – Katie Felch
 - b. Outcomes-Based Funding Annual Report (Handout) – Katie Felch
 - c. WTCS State Board Meeting at NTC: September 10-11, 2024
 - d. [End of Year College-Wide Accomplishments](#)
 - e. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson’s Report
 - a. Review of Draft Board Policy – 2.8: Board Members Role
 - b. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
- C. Information
 - a. [Out-of-State Tuition Remission](#)
 - b. [Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)
 - c. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
 - d. [Good News](#)

CLOSED SESSION (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE OPEN MEETING)

- A. Adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of:
 - a. Conducting Year End Review + Approval of President’s Performance and Contract

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.



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntten	VACANT	Tom Felch	Renee Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann
2024										
MONDAY July 8	Annual Organizational Meeting									
August 13	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
September 10-11	WTCS State Board Meeting Hosted at NTC									
September 17	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (9:00 a.m. start time)									
October 15	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
November 5	Board Retreat									
November 7-9	WTC DBA Fall Meeting (Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton)									
December 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Lunch at 12:00 p.m. w/Foundation Board)									
December 14	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)									
2025										
January 14	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
January 16	WTC DBA Legislative Seminar Capitol Day (Madison)									
January 17	ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) – TENTATIVE Either January or April – Hosted by the DBA									
February 11	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 8	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Tentative: Antigo Campus)									
April 10	WTCS Ambassador Banquet (Wisconsin Dells)									
April 11	ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) – TENTATIVE Either January or April – Hosted by the DBA									

May 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 17	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ Wausau West Fieldhouse)									
June 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Public Budget Hearing at 12:15 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:30 p.m. Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.)									

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

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

MEETING DATE: July 8, 2024

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 **May 31, 2024** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue: \$99,778,020.73

F1-F7 Expense: \$92,274,076.28

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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

Signed:

Dr. Jeanis Worden

Dated: July 8, 2024

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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TOPIC: Personnel Changes

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INTERPRETATION: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 38.12 (3) “The district board shall employ and fix the compensation...” and Wisconsin Statute 118.22 (2) “...No teacher may be employed... except by a majority vote of the full membership of the board. Nothing in this section prevents the modification or termination of a contract by mutual agreement of the teacher and the board.”

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

New Hires:

- Andrew Cashin – Assistant, ARC & Esports
- Andrew Taylor – Instructional Designer

Resignations:

- Kristina Topness – Instructional Designer
- Scott Will – Custodian, Floors
- Julie Knetter – Instructional Assistant, Nursing
- Katie Koleske – Manager, Apprenticeship
- Jamie Meyer – Assistant Manager, Bookstore

Retirements:

- Brian Fiene – Faculty, Criminal Justice
- John Connor – Faculty, EMS
- Shane Heilmann – Director, Public Safety & Community Safety Simulation Center (CSSC)

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Signed Dr. Janis Worden

Dated 7/8/2024

2023-2024 End of Year College-Wide Accomplishments

July 8, 2024

**Bold items are new since January's mid-year accomplishments report*

Learner Success

- The dental clinic converted to a new dental records software vendor, Axium. In addition, students have begun utilizing a Radiography Simulator and a Dental Pharmacy app. These changes have led to improved student interactions and skills when working with patients.
- The Medical Laboratory Technician Distance Learning program admitted 12 students, essentially doubling the program's numbers.
- The Surgical Technology program admitted its first cohort of associate degree students. The program also admitted a cohort of technical diploma students to ensure a supply of graduates annually.
- During the 2022-2023 academic year, NTC served the 3rd highest number of Adult Basic Education (ABE) participants in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), and our Measurable Skill Gain was 2nd highest in the WTCS.
- Nursing is running National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) prep "boot camps" to help prepare 4th semester students for their Nursing boards. **Students attained a remarkable 99% pass rate!**
- **Alternative High School had 106 graduates.**
- **Had 90 adult GED/HSED graduates.**
- **Adult Education/English Language Learner enrollments are up 12%.**
- There are over 60 students enrolled in Associate of Arts/Associate of Science.
- Law Enforcement (LE) Academy had 21 students enrolled in Fall of 2023 (tied for the highest numbers in our LE academy history).
- CDL was granted usage of Taylor Street to gain access to the back driving pad. This trial run was for 6 months while we tracked usage.
- The 2022 Paramedic cohort had a 100 percent pass rate for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).
- Student Services, in collaboration with Academic Excellence, implemented tutoring services for Medford Campus Health Academy students.
- **Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) had a very successful year:**
 - **125 NTC students accepted membership.**
 - **Earned 5-Star Chapter for 11th year in a row.**
 - **Top 100 Chapter**
 - **Most Distinguished Chapter in Wisconsin**
 - **3rd place – College Project: Creating Connections to Combat Loneliness**
 - **1st place – Honors in Action Project**
 - **1st place – Honors in Action Theme Award (Architecture and Design of Play)**
 - **2nd place – Distinguished Chapter Officer Team**

- **Hosted nearly 450 student-focused events (including club activities and meetings). 55 of them were community service based.**
- 44 additional courses were moved to Direct Digital Access, giving students day-one access to their required course materials, and saving them an estimated \$17,500.
- Implemented a new pathway and program start option for Nursing. The new pathway is a non-HESI pathway that accounts for previously earned college credits.
- The School of Agriculture, Transportation and Utilities Career and Transfer Fair had 51 students attend with a total of 21 employers and 2 transfer partners in attendance.
- Expanded the Health Academic Resource Center (ARC) in Center for Health Science (CHS) to include more private learning spaces. The overall ARC space more than doubled in size and included more private individual spaces with the use of cubicle wall furniture systems.
- Launched a redesigned class search, course pages, and class pages of our website to improve the user experience of comparing courses and selecting classes, and to make the content more accessible.
- **Two Machine Tool students attended the National SkillsUSA competition through support of our program and faculty.**
- **School of Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing welding student, Grace Koehler, appointed as new NTC student ambassador for the 2025 school year.**
- **100% of Dental Hygiene graduates passed the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) examination. CRDTS is the skills competency examination required for state licensure.**
- **Medical Coding has doubled the number of enrolled students in four years. The program now has 200 enrolled students per year.**
- **By expanding partnerships with our local healthcare agencies, the Surgical Technology program will now enroll 18 students each fall, and Radiography will increase to 30 students each fall.**
- **The Phlebotomy program has grown and is now running two sections during summer, with a total of 20 students. This is in large part due to partnerships with healthcare, and our K12 staff marketing the program to high school students.**
- **Cybersecurity program became the largest program in IT and graduated their largest class since program inception.**
- **Alternative High School students earned 135 post-secondary credits while concurrently pursuing their high school credential.**
- **Start College Now (SCN) had 262 unique student participants across 47 different high schools.**
- **8,050 duplicated high school students took 513 Dual Credit classes, taught by 209 dual credit teachers.**
- **Distance Learning classes had 424 students. Distance learning classes provide high school students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits. Students complete NTC courses taught by NTC faculty without ever leaving their high school building with the use of Zoom.**
- **Hosted five job fairs, serving 348 students.**
- **Student Life conducted 184 resume and cover letter reviews, and 190 mock interviews for students.**
- **IT Helpdesk worked and closed 1,901 student and staff tickets and answered 3,146 calls.**
- **Criminal Justice (CJ) program student tutoring and physical tactic development pilot started to increase student success and completion in Law Enforcement, Jail Academy, and Criminal Justice Associate Degree Programs. This was led by CJ Faculty with the partnership of local law enforcement agencies and their student candidates and/or future candidates for employment**

and may be a model for future opportunities for the continued development of agency-employed officers and NTC's Workforce Training + Professional Development team.

- **Completed annual Graduate Outcomes survey with 61% response rate; up from 58% last year. This has a positive impact to our Outcomes Based Funding.**
- **Highlighted NTC student stories with revitalized social media and communication strategies.**
- **Designed and rolled out a new, more prominent Criminal Background and Health Record information callout/alert for program pages of our website, ensuring that prospective students are aware of and understand these requirements before applying.**
- **Updated all our website's Competitive Admissions Process (formerly Petition) pages and references to use the new terminology: "Program Declaration Process" due to process changes resulting from the rollout of Workday.**
- **Twenty-seven Professional Agriculture Students (PAS) competed at State competition in the Wisconsin Dells. Twenty-one of the students went on to compete at the National competition in Springfield, Illinois.**

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion + Accessibility (DEIA)

- Created a Women in Engineering club for all female students interested in Engineering Technology and related careers.
- Four students and four staff members participated in the WisCORE Conference, bringing back ideas to help make NTC more welcoming for all students, staff, and visitors.
- Piloted telemedicine services for students, offering them free access to board-certified doctors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year free of charge.
- Printed new edition of Spanish viewbook for our community members and K12s with higher populations of Spanish language speakers.
- Provided foster youth with specially made bags of hygiene products and provided sweatshirts, blankets, and socks with the goal to connect foster youth to NTC.
- Disability Services experienced a 21% increase in students requesting and receiving alternative textbooks and accessible materials and a 50% increase in students renting adaptive equipment, such as smart pens, audio recorders and C-pens to support the student in the classroom and break down barriers caused by their disability.
- There are 80 students receiving tuition support through the Promise, with 195 additional students receiving wrap-around services.
- All flyers/materials are remediated with accessibility software, Equidox, to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.
- **Created active shooter training video in eight additional languages to ensure all students have access to important safety information. Languages include Chinese, English, Farsi, French, Hmong, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.**
- **Continuing to explore Women in Manufacturing and diversity in our Engineering programs via Career Pathways grant work and partnerships with community organizations (e.g. Engineering Tomorrow).**
- **Provided tours and career exploration for students and guests in partnership with the Hmong American Center.**

- **Spencer Campus staff cover the Spanish interpreter phone line for the College and receive approximately 120 phone calls per year.**
- **College Prep Center (CPC) faculty attended Spanish Resource fairs in the Medford/Spencer areas to promote English Language Learner (ELL) classes and other regional campus resources.**
- **Partnered with NTC's Workforce Training + Professional Development, Traffic Safety/Juvenile Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) program, and Antigo High School to offer educational opportunities and the development of Truancy and AODA student education.**

Access

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) open labs were held at surrounding campuses for all EMS classes to support identified student needs and those of community industry partners, aimed at outlying departments within the district.
- FireVent customized training trailer was delivered in August of 2023 which will be used to work with on-campus partners as well as with remote sites/Workforce Training + Professional Development (WTPD).
- Awarded \$776,584 in new Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) grants for FY24.
- Partnering with QUEST Childcare on a project providing no cost entry level childcare training
- Expanded Community Technology Centers to all regional campuses.
 - **682 people served**
 - **30 office rentals**
 - **4 long-term office rentals for remote workers**
 - **Hosted a Community Technology Center open house in Wittenberg which spurred more community use of the campus.**
- Updated our website to better reflect appointment and tour offerings in Wausau, Antigo, and Medford locations.
- The Testing Center added Flexible HESI Testing as an option for students petitioning into NTC's health programs. Flexible HESI Testing allows students to take the HESI A2 exam at a time that works best for them as opposed to taking the exam during the limited large group pre-scheduled dates.
- Decrease in Cohort Default Rate (CDR) for FY20: 0.1% (previous year's CDR for FY19 was 2%).
- In collaboration with Marketing, established a robust regional marketing plan including paid monthly newspaper, radio and social media ads promoting NTC and its variety of programs, classes, and resources. This marketing is focused in regional campus communities, including Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, Wittenberg/Ho-Chunk, Menominee Nation and Stockbridge-Munsee.
- Completed design and Request for Proposals (RFP) for new Mobile Health Learning Lab trailer. Issued a purchase order and took delivery of the trailer in March 2024. **The trailer has been outfitted with furniture and equipment with classes completed at Abbotsford High School in May and scheduled to begin classes in June at Bowler High School.**
- Installed heat in the old red shed and is now the new Flexible Learning Lab. This will provide a heated space for NTC apprenticeship programs, such as Plumbing and Civil Engineering.
- Updated program costs on the website and collateral materials to ensure students have an accurate picture of educational cost.
- Hosted 9th annual Golf Fore Scholarships event raising \$25,000 for student scholarships.

- Began raising funds for NTC/UWSP Nursing 1+2+1 scholarship. **Raised a total of \$5,000.**
- Received \$15,000 TDS sponsorship grant to support Esports.
- Awarded 258 Fall semester scholarships for a total of \$167,785, **and 607 spring scholarships totaling over \$432,000.**
- Worked with the NTC Property Foundation to purchase NTC's Medford Campus. An event was held to celebrate and affirm our commitment to the City of Medford in April 2024.
- Developed capital campaign for student housing to support wood science and sawmill programming at NTC's Antigo Campus. **Architectural Design students have been involved in the design project for the housing.**
- **Introducing new 'Robocamp' this summer to younger, potential students interested in Automation.**
- **Submitted six WAT grant applications for FY25 totaling \$1,150,000 involving 46 companies and 208 separate training programs.**
- **Secured two National Resource Conservation Services grants to train staff for the next three years.**
- **24 NTC apprenticeship students received the Tools of the Trade Scholarships.**
- **Fall and Spring Open Houses served over 200 guests to NTC from the community.**
- **Recruitment team completed 87 school visits, focusing on dual credit registrations, career exploration, applying to NTC programs, and FAFSA/scholarship applications.**
- **Received 100% of competitive FY25 WTCS grant requests totaling \$2,252,616.**
- **Awarded \$50,000 from the North Central Health Foundation to support Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) scholarships.**
- **Launched a short-term training scholarship pilot for CDL and CNA.**
- **Reached our Employee Giving Campaign goal, raising over \$80,000 for our students.**
- **Provided student emergency funds to 47 learners, totaling over \$15,500.**

Collaboration

- School of Health Sciences continues an active partnership with Aspirus focusing on health career pipelines.
- Transfer/Pathway Opportunities:
 - Collaborated to create four new program transfer agreements with UWSP: Mechanical Design Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Electromechanical, and Automation Systems to Bachelor of Science Technology Management.
 - Worked with LTC Northshore Healthcare to create a plan for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (RN) completion pathway to meet proposed Centers for Medicare + Medicaid Services (CMS) staffing requirements.
 - Collaborated with Michigan Tech to develop two new transfer agreements for Civil Engineering Technology to Civil Engineering and Geospatial Engineering.
 - NTC welcomed a dedicated advisor on campus from UW-Stout. Office hours are offered virtually or in-person at the Wausau campus two days per week.
 - Three new agreements were created from NTC Automation Systems Technology, Electromechanical Technology, and Smart Manufacturing to UW-Stout Automation Leadership.
 - A new agreement was developed with Concordia University from IT Software Developer to Concordia's Bachelor of Applied Computer Science.
 - A new pathway to Purdue University Global from Paralegal/Legal Studies to a Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services was created.

- **New transfer pathways were created for:**
 - **Viterbo University – Accounting to Accounting**
 - **UW-Stout – Law Enforcement 720 Academy to Criminal Justice Rehabilitation**
 - **Lakeland University – Dental Hygiene and Respiratory Therapy to Organizational Leadership and Development**
 - **UW-Eau Claire – All Associate of Arts and Science to Professional Studies**
 - **Northern Michigan University – Criminal Justice to Criminal Justice**
 - **University of Maryland Global – Graphics to Graphic Communication, Legal Studies/Paralegal to Legal Studies, and University Transfer to Psychology**
- Intro to Health Careers was offered as a new dual credit option.
- Supervisory Homerooms participated in Recruitment and **Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)** training with Human Resources, and Legal Issues Training with Kevin Terry, attorney for Michael Best.
- Human Resources collaborated with Finance on process improvements for payroll/ledger activities and reconciliations.
- NTC employees have begun fostering a relationship with the Wausau Imaginarium and will partner on new and complementary initiatives together. **School of Learning Technologies has supported the Wausau Children’s Imaginarium during their first year, providing support and assistance for Pepper the robot (donated by NTC) and upskill training for ChatGPT/generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).**
- Partnered with UWSP to consider the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how we can support our communities and industries with adapting and utilizing AI technology.
- Paramedic partnership with Wausau Fire Department (WFD) for hired employees/students had 100 percent retention and pass rates for all WFD students.
- Successfully hosted several large community events: Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Winning with Wisconsin’s Workforce, Run with the Cops, Quilt College, Mosinee Chamber, and Wausau Farmers Market.
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction held a training for School Nutrition which brought 30 attendees to our Student Engagement Center, greenhouse and grow pod.
- Food for America was hosted at the farm with Future Farmers of America (FFA) students leading the stations. There were 628 4th graders from the Wausau School District present.
- NTC staff committed \$16,895.72 towards our United Way workplace campaign, over a 20% increase from last year.
- **467 registered Youth Apprenticeship (YA) students were involved in our School to Work program, exceeding our grant goal by 33 students.**
- **Brought over 6,000** students and guests to campus through tours, events, school visits, individual appointments, presentations or other K12 meetings.
- Hosted joint event about Youth Apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship called “Grow Your Workforce: Superhighway to Good Jobs” with great community engagement.
- NTC was a sponsor and served as the host site for Asset Builders 15th Annual Wausau Financial Wellness Conference. The event featured a wide array of educational seminars on saving, investing, budgeting, and avoiding bad spending habits.
- Disability Services continues to strengthen the K12 relationships by supporting students in transition through Education and Transition fairs, campus tours, and attending the students final Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meeting. The IEP meeting allows for the future NTC student receiving accommodations in high school to meet with their new NTC case manager to learn about using accommodations at NTC.

- Disability Services has established a strong relationship with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) by supporting students through the DVR application process and connecting with DVR counselors to provide students with additional services and supports, helping them reach their educational goals. DVR collaborates with NTC, Disability Services and students in a variety of ways such as funding, counseling, job coaching, skill development, and more.
- Teamed up with Aspirus Talent Management and School of Health faculty for career exploration event “Career Kickstart: Healthcare Careers in YOUR community” held at NTC’s Medford campus.
- Hosted over 40 students at annual NTC Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Day, including students from D.C. Everest, Mosinee, and Athens high schools.
- Planned career exploration events with Alternative High School students to highlight new and in-demand industries or careers and introduce them to NTC faculty and staff.
- Hosted the annual Heavy Metal Tour with over 2,259 students, focusing on exposure of the manufacturing field and how all students, including women, can be in the profession.
- In collaboration with the K12 Team, Wood Science faculty and Antigo Team, we hosted Wood Discovery Days and Woods Olympics to grow interest in Wood Science careers. We had over 180 participants and already a strong lead for future enrollment.
- Student Services partnered with Learning to create and host our first ever fall and spring “Preview Day,” our new signature recruitment event that will continue to be offered once a semester.
- Western Region Career Coach was hired focusing on outreach and community engagement in the Medford community.
- Welcomed over 60 school counselors to NTC for School to Career meetings, informing them about NTC’s newest programs, learning spaces, and updates such as Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) simplification.
- Expanding community partnerships throughout the regional areas:
 - Partnered with Antigo Historical Society to allow access to Antigo Campus during their community event over 2 days.
 - Partnership with Antigo Boys + Girls Club of the Northwoods to offer monthly programming to teens.
 - Member of the Langlade County Dream Up Team to expand childcare slots and increase the number of childcare professionals in Early Childhood Education. Expanding grant opportunities to local existing and potentially new providers.
 - Wittenberg Chamber board membership.
 - Assisted in Nueske’s 90th Anniversary Celebration in Wittenberg.
 - West Region Career Coach is an ambassador for the Medford Area Chamber.
 - Partnered with WTPD and Taylor County Health Department to host Supporting Healthy Aging, and Suicide Prevention training at the Medford Campus.
 - **Langlade County Social Services Citizen Review Panel.**
 - **Member of Antigo Food Pantry Board.**
 - **Facilitated Langlade County HR Manager’s Group.**
- Expanded regional facility use by community groups: 4-H programs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, INCLUSA (Aging and Disability resource agency), Cowgirls for Agriculture, Sports and Education, Phillips Fire Service, **Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local health departments, local law enforcement agencies, and United Way.**

- Offered successful Young Women in Welding and Women in Industry summer camps to showcase welding, machine tool, and related skills to girls participating in the camps.
- Currently working with Community Partners Campus (CPC) on major community partnership events:
 - Sealant Clinic Day **(October 25, 2024)** – NTC will host a day long community sealant day for children ages 6-17.
 - Dental Prevention Day **(Spring 2025)** – NTC will host a day long prevention treatment for the community.
 - **Launched HSED and GED classes in January at CPC.**
 - Additional classes in ELL and ESL will be coming.
 - **Working on a proposal to provide CPC Health Clinic staff fluoride treatment training through WTPD. This training will allow health clinic staff to provide on-site fluoride treatment to kids and young adults.**
- Regional Forensic Science Center partnership with Marathon County (*President Goal*):
 - Worked closely with Marathon County staff to help with building plans, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents, and budgeting.
 - Partnered with Marathon County to create a promotional video to show donors the need in our community for access to a local resource for death investigations, education, and family support systems through a Regional Forensic Science Center and provided support to their fundraising event and grant writing opportunities.
 - Project has been approved and budget secured. Plan to begin construction in Summer 2024 with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for July 23rd.
- Grants collaborated with Student Services and Learning to develop guidelines to offer Pasture to Plate program to interested students using the WTCS Meat Talent grant funds available for tuition and material fee reimbursement.
- NTC was nominated for the annual Future of Industry award through Nuts, Bolts + Thingamajigs for work successfully done through grant-funded projects.
- Launched new NTC Foundation newsletter.
- Launched new Alumni outreach and donation campaign.
- Received donation from Aspirus to support Regional Health Academies to offset K12 school district costs.
- Joined Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3) Grants Development Council.
- Hosted successful ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Health 4.0 Center for Simulation and Innovation and Veterinary Technician Learning Lab.
- **Collaborated with Imperial Industries to explore process improvement and automation options to modernize manufacturing.**
- **Explored the development of short-term Industry 4.0 training with Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) to offer to their members starting Summer 2024.**
- **Visited 10 high schools during May 2024 as part of Career Pathways grant work and developed new Dual Credit relationships and opportunities for the coming year.**
- **Restarted the Move to Manufacturing program funded through employer sponsorships.**
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) was successfully offered to the community for a second year. Students prepared 103 tax returns for other NTC students and community members.**

- **Alternative High School students created a metal sculpture which was installed at Wausau's Center for Visual Arts.**
- **Completed RFP for food services and awarded the new contract effective January 2024. The new contract will include significant service and selection upgrades.**
- **Signed new employer partners in YA such as Nueske's, Storybook Kids, and Slaby Deda Law Offices.**
- **Collaborated with Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics and Central Wisconsin Airport to promote Youth Apprenticeship and Aviation pathways.**
- **Attended multiple recruitment events to showcase NTC, our programs and pathways:**
 - **Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce Business Expo**
 - **Lincoln County Summit**
 - **Wisconsin Education Fair Recruitment events**
 - **Medford Home Show**
 - **CWIMA Expo**
 - **Transportation Career Expo**
 - **Garden Visions**
 - **WPS Farm Show**
 - **Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce Career Exploration Day**
 - **Ho-Chunk Career Fair**
- **IT supported over 175 events for both internal and external stakeholders.**
- **In collaboration with the State Office, hosted the WTCS's celebration of National Ag Day at the Agriculture Center of Excellence. Sixty-five people were in attendance including Alice in Dairyland, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary Romanski, and WTCS President Foy. There was an industry panel, student panel and tour of the Farm.**
- **Partnered with Colby School District and the Central Fire and EMS District to develop youth volunteer firefighter training and implemented a Youth K12 Fire + EMS Academy in the school district/high school.**
- **NTC sought and was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services for Wisconsin Youth Volunteer Fire Fighting Training to support the need for volunteer fire fighters in our Western region.**
- **Developed a partnership with the Merrill School District and Merrill Fire Department to offer a K12 training for youth in firefighting and emergency medical services.**
- **Partnering with the Wausau Fire Department and the State of Wisconsin on the development of Wisconsin's first Registered Apprenticeship for Fire and EMS-Paramedic Training. requested \$3.2M in Senate Appropriation Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending from Senator Tammy Baldwin's Office to be used to lead the implementation of the Apprenticeship.**
- **Public Safety partnered with the Massage Therapy Program to develop realistic simulation opportunities for student training between the Criminal Justice Faculty and Director.**
- **Public Safety partnered with NTC's Safety + Security Office and the Meat Processing Program to develop a faculty training program to implement in the harvesting process of animals for meat processing.**
- **Human Services/Substance Use Disorder Counseling and Criminal Justice Programs collaborated to develop a needed technical diploma on Criminal Justice and Advocacy awareness, which incorporates classes on topics from each employment field to better prepare students of each for necessary interactions and successful orientation of each field.**

The program will lead students into further educational opportunities in either of the fields and eventually best prepare them for related employment.

- EMS simultaneously offered Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Part 1 and EMT Part 2 to increase accessibility and students.
- Supervisors participated in a one-day Crucial Conversations Training organized by Human Resources (HR).
- Partnered with NTC teams + outside entities to tell the NTC story through expanded, long-form storytelling efforts and a vibrant social media presence.
- Marketed six new programs to build awareness of new offerings publicly and promote recruitment.
- Received all three applications from Nuts, Bolts + Thingamajigs that will support summer manufacturing camps (Young Women in Welding Workshop, \$2,000; Make It Real: Imagine, Design, Manufacture, \$2,000; Make It Real for Our Community, \$2,000)
- Submitted DWD Youth Apprenticeship grant that will support 450 youth apprentices in our Region (\$495,000).
- Secured funding through WTCS to focus on Open Educational Resources (OER) adoption/adaption/creation to reduce textbook costs for our students.
- Collaborated with the Wausau Fire Department in submission of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (\$234,546).
- The student chapter of National Vet Techs of America held a vaccine clinic in conjunction with the Forest County Humane Society.
- Three students and faculty from the Electrical Power Distribution program traveled to Arizona to participate in the Light Up Navajo project.
- Hosted the Governor's Task Force on Workforce and Artificial Intelligence. Sixteen participants toured the farm, including Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary, Amy Pechacek.

Innovation + Growth

- Health 4.0 (*President Goal*)
 - Created two new Hospital Simulation rooms.
 - Created a Virtual Reality lab.
 - Created an Immersive Reality room which includes an NTC tour and nursing scenarios.
 - Remodel and expansion of Surgical Technology space to include a classroom, scrub sink room, and a full surgical suite equipped with laparoscopic equipment and a synthetic cadaver (Syndaver).
 - Three diverse simulators were added to the Center for Simulation and Innovation.
 - Installed and trained on the new Simulation Recording Software and inventory system for Health.
- Hired Program Director/Faculty, and Medical Director for new Respiratory Therapy program beginning Fall 2024.
- Piloting Professional Development budget process/requests.
- In partnership with WTPD and the CDL/Truck Driving program, developed a new CDL Hazardous Materials Transport Endorsement which aligns with Entry Level Driver Training requirements – online course offering.

- Partnered with WTPD and community industry partners to develop an abbreviated, customized Class A/Class B truck driving training in continuing education while maintaining minimum driver education requirements.
- Approval and implementation of NARCAN box to address drug overdose needs.
- Hosted an AI and Automation Series which had over 60 participants from 10 different organizations.
- Offering 2 new Auto Apprenticeships
- Offering Diesel Pre-Apprenticeship
- Offering New Bus Driver training program
- Disability Services obtained Glean, a note-taking software accommodation that allows students to capture information in their courses easily and offers real-time captioning.
- Worked with the owner of Rivers Edge to lock in purchase adjacent to the Public Safety Center of Excellence (PSCoE). We signed purchase agreements to transfer ownership on March 28, 2024.
- Worked with faculty and staff to design a space for the new Massage Therapy program. The construction was completed in November 2023. The new Therapeutic Massage Center is an extension of Studio Max located in the F Building.
- Completed the first large WTPD conference room in the A Building as part of the new home for WTPD corridor. The large conference room can be divided with a moveable wall partition into two smaller rooms. **Planning for another large conference room to be completed in Summer 2024. The project for two additional training rooms has started and will be complete by August 2024.**
- Finalized plans for the new Meat Processing initiative. Renovating space in the existing D Building to create a Meat Processing Lab. This space will include meat saws, vacuum sealers, smokers, and a meat retail counter. Construction is scheduled to be completed in June 2024.
- Completed the design and bid process for the Antigo Sawmill. Received a \$510,430 US Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration grant to support sawmill equipment. Construction is expected to be completed in July 2024.
- Created an NTC Sustainability Plan that includes energy efficiency and alternative energy initiatives. Current projects include:
 - Solar system at the Agriculture Center of Excellence + **Medford Campus**
 - Metering energy usage at the Wausau Campus
 - LED lighting upgrades
 - HVAC equipment and control upgrades
 - **CHS green roof**
- Workday
 - Successful go-live of Workday HR Recruitment in August 2023.
 - **Successfully used Workday Adaptive Planning to plan for FY25 budget and OfficeConnect to build financials for creation of the budget book.**
 - **Enhanced the cost center manager budget report in Workday by integrating spend projections and year-over-year comparisons, enabling more informed financial decision-making.**
 - **Developed a comprehensive budget report in Workday, detailing plans, commitments, obligations, actuals, and balances by project number, for improved project financial visibility.**
 - Implemented and **went live** with Modern Campus to support our WTPD offerings.

- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) eligibility and absence tracking automated in Workday.
- **Updated tuition due dates to streamline the billing process. The change enhances transparency and aligns the payment schedule with the needs of our students and the financial objectives of the college.**
- Workday Student
 - WTCS client reporting requirements facilitated with WTCS.
 - Successful go-live of Workday Student Online Application, Recruitment, Curriculum, and Scheduling in November 2023.
 - Created Workday Student resources page.
 - On track for the new integrations from Workday to Canvas and Starfish.
 - Created a new “Apply to NTC” landing page to support the launch of the new admissions application in Workday.
 - Updated the “Careers” page of our website to support the rollout of the new Workday Careers system.
 - **Implemented Workday Student Information Management System in May 2024.**
 - **Workday Student registration for Summer/Fall 2024 went live on April 15th, and Student Financials went live on May 1st.**
 - **Microsoft Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) was rolled out to students for better security, alongside Workday Student go-live.**
- Formstack workflow forms were created by IT and functional areas and utilized campus-wide to increase business process efficiencies.
- Implemented new payment plans with Transact and fine-tuned offerings for optimal student experience.
- Ongoing improvements to IT security included updating our policy for multi-factor authentication (MFA) and email retention policies.
- **Successfully analyzed Outcomes Based Funding (OBF) data which resulted in nearly \$175,000 more in funding for the College over the past two years.**
- Onboarded a new Extract Transform and Load (ETL) tool called Rapid Insight to improve data integrity and data usage including Predictive Analytics at the College.
- Successfully completed a major version upgrade of our website’s content management system from (Drupal 9.5 to Drupal 10), allowing for continued security updates and a more modern development platform.
- Redesigned the “Donors” page of our website to elevate the primary “Make a Gift” call to action of the page and added new donation forms to the “Make a Gift” page to support the switch from Cashnet to Blackbaud as well as split the forms up by gift type.
- Designed new, modern, accessible expo set-ups to help our brand stand out.
- New Digital Display rollout to enhance on campus communication.
- Successfully completed the strategic planning process with MGT. This included MGT conducting interviews with community members, employers, parents, students, and employees. In addition, they have received feedback from staff, student, and community focus groups. NTC Board members also had an opportunity to participate and provide input to the process through mission, vision, value review and future visioning. A survey was also deployed with over 507 respondents. **The final Strategic Plan was approved by the Board in May 2024. (President Goal)**
- Expanded our Antigo High School Academy for Welding, with a new ‘Advanced Section’ along with our existing ‘Basic’ section. ‘Basic’ section students earn our Gas Metal Arc Welding

(GMAW) Technical Diploma, while 'Advanced' students continuing from 'Basic' will earn the additional diplomas of Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW), Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW), and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW). **We had a total of 10 graduates (4 from the Advanced section and 6 from the Basic section).**

- **Our Phillips Welding Academy had 12 graduates, and the Wausau Welding Academy had 5 graduates.**
- Began development of 'Basic CNC Turning' and 'Basic CNC Milling' certificates to offer incumbent workers, and for High School students.
- Nursing Assistant is in the first year of a Core Industry Grant focusing on improving access to health education in the West Region. Students completed their Nursing Assistant, General Anatomy and Physiology courses. **The Medford Health Academy had 12 graduates.**
- **Kicked-off Transportation 4.0 initiative, including plan for Automotive, Diesel, and CDL. This will focus on modern technology and the incorporation of it in all aspects of these programs. (Presidential Goal)**
- **Workforce Training + Professional Development Growth:**
 - **Launched the Nonprofit Management Institute which had 36 participants from 20 different organizations.**
 - **Over 20 new seminar and conference offerings.**
 - **Approved to offer a Carpentry Apprenticeship program.**
 - **Began the work to launch the first Fire/Paramedic apprenticeship in Wisconsin. We are waiting for funding.**
 - **Facility rentals reached a new record with over 175 contracts.**
 - **Department of Labor Mine Safety training had a record number of contracts (100+), serving over 1,000 state miners.**
 - **Started Collette Travel Partnership for the community offering opportunities to travel throughout the United States and World.**
 - **Beekeeper's Conference was the largest professional development event since 2019 with over 300 attendees.**
- **Regional Campuses, in collaboration with Workforce Training + Professional Development, offered various community lifestyle classes across regional campuses. These classes included art, photography, senior health, suicide prevention, technology, welding, culinary, foraging, and canine behavior. We welcomed over 450 participants.**
- **Community Safety Simulation Center (CSSC):**
 - **Through connection with Church Mutual Insurance, developed a partnership with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA).**
 - **Working with PSBA and our Video Production students to develop scenarios for safety and security training for schools, places of worship, law enforcement, and other industries such as healthcare.**
 - **Will be located at the Public Safety Center of Excellence, in the newly acquired River's Edge building which will be remodeled to support the training.**
 - **Received a generous \$450,000 donation from the Bierman Family Foundation to support the project.**
 - **Request for Proposal (RFP) was developed and awarded for the technology to be installed.**
 - **A capital fundraising campaign for the CSSC is being developed under the leadership of the NTC Foundation.**

- Agriculture 4.0 plans have been established and will highlight how agriculture is evolving, the fact that autonomous equipment will change our labor needs, and how we prepare not only our post-secondary students, but students in dual credit and our K-12s. *(Presidential Goal)*
- Working with the WTCS on the early development and implementation of online State Fire Certification Testing for NTC's fire certification classes.
- Criminal Justice Law Enforcement and Jail Academies have implemented Performance Assessment Tool (PAT) software for instructors to track student completion to improve efficiency and student performance documentation and reporting.
- EMS is partnering with the School of Nursing and the WTCS to explore the development of EMS Community Care Paramedic Education.
- In conjunction with the WTCS and National Fire Academy, the Fire Program is exploring hosting funded education courses for our district partners and students over the coming year.
- Implemented an Advanced Degree Educational Attainment (AEDA) program for employees.
- Piloting an Onboarding Ambassador program for hourly employees.
- Safety + Security Director conducted a tabletop safety exercise and presentation with the NTC Board of Trustees.
- Organized the "Timberwolf Amazing Race" for NTC students and employees as an opportunity to embark on a fun fitness quest to travel around the world in 120 days.
- Successfully completed and deployed numerous design and development updates to our website to accommodate changes in the data structure within our new information systems (Workday and Lifelong Learning Extended Education), seamlessly converting the source of truth for our website's academic offering information from PeopleSoft to Workday.
- Created a custom NTC-branded theme for and made user experience (UX) improvements to our new Continuing Education registration platform, Lifelong Learning Extended Education.
- Made numerous editorial experience improvements to the admin side of our website's content management system, making it easier and more efficient for staff to add, edit, and update content.

Advocacy

- Successful Higher Learning Commission Re-Accreditation Site Visit. All criteria were met, there are no sanctions, and we are allowed to choose our own pathway for our 10-year accreditation. *(President Goal)*
- Program Accreditation:
 - Dental Hygiene successfully completed a site visit with the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
 - Phlebotomy successfully completed a site visit with the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).
 - Nursing Assistant successfully completed a site visit with the Department of Health Services.
 - Paramedic successfully completed a comprehensive virtual site visit with the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).
 - **Legal Studies/Paralegal Program has been approved by the American Bar Association.**
 - **Respiratory Therapy completed a successful site visit.**
- Artificial Intelligence (AI):

- Formed AI Committee, updated Academic Honesty Policy, updated plagiarism detection to include AI, and created a Starfish process.
- **College-wide spring in-service was dedicated to educating staff on AI.**
- **Developed an implementation structure that includes an AI sub-committee, department champions, early adopters, and a role for all staff.**
- **Purchased and distributed CoPilot and ChatGPT licenses to identified staff.**
- **Developed AI related professional development opportunities for staff.**
- **Created an Artificial Intelligence administrative/operating guideline.**
- Roll-out of new hourly employee vacation plan.
- Bi-annual Criminal Justice Department of Justice (DOJ) Academy Audit passed, and the Academy is recertified to continue providing Preparatory Law Enforcement, full-time and part-time jail academy, and college certification track for the jail certification.
- WTPD was named the International Award Winner for Best Business and Industry program! This recognizes NTC as a top performer in providing outstanding and high-quality programming to our area employers.
- Completed the A-133 Financial Audit.
- Completed the spending of US Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) for Institutional and Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) portions, totaling over \$7.8 million. Quarterly and annual reports were completed and posted, as well as annual audits performed for compliance.
- Implemented US Bank Virtual Pay as new payment option for our suppliers. NTC will now receive quarterly rebates for all payments settled with this payment option.
- Collected and added customer testimonials to WTPD rental materials.
- Created advocacy materials and testimony in support of dental therapy. **Received funding through the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee to support new Dental Therapy and EFDA programs, as well as expand the Dental Hygienist program (\$2,264,545); working with Delta Dental of Wisconsin for \$226,455 grant to be used towards the required match.**
- Hosted legislators on campus for tours including Congressman Tiffany's staff, Senator Mary Felzkowski and Representative Snyder.
- Marketing worked with HR to create a campaign that compiles employee stories highlighting NTC culture and benefits for employee recruitment.
- Worked with departments/programs on the Instructional Vitality Process (IVP) and possible improvements for next year. *(President Goal)*
- Kicked off a client reporting task force to improve efficiency and understanding regarding client reported data. **Milestones included improvements in campus wide awareness of client requirements, better understanding of differences between client and grant reporting, and better understanding of WTCS Data Cubes.** *(President Goal)*
- **School of Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing had representation in creation of the Wisconsin chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) committee.**
- **NTC was one of 12 colleges selected to participate in the Rural Education Academy, focused on designing a college-wide data strategy while prioritizing our rural regional campus communities. We will receive a \$50,000 implementation grant to launch our pilot/prototype.** *(President Goal)*
- **Supported Jeld Wen with their facility closing, offering employees information and options for next steps and opportunities.**

- Completed a successful Department of Education recertification. NTC was offered a full 6-year certification, allowing NTC to continue offering Title IV aid to our students.
- Welcomed Gray Decision Intelligence (Gray DI) to campus for a two-day Program Portfolio Workshop with over 40 staff from across the College. Gray DI has extensive experience working with higher education institutions to develop data-informed institutional strategies for strategic program evaluation. This work will help us identify programs and services while working within our financial reality and the resources we have. *(President Goal)*
- Hosted WTCS President, Dr. Morna Foy at the Agriculture Center of Excellence where she filmed NTC's portion of her Tour of Excellence. These videos are being used as marketing materials to advocate for the WTCS.
- Fire + EMS instructors are now members of the Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors (WSESI) aimed at instructor development and sharing ideas and resources to provide quality education and programs to students and our community partners.
- Began a job description audit to ensure HR has the most updated version for each position at the College.
- Standardized the FMLA process, created frequently asked questions and are using Workday for FMLA eligibility and automated absence tracking.
- Created an HR dashboard to increase utilization of data in decision making. *(President Goal)*
- Vape detectors were installed at the Alternative High School to deter the use of vape pens in the restrooms.
- Added new apprenticeship testimonial videos to the apprenticeships page of our website, highlighting how the apprentice's hands-on experience combined with related instruction helps prepare them for their future careers.

**Northcentral Technical College
District Board of Trustees
Topic Summary Sheet**

Meeting Date: July 8, 2024

Topic: Out- of- State Tuition Remission Annual Report- Academic Year 2023-2024

Policy: Wisconsin Statute S. 38.24 (3)(c)1, Wisconsin Statute S. 3824 (3)(c)2, and Administrative Bulletin AB 04-02 and 04-03; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Program Fee Rates and Out-of-State Tuition Rates.

Interpretation: Annual out-of-state remission for non-resident learners requires pre-approval by the system president and a yearly report to the District Board of Trustees and the system office within 60 days of the end of the academic year.

Data/Results: This memo details tuition remission approved by the system president for two exchange students. These international scholars pay in-state rates for program fees; only the out-of-state tuition is remitted. No exchange students attended Northcentral Technical College in 2023-2024.

2023-24 Out of State Tuition Remission

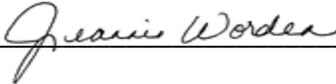
	Unduplicated Headcount	Credits Remitted	Financial Impact	% of Total Actual Credits Net of Community Services
Needy and Worthy	0	0	0	0
Exchange Agreement	0	0	\$0	0.00%
Total 2023-24	0	0	\$0	0.00%

Total year-to-date based on credits at \$73.10 per credit. Credits as a percentage of institutional totals are based on 81,719 credits for week 57 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Agenda Category:
Information Agenda

Proposed Motion:
None. Information Only.

Certification of Accuracy and Request for Approval: I, your CEO, certify that the information in this report is true as of this date.

Signed 

Date July 8, 2024

Jail/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Sandra LaDu – Jail Administrator, Marathon County Jail
- Rick Cveykus – Judge, Marathon County
- Ray Slatton – Greater Wausau Christian Services
- Tina Perkofski – Probation & Parole Officer, Marathon County
- Ronda Zastrow – Social Worker, Marathon County Jail
- Gail Hurd – Employment and Training Coordinator, Department of Workforce Development
- Chad Billeb – Sherriff, Marathon County
- Laura Yarie – Justice System Coordinator, Marathon County

NTC Team:

- Kellie Bales – AE Faculty, Taylor County Jail
- Diana Halverson, Specialist, Testing & Accommodation
- May Thao – Learning Coordinator, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Kay Hennes – AE Instructor, Price County Jail
- Barb Juliano – Instructional Assistant, Marathon County Jail & Marathon County Job Center
- Kathy Krause – AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisory, AE Faculty
- Jerry Xiong – Administrative Assistant, College Prep Center
- Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Paul Svetlik – Communications Faculty, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Mary LeBrun – Math Faculty, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies

Agenda Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

Brooke Schindler, Dean of School of General Studies at Northcentral Technical College, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2: Update & Highlights from Last Meeting

The group was given a few minutes to review the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved by all.

Agenda Item 3: College-Wide Initiatives

Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies presented the

following College-Wide Initiative Power Point to the Advisory Committee.



Advisory Committee
PowerPoint Spring 2

Agenda Item 4: Instructional Area/Program

A. Industry Trends

- *Ray*: Normal fluctuation of inmates coming in and transferring out. Ray continues to have a fairly good consistent group of people meeting. Although the jail is short staffed, things continue to keep moving in a positive direction.
- *Tina*: At the moment, the Department of DOC is fully staffed. They are experiencing some struggles with people having difficulty finding housing and homelessness. However, resources at the Job Center are available.
- *Gail*: Unemployment continues to be very low in Wisconsin; primarily in Marathon County. There were 5,501 initial claims throughout the state. The Joseph project had 19 graduates and 10 of them were hired. A new employability class is now offered at the jail, A.K.A. *Gail in Jail*.
- *Barb*: Total student participation to date has been 50 students. The next series will be held in May and will be adding the whole *Gail in Jail* phrase to go with it.
- *Sandra*: There were at least four meetings regarding our staffing situation at the Jail. 7 additional staffs will be starting in the office next Monday and things are going well. Partnership with Northcentral Technical college to hold a Jail Academy is planned and that's very exciting. Looking to onboard more female candidates with minimal experience and requirements.
- *Laura*: Drug court is operating well. Discussions are being made about a diversion process to assist those who have issues with substance abuse and solutions on how to keep them from getting felony convictions.

B. Program Information

1. Jail FTEs

To date, FTEs continues to look great.

2. Grants Update for FY2025

NTC continues to implement the same grant as last year, which runs from 2021 to 2025. The same grant objectives remains in place regarding serving students, seeking self-improvement, High School Credentials, and workforce readiness skills for our final year.

3. Workday Transition Update

Kathy: NTC is looking forward to the Workday transition from PeopleSoft. We are hoping Workday will help streamline process for admins and instructors.

C. Curriculum/Assessment

1. Instructor Report

- *Kay*: Currently working with approximately five to eight students each Tuesday and Thursday at the Price County Jail. The students are working on self-improvement classes such as math, computers, science, and keyboarding. Several students have also worked on employability skills, made resumes, cover letters, and learned about job search.
- *Kellie*: Students at the Taylor County Jail continue wanting to work on the drug addiction packets that was provided. Sending materials back to the block for our students to work on it ended up being a bit of a challenge as some of the students wants to see who could get the most certificates. They work really hard and it's actually a good thing as it keeps them busy.
- *Wendy*: The Langlade County Jail has been a little quiet this year. Only two students have completed their GED or their HSED. Within the next week, we hope to have more students complete. At the Lincoln County Jail, five students have completed their HSED, while six to eight students have completed the drug addiction packets.

D. Focus Discussion Item:

1. *Drug Addiction Packets: Heroin, Cocaine, and Alcohol* - Kellie presented a copy of the *Drug Addiction Packets* to the committee. She will be sharing the results of her students' completed packets at the CEA conference In April. Feel free to contact Kellie if you would like more information on the packets.

2. *Embracing Your Story – Book Study* Wendy got permission to copy the 94-page book about facing obstacles and hardships, and she's using it in her class. She provides reflection questions for students to think about, and they've given her a lot of positive feedback about it

Agenda Item 5: Other items

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wood Science

May 2nd, 2024 | 3:00pm to 5:00pm | W119/Zoom Meeting



Meeting Attendees

Industry Members:

Troy Brown – Kretz Lumber
Jeff De Lonay – Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co.
Kevin Schlinkmann – Witmer Furniture
Todd Braun – Robbins, Inc.
Scott Fletcher – Central Wisconsin Woodworking
Tony Morice – TNT Ventures
Sean Bennett – Bennett Hardwoods

NTC Team:

Iain Cameron – Dean
Ken Parker – Associate Dean
Logan Wells – Program Director and Faculty
Jonathan Robbins – Faculty
Vicki Jeppesen – Director, Resource Development
Brenda Tincher – Administrative Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

Iain Cameron, Dean of the School of Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Highlights From the Previous Meetings/Updates

The previous meeting minutes were distributed in advance for the committee to review. There were no specific follow-ups to discuss from previous meetings.

Program Updates

Iain informed the group that NTC was awarded a 2-year Career Pathways grant by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) to continue development of our Wood Science Program, including building K-12 partnerships and student pipelines, updating our program, and exploring transfer opportunities with other institutions.

Based on discussion on the grant objectives with the committee, Iain agreed that the exploration of possible apprenticeship options and partnerships would be included in this work. Further discussion also led to encouragement for NTC to invite the Wisconsin School Counselor Association (website: www.wscaweb.org) for campus tours to help entice direct interest in our Wood Science program. These discussions also led to encourage NTC consideration of different recruitment options, including building contact lists from events (such as our Wood Olympics), creating and sharing newsletters, and building social media presence (including potential dedicated social media support and supporting testimonials) to enhance the program's marketing reach.

Recruitment Events and Discussions

- Logan Wells provided a summary to the committee on the Wood Olympics held in April. Fifty-six students from different schools participated with each school bringing their top 4 candidates, and the event was considered to be a success and an improvement from the one held last year.

- June 7th is our annual ‘Golf Fore Scholarships’ golf outing and Logan encouraged committee members to seek additional donors and sponsorships where these may be possible.
The website for online registration: <https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=0fd5036e-ec10-421e-9120-5340e6539415&envId=p-uJ2NNWDZ6UCreeV9oXM0aQ&zone=usa>

Enrollment Report

Iain Cameron shared the current enrollments for the program:

2nd Semester Students	1
4th Semester Students	2

The committee discussed the low numbers, and the NTC team shared their ongoing work to improve this, including the grant, program development, K-12 partnerships, and marketing focus.

Program Modifications

NTC doesn’t have any program modifications for approval at this time.

Iain clarified that modifications will likely be shared in the fall as part of the work being carried out to address the enrollment challenges.

Student Housing Facilities Update

Vicki Jeppesen shared with the committee that NTC’s Architectural Design students designed four possible student housing options for their final projects. These were all broadly lodge designs and all contained open concept floor plans, full kitchens, networking/study areas, laundry rooms, Jack and Jill shared bathrooms, 1-2 person bedrooms, and various aesthetic appearance inspired by our Antigo Campus. The costs range from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million however, which must be thoroughly investigated to ensure realistic ROI for the Foundation. Discussions remain active (including mapping various options and comparing to other WTCS institutions) and the committee will be included in the future as more specific information can be shared.

Classification Codes

The committee was given an overview of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor naming and coding classifications for the programs we offer. The list of standard occupational classifications was discussed and the committee provided their feedback on the classifications. NTC is reviewing the information for career occupations that crossover between the programs to decide whether some occupations should be added, deleted, or reclassified.

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wood Science

May 2nd, 2024 | 3:00pm to 5:00pm | W119/Zoom Meeting



The codes as shared for the Associate Degree and Technical Diploma programs are included here, along with the color key used:

<u>ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS</u>		
Wood Science 10-465-1 (NTC & WTCS)		
Furniture Design and Manufacturing 48.0702 (US Dept of Ed CIP code)		
SOC Code (US Dept of Labor)	Occupation Name	Notes
51-7021	Furniture Finishers	
51-7099	Woodworkers, All Other	
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	
41-4011	Sales Representative Wholesale Manuf. Technical and Scientific Products	
41-4012	Sales Representative Wholesale Manuf. Non-technical and Scientific Products	
51-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	
51-7042	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	
51-9051	Furnace, Kiln, Oven, Drier, and Kettle Operators and Tenders	
51-9161	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators	
51-9162	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmer	
53-1047	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	
45-2041	Graders and Sorters Agricultural Products	
45-4023	Log Graders and Scalers	
51-7011	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	
51-7032	Patternmakers, Wood	
51-7041	Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	
51-9191	Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders	
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	
53-7063	Machine Feeders and Offbearers	

KEY:

- SOC Already Assigned
- SOC Proposed for AD Only
- SOC Proposed for AD & TD Programs

<u>EMBEDDED TECHNICAL DIPLOMAS</u>		
Wood Technology 31-465-1 (NTC & WTCS)		
Woodworking, General 48.0701 (US Dept of Ed CIP code)		
SOC Code (US Dept of Labor)	Occupation Name	Notes
51-7042	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	
51-7099	Woodworkers, All Other	
45-2041	Graders and Sorters Agricultural Products	
45-4023	Log Graders and Scalers	
51-7011	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	
51-7021	Furniture Finishers	
51-7032	Patternmakers, Wood	
51-7041	Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	
51-9191	Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders	
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	
53-7063	Machine Feeders and Offbearers	

The committee agreed with maintaining the codes already in place, and in adding the codes proposed by the NTC team.

Industry Discussions

The key takeaways from the industry discussions were as follows:

- Finding qualified skilled employees has improved.
- Material costs have become more stable.
- CNC operators are in demand.
- The first quarter started slow for some, but by the fourth quarter all businesses were doing well.
- A large manufacturer is building apartments on their premises to provide housing for future employees.

NTC College-Wide Updates

The committee was sent a PowerPoint showing the College-Wide Updates. The committee had no questions or concerns about the updates.

Iain did share that NTC underwent a review by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in early November 2024 and received the highest possible rating, which is “Met” in all 5 Criteria, all 18 Sub-Criteria, and the entirety of the Federal Compliance Review.

Next Meeting Details and Suggestions

The committee will be sent meeting details at a later date.

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2024 Spring CNA Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2024

Time: 7:00am - 9:00am

Location: 4011 & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/85305060520>

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Jazmine Berger, Recruiter for Nursing Interns, Aspirus ZOOM
- Therese Blakeslee- Assistant Director of BSN @ Home Options Program, UW Oshkosh ZOOM
- Dawn Gapko- VP-Chief Administrative Officer, Aspirus Merrill Hospital ZOOM
- Beth Lamb, Nursing Lecturer, UWSP ZOOM
- Donne Poole- Education Programs Coordinator, Marshfield Clinic Wausau ZOOM
- Mindy Strese- Director of Nursing, Wausau Manor Health Services
- JoAnn Weinfurter, Chief Nursing Officer, Marshfield Clinic ZOOM
- Anna Woller, Manager-Intermediate Care Unit, Marshfield Medical Center

NTC Team:

- Stephanie Bessert, Associate Dean of Nursing
- Angel Copa, Nursing Faculty ZOOM
- Tim Hinke, Academic Advisor
- Lana Jurek, Nursing Faculty
- Laura Litzer, Academic Advisor
- Brittany McHugh, Nursing Faculty
- Valerie Palarski, Nursing Faculty
- Amanda Paulson-Myrblom, Nursing Faculty
- Angela Roesler, Dean, Health Sciences and Community Services
- Sandie Shorey, Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Academic Excellence
- Jill Stumpner, Nursing Faculty
- Luann Theis, Nursing Faculty

Welcome Introductions

Stephanie Bessert, Associate Dean of Nursing, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She also thanked Advisory Committee members for their dedication to the program through their service on the committee, offering a small token of our appreciation (Advisory Committee 2024 gift-NTC notebook) to all. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Update and Highlights from Last Meeting

Meeting called to order by at 07:31am. There were no changes made to the minutes from the fall meeting.

College-Wide Initiatives

Power Point of College-Wide Initiatives was reviewed by Dean Angela Roesler, including discussion of new programs (Medical Administrative Professional AD and Sterile Processing Technician Certificate, and the newly developed Respiratory Therapy program. Additional Items discussed include: NTC Accreditation (HLC Accreditation Update-NTC received full re-accreditation), Dental Program Highlights, Wood Technology Center for Excellence expansion (partnership with UWSP), an update on the Forensic Science Center (ground breaking May 2024 with a construction process of up to 1 year), and CIP/SOC codes. She also reviewed Student Support resources available.



Student Support
These resources are available to our students

- Unlimited access to free mental health services through **The Virtual Care Group** (thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntc or 866.533.1827)
- The **Advising Specialist** can help connect the student with other emergency financial, computer and community resources
- **Timberwolf Table**, NTC's food pantry for students
- **Timberwolf Learning Commons**, with library, tutors and coaches available
- Student Scholarships
- **Student Life** offers a number of programs, both in-person and remote, to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax, and have fun.

Workforce Training and Professional Development

The Workforce team has been focusing on offering Life Enrichment & Community Courses such as Art courses, dance courses, music courses and nature courses. Topics coming soon include: CPR/First Aid Certification, Creative Problem Solving: The Design Thinking Model, and Dance/Art/Beekeeping

To access this information, please visit www.ntc.edu, select "Workforce Training & Professional Development" from the top of the page. Flyers will be included in post meeting e-mail.

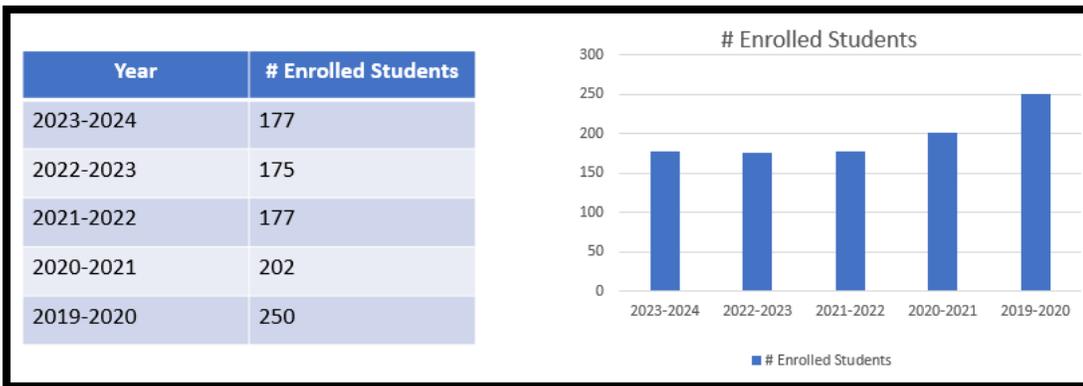
Industry Trends

- Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in your areas
 - Current AI integration
 - Different things at a corporate level for our Industry Partners are being implemented, but some much more to explore.
 - Aspirus developed a 5-yr roadmap to integrate AI (ex. vital signs device integration)
 - A Healthcare Technology Course at Marshfield Clinic assists with AI integration
 - NTC is on track to continue to integrate AI in both the student and business realms
 - At UWSP they have integrated how to use AI responsibly into nursing practice as well as classroom work; educating on Chat GBT in regards to a nursing education tool.
 - Future plans for AI integration
 - There is a general feeling of excitement over what is to come.
- Current RN Openings
 - Staff retention is good with not as much turnover
 - RN openings in Med/Surg, ED and ICU openings were trending
 - Some are still backfilling through agency
 - UW OshKosh hiring Nursing instructors (tenure track)
- What's going well/what isn't going well for newly hired graduates?
 - New grads are doing very well
 - Rounding with the clinical students shows encouraging participation
 - Med/Surg is not as desired as ICU, currently
- Clinical Experiences
 - Feedback is very positive
 - Hiring is common from the clinical experience
 - Love having students and it is going very well.
 - Additional med carts so they have their own is one effort being made to improve the student experience
 - Aspirus current numbers: 72 nursing interns system-wide

Program Updates

Stephanie Bessert, Associate Dean of Nursing, shared the following Program Updates:

- Enrollment Report



Pain Points:

Enrollment has been down since COVID settled down. We are up 2 students from last year

- 92 took the HESI and 27 did not meet the HESI benchmark
 - Separate track for those scoring below the benchmark for HESI (Extended Pathway). These students only take two classes at a time throughout first semester. The theory classes have extended time available to help these students be more successful as well.
 - Stronger students than the past few years
 - Enrollments are down nationally; Dental Hygienist makes more than an entry level nurse currently
 - HESI scores are a challenge- NTC does have more resources for HESI now
 - NTC, UWSP and UW Oshkosh are making strides to help students to understand, prepare students and offer a beginning pre-program course

Current Enrollment (Max enrollment is 64)

- 41 First Semester (11 are on the Extended Pathway track)
 - 48 Second Semester
 - 42 Third Semester
 - 46 Fourth Semester
- **NCLEX 2023 Pass Rate 99%**

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

#1: Integrate professional nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing standards.

Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Legality & Ethics	Met	• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Legality & Ethics	Met
• Clinical Evaluation Tool • 4 th Semester Clinical	Met	• Clinical Evaluation Tool • 4 th Semester Clinical	Met
• Professional Portfolio • 4 th Semester Theory	Met	• Professional Portfolio • 4 th Semester Theory	Met
• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Accreditation –Evidence Based Practice	Met	• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Accreditation –Evidence Based Practice	Met
• Professional Preceptor Student Evaluation • 4 th Semester Clinical	Met	• Professional Preceptor Student Evaluation • 4 th Semester Clinical	Met

#2: Communicate comprehensive information using multiple sources in nursing practice.

Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
• Written Discharge Education Project • 3 rd Semester Clinical (Annually)	Met	• Clinical FDAR • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Met
• Clinical FDAR • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Met	• Clinical Evaluation Tool • 4 th Semester Clinical	Met
• Clinical Evaluation Tool • 4 th Semester Clinical	Met	• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Accreditation –Communication	Met
• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Accreditation –Communication	Met		

Here you will see there are two areas that we are not meeting for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semester. We have changes the Kaplan integration throughout the nursing program. We have started to use more focused and integrated exams in 2nd and 3rd semester. All nursing exams are being tagged to specific competencies so we will be able to identify areas of needing improvement after every unit exam in all nursing theory courses. Additionally, we are restructuring the content hours in the second semester theory course. This will allow for more time to be allocated to the larger content areas.

#3: Integrate theoretical knowledge to support decision making.

Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
• Clinical Evaluation Tool • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Met	• Clinical Evaluation Tool • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Met
• Concept Map • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Met	• Concept Map • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Met
• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Accreditation –Clinical Judgement	Not Met	• Kaplan Predictor NGN • Accreditation –Clinical Judgement	Not Met
• Applied Math Exam • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Not Met	• Applied Math Exam • 3 rd Semester Clinical	Not Met
• Evidence-Based Final Project • 4 th Semester Theory	Met	• Evidence-Based Final Project • 4 th Semester Theory	Met

We are looking at how we integrate the Kaplan testing throughout the program, rather than just in the later semesters.

Offering more skills scenarios as a buildup to their exam

For the math exams, we have reviewed all questions and updated to ensure the scenarios are realistic and relevant to practice. We have also increased practice opportunities on clinical skills days.

#5: Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care.			
Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
• Standard Core Orientation Quiz	Met	• Standard Core Orientation Quiz	Met
• 3 rd Semester Clinical		• 3 rd Semester Clinical	
• Kaplan Predictor NGN	Not Met	• Kaplan Predictor NGN	Not Met
• Client Need –Safe & Effective Care Environment		• Client Need –Safe & Effective Care Environment	
• Kaplan Predictor NGN	Not Met	• Kaplan Predictor NGN	Not Met
• Client Need – Management of Care		• Client Need – Management of Care	

We are also not meeting in two categories here for the Kaplan exams. As previously mentioned, we have spread Kaplan exams throughout the program to get students into NGN questions sooner. We have also added NGN question styles to all of the nursing exams. For students who score low on the Kaplan exams they have to complete remediation. We have changed the grading to the remediation as well so more points are allocated for the full completion of remediation. Also integrating a Kaplan benchmark exam into our mental health course. We are also looking at what are they learning in each individual semester and are they carrying this through to the subsequent semesters. Additionally, we are tagging unit and final exam questions to specific competencies in each course. This will allow us to see each student and the cohort score in specific content areas and identify if there are areas that are missed/gaps and how do we address those proactively.

Graduate Survey Results

- 2023 – 100% employed in the nursing field
- 97% of graduates satisfied/very satisfied with the nursing program.
- 90% of employers satisfied/very satisfied with nursing graduates.
- 24% of students complete the program within 4 semesters (Goal 43%).
 - Spring 2022 – Fall 2023 cohort
 - Fall 2023 small graduating cohort

**Graduating cohort in Fall 2023 was small- lost more than 1/3 in first semester*

Program Recruitment/Events

- K12 Events
 - K12 Preview Day
 - Offered in the Spring & Fall
- Poverty Simulation
 - <https://www.ntc.edu/news/ntc-nursing-students-gain-insight-complexities-living-poverty-0>
- Make It Real: Healthcare – Summer Day Camp
 - June 26th 8am -4pm
 - 9th-12th Grade Students

**208 students attending K12 event, with 168 coming through Nursing*

**Poverty Simulation recognized nationally (next one Spring 2025)*

**Make It Real- not just nursing. Numerous Healthcare fields*

Elder Abuse (Oct 15-17, 2024 at NTC) Free of charge

- CEUs will be offered through this opportunity
- NTC is Tri-hosting 3-day training
- A flyer is being attached to the follow-up email to this Advisory Committee

Preceptorship

- Current Process-submit their requests for where they would like to go, but then we look at appropriate placement
 - 72 hours
 - Gives them direction and knowledge about multiple areas
 - Sites are wonderful to work with
 - Struggles: finding enough nurses for preceptorship
 - Great working relationship with the sites
 - Value-add to both the students and the sites
- Questions
 - How is orientation going
 - Going well and touchpoints help to gauge their comfort and progress
 - How long are orientations on the units
 - Average of 6-12 weeks, depending on the unit, the student and their experience (step down units the time is shorter than specialized units)
- Future Planning
 - Handful of students who have their preceptorship have offers from this experience
 - Looking for suggestions from units on how we can make this experience better
 - Residency Programs
 - Aspirus-all new graduates are automatically enrolled
 - ❖ Apprenticeship-no cap yet has been needed (not for internal candidates)
 - ❖ Specialty Residency Programs
 - Start on CTU/IMC for first 6 months, with shadowing opportunities in the specialty units

Curriculum Modifications Discussion

Stephanie Bessert, Associate Dean of Nursing, discussed the following Curriculum Modification:

- Changed economics to microeconomics.
 - No change to the credits.

Facilities/Equipment

- **Recent Purchases**
 - **Super Tory**
 - New neonatal simulator-in our maternity suite
 - Super Tory is a high-fidelity simulator that can be ventilated; she has a full chest rise and fall as well as heart, lung and bowel sounds.
- **Immersive Reality-** Angela Roesler, Dean of Health Sciences and Community Services, spoke on the immersive room.
 - IR
 - Prioritize quality simulation experiences in all health programs
 - “Classic” simulation with simulators
 - Low/High Fidelity or Simulated Patient
 - Appeals to all learning styles by combining
 - Visual, auditory, tactile, etc. Plans for IR Room
 - Ideally, we need backgrounds, pictures and videos from our industry partners
 - We have the 360-degree camera to use; Rex (Academic Video Production Specialist) can also take pics that we can use
 - Provide IR for all programs
 - Construct tailored experiences based on program and/or community need
 - Hoping for this summer to get these integrated

Note: There is a need for clearance from facilities for recording (in empty spaces) in a variety of units. Contact Angela or Stephanie for more details or to set up getting the video/photos of your facility.

Other Discussion

none

Next Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items Discussion

The date for the fall meeting will be set at a later time and the group will be notified via email once this date is finalized. Meeting adjourned at 08:32am.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS



Manny Vasquez

Manny Vasquez is vice president of business development and partner at NAI Pfefferle, a full-service commercial real estate leader headquartered in Wisconsin since 1971. He is responsible for fostering relationships with a variety of clients, partners and stakeholders – including businesses, investors, owners/developers, municipalities and economic development organizations locally and nationally. Vasquez also helps the company and client base extend their market reach nationally and internationally by leveraging Pfefferle's partnership with NAI Global, a network of 300-plus commercial real estate offices around the world. Before joining NAI Pfefferle, Vasquez led the Fox Cities Regional Partnership.

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance as its communications director. Before coming to Fox-Wolf, he co-founded POSSABLE.shop, a social venture with his 28-year-old disabled son with a mission to give adults living with disabilities the opportunity to increase personal independence by selling their designs on apparel and wall art. Weidert also helped launch Delight!, an in-home, online and mobile "digital entertainment" magazine to more than 1.3 million cable TV homes throughout the United States.

His early career focused on the design and production of retail CPG companies in the U.S., including Disney, Columbia Tri-Star, Microsoft, Pepsi, Coke and Frito Lay.

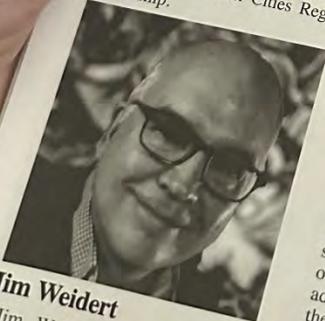


Jeannie Worden

Dr. Jeannie Worden serves as the president of Northcentral Technical College (NTC).

During her nearly 30-year career at NTC, Worden has served in a variety of roles, including NTC's executive vice president, vice president of student services, vice president of human resources and college advancement, executive director of the NTC Foundation, director of human resources, human resources specialist, benefit specialist and adjunct faculty.

Before coming to NTC, Worden worked in private industry in the field of human resources.



Jim Weidert

Jim Weidert is a Wisconsin-born artist, marketing executive and social entrepreneur.

Most recently, Weidert joined the



Elcho scholarship winners

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ELCHO — Elcho High School’s Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held May 19 at the Elcho School Theater. The following seniors received awards:

Angelo Angotti

- Cieslak Family Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Dave Stefan Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Elcho Trap Club Scholarship (\$250)
- GFWC Antigo Jr Women’s Club Scholarship (\$400)
- Pelican Lake Firemen Award (\$750)
- Post Lake Improvement Association Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Shabby Shack Scholarship (\$650)

Jaxon Brendemuehl

- American Legion Scholarship (\$250)
- Austin Palubicki Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Cieslak Family Scholarship (\$1,000)
- CoVantage Creates Futures Scholarship (\$500)
- Elcho Alumni Club Scholarship (\$500)
- Elcho Parent/Teacher Organization Scholarship (\$250)
- Elcho School Achievement Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Elcho Trap Club

Scholarship (\$250)

- Elwyn Remington Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000)
 - Ladies of Summit Lake Scholarship (\$250)
 - Pelican Lake Women’s Civic Club Scholarship (\$1,000)
 - Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (\$1,500)
- ### Drayton Dettman
- Elwyn Remington Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000)
 - Wisconsin Association of School Business Scholarship (\$1,500)

Sabrina Hatfield-Franske

- American Legion Scholarship (\$250)
- Austin Palubicki Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Believe in Yourself Award (\$500)
- Charlie Flood Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Cieslak Family Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Darrel Thomas Memorial Scholarship (\$300)
- Elcho Alumni Club Scholarship (\$500)
- Elcho Explorers 4H Scholarship (\$250)
- Elcho School Achievement Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Elwyn Remington Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Excellence Award (\$500)
- Hyland Lakes Lions Club

Scholarship (\$500)

- Langlade County Fair Youth Volunteerism Scholarship (\$500)
 - Mary Ann McCarthy Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
 - Pelican Lake Women’s Civic Club Scholarship (\$1,000)
 - Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (\$1,500)
 - Visser Family Community Service Award (\$500)
- ### Katelynn Manka
- Austin Palubicki Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
 - Challenge Award (\$400)
 - Community Association of Retirees Scholarship (\$1,000)
 - Elcho Alumni Club Scholarship (\$500)
 - Elcho Explorers 4H Scholarship (\$250)
 - Knights Templar Committee Scholarship (\$1,500)
 - Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (\$1,500)
- ### Nathali Olson
- Austin Palubicki Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
 - NTC Scholarship (\$1,500)
 - Pelican Lake Women’s Civic Club Scholarship (\$1,000)
 - Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (\$1,500)

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THE STAR NEWS CLASS OF 2024

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RIB LAKE 2024 Class motto: "Life is like a puzzle, you just need to figure out where the pieces fit." Student Council: Anna Konrad, Tessa Krause, Olivia Lopez, Josie Scheithauer Vice President Erin Bohmbach



Kaylyn Annala, daughter of Jim and Cindy Annala. She plans on pursuing a major in Financial Studies at Northcentral Technical College and hopes to one day become a Bookkeeper/Accountant.



Roger Bergemann, son of Roger and Katie Bergemann. He plans on pursuing a major in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University and hopes to one day become an Automotive Technician.



Jackson Blomberg, son of Jerod and Shelley Blomberg. He plans on pursuing a major in Exercise Science at UW-Stevens Point and hopes to one day become a Physical Therapist or Chiropractor.



Erin Bohmbach, daughter of Jackie and Larry Bohmbach. She plans on entering the workforce.



Xavier Brahmer, son of Dona Brandner and Kurt Brahmer. He has joined the Army National Guard, and plans on joining the Union for Road Construction, and Investing into Stocks and Real Estate. He is working at Great Northern Cabinetry.



Michael Butler, son of Tami and Tyson Butler. He plans on pursuing a major in Fire Science at Northcentral Technical College and hopes to one day become a Firefighter.



Betsy Chavarria Maldonado, daughter of Maria Cornejo. She plans on entering the workforce before pursuing a major in Nursing where she hopes to one day become a Registered Nurse.



Leah Chmielowiec, daughter of Mark and Gail Chmielowiec. She plans on pursuing a major in Nursing at UW-Oshkosh and hopes to one day become a Pediatric Nurse.



Julia Dananay, daughter of Jason and Lisa Dananay. She plans on earning a Bachelors in Social Work and then her Masters in Therapy. She plans on starting at Northcentral Technical College and then transferring to a UW school. She hopes to one day become a Therapist specializing in teenagers to young adults.



Isabella Fallos, daughter of Josh and Amber Fallos. She plans to pursue a major in Neuroscience at UW-River Falls and hopes to one day become a Children's Psychiatrist or Neuropsychologist.



Corey Fuchs, son of Scott and Tina Fuchs. He plans on going into logging with Scott Fuch's Logging.



Acacia Gustafson, daughter of Becky Schilling and Travis Gustafson. She plans on pursuing a major in Psychology at UW-Oshkosh and hopes to one day become a Music Therapist.



Raine Hamilton, daughter of Matt and Stacie Hamilton. She plans on pursuing a major in Criminal Justice at UW-Oshkosh.



Allison Heiser, daughter of Jeff and Sheila Heiser. She plans on majoring in Radiography at Northcentral Technical College and hopes to one day become a Radiologic Tech.



Jace Jacobs, son of Jennifer and Jason Polacek and Justin Jacobs. He plans on pursuing a job in Web Design and gaining his CDL.



Xavier Johnson, son of Daniel and Christina Johnson. He plans on enlisting in the Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance personnel.



Athena Jones, daughter of Damian and Sandra Jones. She plans on pursuing a major in Graphic Design or Photography at Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and hopes to one day become a Photographer.



Ethan Keiser, son of Tanya Keiser and the late Kevin Kesier. He plans on being a traveling Lineman and hopes to also be a professional Mixed Martial Artist.



Kaden Kennedy, son of William and Rebecca Kennedy. He plans on pursuing the Electrician Apprenticeship program at Mid State Technical College and hopes to one day be an Electrician. He will be doing his apprenticeship at McMillan Electric.



Anna Konrad, daughter of John and Leslie Konrad. She plans on pursuing a major in Meteorology at Iowa State University and hopes to one day become a Meteorologist for the National Weather Service.



Chloe Kostick, daughter of Dara Swenson and Travis Kostick. She plans on entering the workforce and hopes to one day become a manager at Walmart.



Tessa Krause, daughter of Randy and Dawn Krause. She plans on pursuing a major in English Education at UW-Stevens Point and hopes to one day become an English Teacher.



Mikel Loadman, son of Jim Loadman. He plans on pursuing a job in Health Care at Rib Lake Health Services and hopes to one day become a Dietary Manager.



Olivia Lopez, daughter of Linda Lopez and Frigg Thielke. She plans on pursuing a major in Social Studies Education at UW-Stevens Point and hopes to one day become a High School History Teacher.



Delana Meyer, daughter of Jessica Zondlo and Nicholas Meyer. She plans on pursuing a major in Applied Science and Veterinary Technologies at UW-River Falls and hopes to one day become a Veterinarian Technician or Assistant.



Macie Mudgett, daughter of Jessica and Cody Mudgett. She plans on pursuing a major in Substance Use Disorder Counseling at Northcentral Technical College and hopes to one day become a Counselor.



Marissa Peters, daughter of Mitch and Laura Peters. She plans on entering the workforce and hopes to one day become a Medical Coder.



Jennifer Pichea, daughter of Jason and Ashley Pichea. She plans on pursuing a major in Communications at Cedarville University and hopes to one day become a PR Professional.



Dominic Quednow, son of Paul Quednow and Mary Marthaler. He plans on pursuing a major in Business at UW-Stevens Point in Marshfield and hopes to one day become a Business Owner.



Josie Scheithauer, daughter of Craig and Joelle Scheithauer. She plans on pursuing a major in Elementary Education at University of Northwestern - St. Paul and hopes to one day become an Upper Elementary Teacher.



Donovan Sutherland, son of Sarah Sutherland. He has enlisted in the Army National Guard and plans to pursue a job in Real Estate. He is currently working at Great Northern Cabinet Factory.



Jersey Taylor, daughter of Jerilyn and Mitchell Taylor. She plans on majoring in Welding at Chippewa Valley Technical College and hopes to one day become a Master Welder.



Ethan Vermaat, son of Jacob Vermaat. He plans on entering the workforce.



Andrew Wudi, son of Mark and Dawn Wudi. He plans on entering the workforce and hopes to one day become a Business Owner.



Amber Yanko, daughter of Paul and Karen Yanko. She plans on pursuing a major in Nursing at Northcentral Technical College and hopes to one day become a Fertility Nurse.

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Area businesses come together for Merrill Chamber HR Workshop

Thirteen area businesses came together at the Park City Credit Union Community Room on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 for the first Regional Human Resources (HR) Workshop. The event was designed to gather HR professionals from area businesses and workforce resource organizations to share insights, collaborate, and connect. The 25 individuals that attended participated in a variety of conversations designed to foster connections and share themes they are seeing within the HR environment whether that be challenges or incentives used to attract and retain talent.

“This idea stemmed from our [Merrill Chamber] Human Resource Committee. We continue to hear about the struggle it can be to find and retain talent, and because of this Committee we have heard it’s not an isolated issue, so let’s make the resources known and get those individuals together into one room and continue to grow our community in a positive way,” said Merrill Chamber Executive Director Clyde Nelson.

The Chamber collaborated with Centergy to bring in representatives from North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development

Board, CW Solutions, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and Northcentral Technical College to deliver the tools available to employers and job seekers and the education given to area students going out into the workforce.

“It was a valuable morning for these individuals, and we hope that we can continue to offer these types of workshops through the Chamber,” said Nelson. “As a benefit to our Chamber members, we offer the opportunity to meet quarterly with our HR Committee. Whether you are an HR professional or a small business owner, it allows you the opportunity to hear about the new laws that affect the hiring process and allows you to ask more seasoned professionals for advice on employee or hiring situations happening within your company.”

This event was free and open to both Chamber members and non-chamber members. It was sponsored by the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce, Centergy, Park City Credit Union, and Nicolet National Bank. For more information on resources available to you, please visit the Merrill Chamber website: www.merrillchamber.org.



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Class of 2024 scholarships and awards

The following Merrill High School Class of 2024 students were recognized at Awards Night last week. Listed with their awards and scholarships, they are as follows:

- Carter Baade - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Merrill Baseball Association Carter Baade Scholarship
- Chloe Belant - Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association Scholarship, Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Aspirus Merrill Hospital Scholarship, Rotary Club Technical Scholarship, NTC Foundation - Aspirus Inc. I Scholarship
- Lauren Belsky - Kate Goodrich Elementary School PTO Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship
- Anna Bowe - Edward H. Staats & Mary Staats Memorial Scholarship, Sholund Estate Scholarship, UW-La Crosse Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Mickelson Athletic Award, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Gerald & Charmaine Whitburn Scholarship
- Chase Brantner - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award
- Jaden Bush - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Gold Tassel
- Christian Candler - NTC Foundation - All Metal Stamping Scholarship, Gold Tassel, David H. Eckerle Memorial Scholarship, Gleason Area Lions Club #1 Scholarship, Haunted Sawmill Scholarship, Kate Goodrich Elementary School PTO Scholarship,

- Lincoln County Beef Producers Scholarship, Little Lakes Memories Scholarship
- Ayden Cantrell - Invest In Your Purpose Scholarship, Pointer Promise Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Lawrence & John Frederick Agriculture Scholarship
- Isaak Clapper - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award
- Malaynie Dengel - Academic Excellence, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, X to C Golf Scholarship
- Gabriel Durbin - UW-Platteville Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, Merrill Police Department Scholarship
- Olivia Dzwonkowski - Distinguished Trustee Scholarship, Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Haunted Sawmill Scholarship
- Bryce Eggebrecht - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship
- Elexa Emmer - NMU Bridge Award, Wildcat Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Evelyn Broecker Memorial Scholarship, Lincoln County Sports Club Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship
- Clayton Evans - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship
- Grace Faber - UW-Stevens Point Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Grace Faber, Walter & Mabel Fromm University

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- Weylon Falk - Gold Tassel
- Anna Florez - Gold Tassel
- Emma Frazier - Gold Tassel, Kiwanis Club Scholarship
- Lacey Frisch - Gold Tassel
- Bobbi Gerbig - Gold Tassel
- Katy Glaze - Gold Tassel, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Lincoln County Beef Producers Scholarship, Nicklaus Agriculture Scholarship, WA Marquardt Scholarship
- Anthony Hanse - Gold Tassel, Blanche Krueger Youth Bowling Scholarship, Lois Latzig Memorial Scholarship, Washington Elementary School PTO Scholarship
- Linzee Hixon - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Walter & Mabel Fromm University Scholarship, William T. Evjue Scholarship
- Avery Hoff - St. Norbert College Trustee Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, Sally Pfund Memorial Scholarship
- Emma Hoff - St. Norbert College Presidential Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Martin & Marcella Lahni Scholarship
- Allison Hoock - Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Adam Smith Memorial University Scholarship, Gleason Area Lions Club #2 Scholarship, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship, Sherry Simon Success - Education Scholarship
- Austin Hotchkiss - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Ronald & Ellen Nicklaus Scholarship
- D'ondre Houghton - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Owen Cordova Memorial Scholarship
- Allison Hunter - Gold Tassel, Jered Severt Memorial Scholarship, Merrill Wrestling Club Scholarship, WA Marquardt Scholarship
- Emerson Iwen - Edward H. Staats & Mary Staats Memorial Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Boyd & Dorinda Gustke Family Scholarship, Merrill Lions Club Scholarship, Pine River Elementary School PTO Scholarship
- Mariah Jacoby - Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club Scholarship, Pointer Incentive Grant Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Genevieve Bowell Scholarship
- William Klein - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Walter

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• Brooklyn Kraegenbrink - Merrill High School Band Booster Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Lee Wardall Memorial - MTA Scholarship, Lincoln County Tavern League Scholarship, Optimist Club - Jr Optimist Member Scholarship, Pine River Elementary School PTO Scholarship, Washington Elementary School PTO, William Hinke & Jeanne Kroepelin Scholarship, Senior Athletic Award

• Nicholas Kriegel - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Merrill Golf Booster Club Scholarship

• Gabrielle Krueger - NTC Foundation - Jesse J. Fleischman Memorial Scholarship

• Regena Lahti - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Leonard Schmitt Undergraduate Law Scholarship UW-Madison Scholarship, Walter & Mabel Fromm University Scholarship

• Brody Lange - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Elsie H. Heckman Memorial Scholarship, Silver M Club in Memory of Arnold Kromholz Scholarship

• Bridger Lemmon - Packaging Corporation of America - Tomahawk Mill Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Eagles Auxiliary #584 Scholarship, Lee J. & Lillian Leidiger O'Reilly UW-Madison Scholarship

• Chloe Mallinowski - Gold Tassel, Jessica & David Alft Memorial Scholarship

• Erik Mann - Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, UW-Milwaukee Chancellor's Merit Scholarship, UW-Milwaukee New Directions Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Great Northern Conference Scholar Athlete, Mickelson Athletic Award, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Senior Athletic Award, WIAA Scholar Athlete, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Merrill Lions Club Scholarship, Silver M Club in Memory of Mark Weix Scholarship

• Connor McCorkle - Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Scholarship, NTC Foundation - Zoe Ziemendorf Memorial Scholarship, Technical Excellence Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Jefferson Elementary School PTO Scholarship, Lucas Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Mitchell Metal Products Scholarship, Varsity Hockey Blueline Club & Youth Hockey Association Scholarship

• Chloe McRae - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, Martin &

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Marcella Lahni Scholarship

- Mckenna Meyer - Chancellor Scholars Scholarship, Incredible Bank Employee Children Scholarship, Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Incredible Bank Finance Scholarship, Paul Simon Memorial - Business Scholarship, PRMS Student Council Scholarship Mckenna Meyer
- Alexis Ollhoff - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Class Of 2012 Scholarship
- Sebastian Ollmann - Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Linda Osness Memorial Scholarship, Optimist Club - Jr Optimist Member Scholarship, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Scholarship
- Caina Orzech - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, Sgt Ryan Jopek Memorial Scholarship
- Savannah Orzech - Gold Tassel, Leone Torzewski Memorial Scholarship
- Madison Ott - Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Haunted Sawmill Scholarship, Shirlaine Drew Memorial Scholarship
- Mia Ott - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Klug Athletic Award Scholarship, National Honor Society Cords, Senior Athletic Award, WIAA Scholar Athlete, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Matthew Zocher Memorial Scholarship, Optimist Club - Youth of The Month Scholarship, Rotary Club University Scholarship
- Nicholas Palecek - Gold Tassel
- Olivia Pierce - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Martin & Marcella Lahni Scholarship
- Mikal Plautz - Gold

Tassel, MHS Hall Of Fame Inductee, Senior Athletic Award

- Nolan Polak - Gold Tassel
- Andrew Proulx - Gold Tassel, John Philip Sousa Band Award, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award
- Michael Quong - Gold Tassel, Herbert F. & Elizabeth S. Guenzl UW-Madison Scholarship
- Amber Radtke - Gold Tassel, Sherry Simon Success - Financial Scholarship
- Kaiden Ratzlaff - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Gerald & Charmaine Whitburn Scholarship
- Ethan Ravn - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Scholarship, Merrill Lions Club Scholarship, Silver M Club in Memory of Harry Dahm Scholarship
- Samuel Reimann - Gold Tassel, Klug Athletic Award, Senior Athletic Award, Kiwanis Club Scholarship, Merrill Baseball Association Scholarship
- Alexis Rogers - Gold Tassel, Stephany "Stevie" Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Brooke Rudie - Gold Tassel, Alan C. Vecchio Memorial Scholarship, Optimist Club - Youth of The Month Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship
- Cadence Ryman - Incredible Bank Employee Children Scholarship
- Donald Salisbury - Gold Tassel
- Morgan Schmidt - Gold Tassel, Genevieve Bowell Scholarship
- Carson Schmitz - Merrill High School Band Booster Scholarship, Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Lee J. & Lillian Leidiger O'Reilly UW-Madison Scholarship
- Addison Schneider - Gold Tassel, Tim Volz "79" Memorial Scholarship
- Keko Schuetze - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award
- Katelyn Schult - Invest In Your Purpose Scholarship, Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association Scholarship, Melvin R. Laird Youth Leadership Scholarship, Pointer Promise Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Reindl Printing Scholarship, Walter & Mabel Fromm

University Scholarship

- Dawson Schulz - Mutual of Wausau Insurance Company Scholarship, NTC Foundation - All Metal Stamping Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete
- Kaden Schwandt - NTC Foundation - All Metal Stamping Scholarship
- Sommer Seefeldt - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, NTC Foundation - Charmaine Whitburn Women's Leadership Scholarship, Gold Tassel
- Kendel Semling - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Genevieve Bowell Scholarship
- Jalie Severt - Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Senior Athletic Award, Lincoln County Medical Society Scholarship, Linda Osness Memorial Scholarship
- Julia Shull - Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Aspirus Merrill Hospital Scholarship, Eagles Auxiliary #584 Scholarship, Optimist Club - Jr Optimist Member Scholarship, Pine River Elementary School PTO Scholarship
- Sophie Simon - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship
- Dylan Smith - Gold Tassel, Merrill Golf Booster Club Scholarship
- Matthew Steffen - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Mitchell Metal Products Scholarship
- Bridget Steinagel - Walter & Mabel Fromm Technical Scholarship
- Anna Streich - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Owen Cordova Memorial Scholarship
- Gracie Such - Lois Latzig Memorial Scholarship
- Ginni Townsend - Gold Tassel
- Nora Trojanowski - Berlin-Hamburg Lions Club Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Walter & Mabel Fromm University Scholarship
- Thomas Troyer - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Aspirus Merrill Hospital Scholarship, Shannon L. Hall Memorial Scholarship, Silver M Club in Memory of Leroy Dahm Scholarship
- Phillip Vogel - Gold

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Tassel, Walter & Mabel Fromm Technical Scholarship, X to C Golf Scholarship

- Brock Wakefield - Gold Tassel

- Addison Warren - Sylvia Woller Scholarship

- Parker Welch - Gold Tassel

- Sophie Wendorf - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Al & Elayne Saeger Memorial Scholarship

- Isabel Wendt - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Neil Callahan Memorial Scholarship, Park City Credit Union Scholarship

- Macy Wesbrock - NTC Foundation Scholarship

- Anna Westfall - Gold Tassel, Adam Smith Memorial Technical Scholarship, Walter & Mabel Fromm Technical Scholarship

- Macy Wienke - University Of Minnesota-

- Duluth Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Martin & Marcella Lahni Scholarship

- Kayli Wirtala - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Herbert F. & Elizabeth S. Guenzl UW-Madison Scholarship

- Allison Wolff - Gold Tassel

- Brayden Woller - Gold Tassel

- Alayna Wyland - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, NTC Foundation - Aspirus Inc. I Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Aspirus Merrill Hospital Scholarship, David & Emily Streich Scholarship, Park City Credit Union Scholarship

- Gracie Wyma - Academic Excellence, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Paul • Simon Memorial - Financial Scholarship

- Audrey Yuds - Gold Tassel

NTC nursing students have 99% pass rate

WAUSAU — North-central Technical College (NTC) has received an exceptional achievement rating for nursing students, according to a press release. Nursing graduates have attained a 99% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The achievement is a measure of quality education and training provided by nursing

programs. “I am thrilled to see our nursing students achieve such an outstanding pass rate on the NCLEX,” said Dr. Angela Roesler, dean of Health and Community Services. “This accomplishment highlights the dedication and perseverance of our students, as well as the exceptional support and education provided by our faculty

and staff. At NTC, we are committed to cultivating a learning environment that not only meets but exceeds the standards of healthcare education.” The NCLEX is a national exam nursing graduates are required to pass in order to become a licensed nurse. NTC’s nursing program combines rigorous academic coursework with extensive hands-on

clinical experience, preparing students to excel in their careers. “As a faculty member at NTC, I am incredibly proud of our nursing students’ exceptional performance on the NCLEX,” said Dr. Valerie Palarski, nursing faculty at NTC. “This achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication, as well as the high-quality education

and training provided by our program. Our success reflects our commitment to excellence and our role in preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals. This is significant not just for our students, but for the entire community, as it ensures we continue to deliver highly skilled and compassionate nurses into the workforce.”

NTC’s nursing program is dedicated to fostering a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, critical thinking and compassionate patient care. The comprehensive curriculum, state-of-the-art facilities and experienced faculty play pivotal roles in ensuring students are well-prepared for the demands of the healthcare field.



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SPENCER SENIORS CARRY SCHOLARSHIPS, WELL WISHES INTO FUTURE ENDEAVORS

Amidst applause and proud cheers, Spencer High School bids farewell to its graduating seniors, showering them with accolades and support during the Senior Awards Night. We recognized [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) dual credit completion, National Honor Society membership, Youth Apprenticeship state certification, athletic participation, academic achievement and scholarship.

Members of the Class of 2024 received scholarships exceeding \$65,000 in total, a generous contribution to their hard work and dedication moving forward. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors, supportive families, and dedicated staff who made these scholarships available and the senior awards night possible. As they embark on their journey beyond high school, we congratulate each graduate and wish them success in their future endeavors. Here's to a bright and promising future for the Spencer High School Class of 2024!

~Mrs. Heidi Brostowitz, high school counselor



'Old Drugs New Threat' program at NTC, June 18

Taylor County Health Department as part of the Communities Talk to prevent underage drinking presents "Old Drugs New Threat."

The community event will be held on June 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the NTC Medford Campus located at 1001 Progressive Ave.

One of the most dangerous public perceptions has to

be "I did it when I was a kid and I turned out fine." The event focuses on the new dangers of these drugs to young people in the community.

The event is hosted by the Taylor County Health Department, in partnership with Northcentral Technical College and the Taylor County Drug Opposition Partners (TCDOP) with the support of SMAHS's Town Hall Stipend.

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Nursing students at NTC complete "escape room" activity.

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Care for Wounded Helper program set for Sept. 10

Care for the Wounded Helper: Understanding Secondary Traumatic Stress, Self-Care, and Creating Healthy Boundaries seminar will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. or from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Northcentral Technical College campus in Medford.

The event is hosted by the Taylor County Health Department & Human Services, in partnership with Northcentral Technical College, Taylor County Medical Reserve Corps, and Prevent Suicide Taylor County, with the support of the MRC STTRONG Grant.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, trauma was widely prevalent in society. The collective trauma we all experienced as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic

has only exacerbated the issue. Moreover, trauma has negatively affected organizations taxing already stressed systems of care and employee wellness.

Those who work in the helping professions are often “wounded healers” themselves. The program will look at vicarious trauma, secondary traumatic stress, compassion fatigue, and burnout and its effects on caregiver work and discuss strategies to practice proper “smart” self-care – for themselves and for those that depend on them for help.

The program is presented by Scott Webb, a trauma survivor, who has worked in the behavioral health field for over 39 years. He is currently the Trauma-Informed Care Coordinator for WI DHS, and

has a background in clinical, consultative, & administrative work.

Visit bit.ly/careforthewoundedhelper to register.

Wausau class of '69 reunion set

Attention Wausau Senior High 1969 graduates, the 55th Class Reunion will be held on August 23 and 24, 2024.

Organizers of the class reunion ask that classmates visit the private Facebook page at Facebook.com/WausauHighSchool1969 for details (ask to join and you will be admitted). Classmates may also email wausauhighschool1969@gmail.com to be on the email list to receive updates on the details.



Dual language wood grading course to be held at NTC

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ANTIGO — This week, North Central Technical College's (NTC) Wood Technology Center will host a brief seminar focused mostly on lumber grading that will be held in both Spanish and English.

It will be the first dual language course NTC has ever hosted, according to Tim Kassis, a Wood Technology Center board member and

the president of the educational division of the Lake States Lumber Association (LSLA), which is technically putting on the seminar.

"I don't speak Spanish, but I have a translator," said Kassis, who worked in lumber grading for 12 years and will serve as one of the instructors for the course. "We'll have two translators there.

So as I'm presenting the material, they'll be able to translate it into Spanish." Grants the LSLA

received from the Forest Products Lab in Madison and the DNR will fund the translators and textbooks for the course, which both Kassis and Wood Technology Center Director Logan Wells expect will contain a good number of Spanish-speaking students.

"We think there is a lot of demand for this, because there's a lot of Spanish-speaking workers," Kassis said. "My goal is to go ahead and expand this. We feel that because

of the Spanish-speaking labor force, it's very important that we are able to interpret for and train

these people, even if they don't speak our language."

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Kassis said he and other instructors will not be paid for teaching the three-day seminar, which will also include small presentations on kiln drying and manufacturing.

“The money that we make goes back into our education group and gets

put out for public education for Trees for Tomorrow and some other causes,” Kassis said. “We’ve actually given money to the tech so they can bring students in. We’ve given money to Kemp Station up here from the DNR too. They bring grade school kids in to show them about wood products

and things like that. But Trees for Tomorrow has gotten a lot from us.” Kassis hopes the Wood Technology Center’s two year, comprehensive program can gain greater exposure as well. “People graduating from the two year course are almost guaranteed a job. They’re often higher paying jobs too, not just

minimum wage jobs,” he said. “So the two year course is really a great option as well.” The dual language seminar will run June 18-20 this week. For more information about NTC’s Wood Technology Center of Excellence, contact Wells at 715-623-7601, Ext. 7794 or wells@ntc.edu.



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Senior Card Group

The Senior Citizens card group met on June 13 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Two games of Sheephead were played. Aaron Totzke won first place and Sally Stubbe came in second in the first game. Nobert Lake won first and Butch Boris came in second in the second game.

Low score was Dave Perrodin. Newcomers are encouraged to come play Sheephead every Thursday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Athens fire hall.

Adventures in the Park

Join the Athens Branch staff for adventures in Athens Park on Monday, June 24, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The adventure will start with a Family Story Time at 10:30 a.m.,

followed by crafts and a scavenger hunt within and around the park. Any young ones who return the completed scavenger hunt bags to the library will receive a prize.

Friday Night Dinner

Friday Night Dinner by the Gazebo for June 21 will be by Trinity Lutheran Youth. Dinner will consist of grilled burgers, baked beans, chips, soda and water and dessert. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. and go until the concert ends. The Old Timers concert will start at 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the dinner and concert will move to the arena in Memorial Park.

Trinity Lutheran School 4th Quarter Honor Rolls Highest Honors (All A's)

8th grade: Ben Hartwig, Eli Schauer.

6th grade: Laurny Hartwig, Jadyn Rueth.

High Honors (More A's than B's)

7th grade: Brooklyn Hein, Nick Paul.

6th grade: Alex Ellenbecker.

College notes

Michael Peterson, Hamburg, has graduated from Northcentral Technical College's Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement 720 Academy and Jail Academy. The Jail Academy Certificate is a Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited 200-hour program that prepares learners for positions as correction officers in county jails.

Martha Miller has earned highest honors for the 2024 spring semester at UW-Green Bay. Highest honors go to students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all "A" grades.

The following students were named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at UW-Madison: Alyssa Nielsen, College of Agricultural & Life Science; Brock Thompson, College of Letters and Science; Lila Thompson, School of Education; and Madison Wagner-Durr, College of Letters and Science.

Farmers Market

The Athens Farmers Market is held every Tuesday, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Memorial Park.

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Bingo at St. Stephen

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 424 N. 3rd Ave., will host bingo on Wednesday, June 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the church basement. Refreshments and snacks will be served. If you need a ride or have any questions, call Mark at (715) 348-5802 or Colleen at (715) 571-8277.



Stratford students pass business exam

Six Stratford High School students recently passed the ASK Business Concepts exam, earning an industry-recognized certificate for high school students. According to the MBA Research and Curriculum Center, ASK is "a critical tool for serious students of business who wish to document their understanding of key business skills, their willingness to be accountable for their learning, and their interest in positioning for employment and promotion." From left to right students are Josh Bosmans, Chloe Post, Trygve Aschenbrenner, Jenna Weigel, and Lily Dabbert. Missing from the photo was Brody Thomer.

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College notes

Maximilian Larson was named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

The following students were named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at UW-Madison: Lydia Huehnerfuss, School of Business; and Natalie Krause, School of Human Ecology.

MARATHON

Summer LEGO parties

Get creative with LEGO and other blocks at the Marathon City Branch Library on Friday, June 21, and on Friday, June 28, from 1-3 p.m. The blocks will be provided for free. No registration required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Mini Paper Kites

Kids can create fun, travel-size mini kites at the Marathon City Branch Library, anytime during regular business hours the week of June 24-29. All supplies are provided free of charge. No registration required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Family Story Time

Children ages six and under and their parents and caregivers are invited to come to the Marathon City Branch Library each Thursday for Family Story Time. Enjoy learning with all of your children through



School students tour Capitol

On May 16, third and fourth grade students from St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School in Athens and St. Joseph Catholic School in Stratford toured the Capitol in Madison. Students also participated in an interactive program at the History Maker Space and toured the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

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stories, songs and other literature-based activities during this 30-minute program. Participants will read books, sing songs, and more during our 30-45 minutes together. The next Story Times will be June 20 and 27, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Water Bottle Holder

Kids and teens can keep hydrated in style this summer by making their own water bottle holders out of duct tape. Stop by the Marathon Branch library any time between 12 and 3 p.m. on Thursday, June

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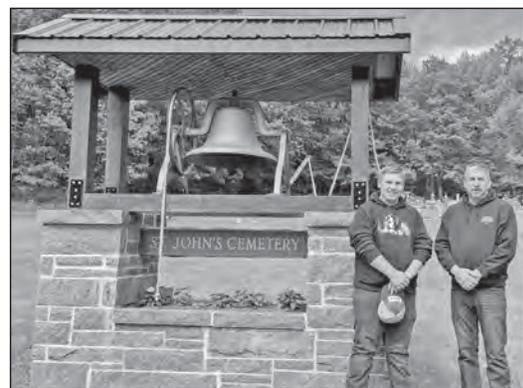
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Stratford students pass Microsoft Exam
Stratford High School students Connor Finke, left, and Jack Remus recently passed the Microsoft Office Specialist Exam for Word 2019. This is an industry-recognized certification from Microsoft. SUBMITTED PHOTO



St. John's bell rung for veterans
After the sale of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rib Falls, Lowell Heise contacted Sign Forge of Marathon to remove the church bell from the church tower in December of 2021. This spring, Lon Heise, who is on the St. John's cemetery committee, contacted Switlick and Sons, Inc. of Athens to have the church bell installed on top of St. John's Cemetery brick sign. This past Memorial Day, the bell was rung for the first time by Lowell Heise, right, and his son Mason, former members of St. John's Lutheran Church, during the Marathon American Legion's memorial service at the St. John's cemetery. A single bell tone was sounded for each of the 12 veterans buried at the cemetery. This new tradition will continue each Memorial Day ceremony from now on and for any military funeral. SUBMITTED PHOTO

People

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20, to make a bottle holder. The event is free, all supplies will be provided, and no registration is needed. For more information, call 714-443-2775.

College notes

Camryn Sapinski was named to the spring semester dean's list at Winona State University. To be named to the list, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours for a grade) and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Laci Hoeksema and Aria Quiggle named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College in De Pere. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

The following students were named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at UW-Madison: Sage Fritz, College of Agricultural & Life Science; Gracie Gage, School of Education; Bailey Karlen, School of Pharmacy; Cullen Krasselt, College of Engineering; Ashley Seliger, School of Education; Laila Smith, College of Agricultural & Life Science; Sofia Tylinski, School of Education.

Farmers Market

The Marathon City Farmers Market will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. every Thursday at 400 Main St. More than 45 vendors will be selling produce, bakery items, flowers, arts and craft. Food trucks and drinks will also be available. A petting zoo is planned for June 27. For more information, call 715-306-1355.

STRATFORD

Leap, Frog, Leap!

On Monday, June 24, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., staff from Children's Wisconsin will lead a program at the Stratford Branch Library during which children will use their fine motor skills to make some froggy art and their motor skills to act like frogs. They'll also be available to speak with parents and caregivers about parenting and developmental questions, and recommend community services that the adults might not know about.

The Magic of Isaiah

Get ready for an afternoon filled with awe, wonder, and plenty of laughs at this family-friendly event with magician Isaiah Foster on Tuesday, June 25, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., outside of the Stratford Branch Library (213201 Scholar St., Stratford). The event is free. No registration required. Call Stratford branch at 715-687-4420 for more information.

Young adult book club

The Stratford Young Adult Book Club: "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs on Thursday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the Stratford Branch Library. A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered. Join in person or virtually. Call 715-687-4420 for more information.

College notes

Clare Bargender has graduated from Winona State University with a masters of professional accounting.

Lexie Christopherson, Alexia Daul and Sarah Zuelke were named to the spring semester dean's list at Winona State University. To be named to the list, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours for a grade) and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Rodney Harper and Brendan Fecker have graduated from Northcentral Technical College's Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement 720 Academy and Jail Academy. The Jail Academy Certificate is a Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited 200-hour program that prepares learners for positions as correction officers in county jails.

Greta Hill, a sophomore in the College of Education and Human Service Professions at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, was named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list for maintaining a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher.

John Seitz was named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College in DePere. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

The following students were named to the

2024 spring semester dean's list at UW-Madison: Allison Kloos, College of Agricultural & Life Science; and Alexander Thompson, School of Business.

Zackary Seitz has earned president's honor roll honors for the 2024 spring semester at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn. To be eligible for the honor roll, students must earn a grade-point average of 4.0 for the semester and be enrolled in at least 12 credits of coursework.

Stratford H.S. Honor Rolls

High Honors

12th grade: Cassandra Cano-Aguilera, Peyton Drexler, Rachel Fischer, Matthew Folz, Hannah Gilbert, Payton Glenn, Addison Grabow, Ashley Hollatz, Sailor Kauffman, Koehler Kilty, Brianna Landwehr, Aliya Manecke, Brady Schmidt, Ashlyn Solinsky, Sadie Weigel, Carissa Weis, Kressa Wenzel, Henry Zaleski, Landon Zawislau.

11th grade: Jesse Bauer, Addison Bauman, Cooper Bosmans, Drew Bruesewitz, Cristina Cano-Aguilera, Gavin Cepress, Alec Chapel, Trenton Courmoyer, Andrew Dickinson, Kassedey Downey, Kaden Foster, Aidan Hadlock, Ethan Heeg, Matthew Kolb, Claire LaPointe, Abigail Lewerenz, Carter Lueck, Keirstyn Mannigel, Reid Miller, Mckenzie Novotny, Mason Oertel, Laney Pankratz, Laurenz Plattner, Emma Roeper, Emerson Roy, Jett Schoenherr, Maggie Schwabe, Breleigh Skaya, Maci Stueber, Jack Tubbs, Mason Wavrunek, Walker Weis, Derek Wiese, Caleb Wrensch, Garrett Zuelke.

Te grade: Trygve Aschenbrenner, Jonathan Avin-Melgarejo, Alaina Bangart, Thomas Bangart, Alyssa Bargender, Brady Berg, Coltan Breit, Amanda Budtke, Ryan Christopherson, Colin Courmoyer, Lily Dabbert, Haley Fecker, Hayden Fecker, Eire Fisher, Erika Frick, Mason Hollatz, Mathias Kaiser, Alexa Krieg, Gracie Krummel, Dawnyel Martin, Aleydi Martinez-Torres, Kaylie McHugh, Sylvia McMeeken, Gavin Meyer, Kaylee Os-

tricki, Cody Randow, Calvin Rasmussen, Jack Remus, Isabelle Schill, Gracie Schmidt, Riley Spindler, MyKayla Stueber, Brody Thomer, Tria Tubbs, Brooks Vanderhoof, Hailey Wiesman, Lucy Zaleski, Emily Zuelke.

Ninth grade: Olivia Ballerstein, Madelyn Berdan, Joshua Bosmans, Carely Cano-Aguilera, Nathan Cordes, Amber Drexler, Connor Finke, Gavin Gawlikoski, Camryn Gresham, Kolton Haupt, Aaron Knetter, Connor Kreft, Dylan Lewerenz, John Mews, Kaden Ostricki, Carly Pankratz, Chloe Post, Emmereyn Schiller, Brianna Sherden, Avery Skaya, Dylan Strasser, Christopher Stutttgen, Carter Trowbridge, Jovanni Verdone, Mario Verdone, Jenna Weigel, Ava Wenzel, Alexis Wiesman, Lila Yoder.

Honors

12th grade: Braden Bloom, Ryan Brubaker, Madelyn Danielson, Abigail Dennee, Brandon Drexler, Austyn Johnson, Riley Kroening, Makenzie Kuehnhold, Gavin Leonhardt, Ashton Martin, Juliana Molina, Saliza Pilsner, Nathan Remus, Alexandria Stargardt, Cole Tichy, Gavin Zoellick.

11th grade: Kayla Casperon, Xander Currice, Garrett Drexler, Taylor Gawlikoski, Lydia Junemann, Vance Kielman, Lillyan Kildahl, Brandon Knetter, Dylan Lange, Cayden Leonhardt, Perla Martinez Gonzalez Scott Robus, Kalyon Schueller, Paige Spindler, Alex Trowbridge, Mette Utzon, Jasmine Weiland, Daisy Yoder.

10th grade: Carley Ehrlike, Maddie Fischer, Lucas Forrest, Matthew Mueller, Jaeger Ormond, Seth Ostricki, Gracie Rehm, Robin Serwe, Madelyn Stein, Zander Zawislau.

Ninth grade: Ali Bohman, Tyler Budtke, Mamy Carrion, Ava Dehlinger, Ella Dennee, Carter Foster, Jaela Jochimsen, Bailey Knapp, Dakota Knetter, Owen Lueck, Rhyann Millard, Devin Moore, Hayden Polzin, Lucas Sauter, Breleigh Shanks, Garrett Smazal, Jaden Weis, Kaylynn Winkler.



NTC receives \$25,000 firefighter training grant



The Wis. Department of Safety and Professional Services awarded the grant which will train up to 6 high school students to be Firefighter Level I volunteers

By [Adam Mueller](#)

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MERRILL, Wis. (WSAW) - Northcentral Technical College was presented with a ceremonial check of \$25,000 Wednesday morning for a youth firefighter training grant.

NTC was one of four winners of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services grant. The money will fund the school's Youth Firefighter Academy, a partnership with Central Fire and EMS District and Abbotsford and Colby High Schools.

The program will train up to six high school students to a Firefighter I level so that they can join a department as soon as they graduate high school.

It will also allow students to try the first responder field before graduation.

"If it's something someone thinks they're a little bit interested in and they're maybe afraid to try it out, this gives a good chance for people at that age, high school to explore kind of where they want to go with their careers," said Shane Heilmann, NTC's Director of Public Safety and Community Safety Simulation Center.

DSPS Secretary Dan Hereth said the grants were given to encourage young people to continue joining fire departments statewide.

Colby High School principal Steven Wozniak is a volunteer with Central Fire District and noticed the aging of its firefighters. He says he hopes that young people will feel the same he did when he received his firefighter training five years ago.

“A lot of it is just having conversations with students about the importance of giving back, the importance of serving your community, and how it’s going to help you in the future as an adult,” Wozniak said.

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SCHOOLS

NTC nursing students achieve 99 percent pass rate on licensure exam

June 8, 2024

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WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College announced this week an exceptional achievement by its nursing students, who attained a 99 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination. This achievement underscores the high quality of education and training provided by NTC’s nursing program.

“I am thrilled to see our nursing students achieve such an outstanding pass rate on the NCLEX,” said Dr. Angela Roesler, dean of health and community services, in a news release. “This accomplishment highlights the dedication and perseverance of our students, as well as the exceptional support and education provided by our faculty and staff. At NTC, we are committed to cultivating a learning environment that not only meets but exceeds the standards of healthcare education.”

The NCLEX is a national exam nursing graduates are required to pass to become a licensed nurse. NTC’s nursing program combines academic coursework with hands-on clinical experience, preparing students to excel in their careers.

For more information about NTC’s nursing program, visit

www.ntc.edu/academics-training/programs/all/associate-degree/nursing.



Nursing students achieve 99% pass rate on national exam

Morgan Johnson Jun 5, 2024



WAUSAU, Wis. - Nursing students at Northcentral Technical College achieved a 99% passing rate on the National Council Licensure Examination.

Passing the Exam is required in order for graduates to become licensed nurses.

"This accomplishment highlights the dedication and perseverance of our students, as well as the exceptional support and education provided by our faculty and staff," said Dr. Angela Roesler, Dean of Health and Community Services.

Northcentral Technical College's nursing program combines academic coursework with hands-on clinical experience.

Fallos sets the bar high with two diplomas in one week

Isabella Fallos received associates degree from NTC on May 18, will receive high school diploma Friday



Isabella Fallos, 18, is the daughter of Amber and Josh Fallos of Rib Lake. She recently completed her associates degree through NTC and on Friday will be receiving her high school diploma from Rib Lake High School. BRIAN WILSON/THE STAR NEWS

Isabella “Izzy” Fallos is getting ready for her second graduation ceremony within the span of one week.

Fallos will be graduating with her classmates at Rib Lake High School on Friday night. On Saturday, May 18, she received her associates degree in substance abuse disorder counseling from Northcentral Technical College. She is the first student to complete the college degree program through NTC while also a student in high school.

Fallos said it would not have been possible without the support of “a really awesome counselor” at NTC who was able to get her course program set up as well as the support she received from Rib Lake teacher Dan Winkler.

“I want to thank Mr. Winkler for all of his support through my whole journey. He really made a tremendous impact on my life,” Fallos said.

Fallos’ degree is for counseling people with substance use disorders in the community across age groups.

While other young people her age were in class studying algebra or chemistry, Fallos has spent the last few months working completing the hours of hands-on learning she needs to have to earn the degree. She completed her internship in Wausau, that began in January. In April got a job working in Lac Du Flambeau with students in the school for substance use disorders.

“So that’s been really fun,” she said. She explained that she is intrigued by seeing how the substances impact your brain and functioning overall.

In order to complete her program and be able to receive her degree from NTC this spring, Fallos had to make some choices. One of those was to transfer from Rib Lake High School into the Rural Virtual Academy.

Rib Lake School District is a member of the consortium of school districts who partner to run the RVA. Under this, Fallos will receive a Rib Lake diploma and was able to participate in extracurricular activities at Rib Lake.

“RVA gave me a little more freedom to have time to do the classes I needed to do and do my internship,” Fallos said.

“We try to continually think outside the box to continue to provide high levels of education and best meet the needs of our students,” said RVA High School Principal Kathy Alexander. She said that because of RVA’s partnership with the Rib Lake School District, and 70 others around the state, they are able to provide opportunities that go beyond what the student would be able to get in a traditional brick and mortar setting.

The process to graduate high school with both an associates degree and a high school diploma did not happen by chance. She began in her sophomore year of high school with the “Start College Now” program which allows high school students to earn a certain number of college credits at no cost to the students. She also took advantage of dualcredit offerings through NTC such as the advanced math classes taught by Rib Lake teacher Craig Scheithauer. These programs and dual credit opportunities allowed her to complete her degree without going into debt, making it manageable to pay as she went. “It certainly made a huge difference,” she said.

She said she became committed to wanting to earn her associates degree during the spring semester of her junior year of high school.

Fallos praised the advisor she worked with at NTC who was able to get everything set up for her. “She laid out what classes I had to take when. She was really great to work with them and the teachers there are amazing too any questions they’re always available to help and they want to see their students succeed, which I think is amazing,” Fallos said.

Fallos said she knew she could academically handle the mountain of coursework needed to meet her degree and high school requirements, but it required a bit of advocacy to convince others that she would be able to carry the load.

This past fall she had 24 college credits worth of classwork, in addition to being in high school.

“Trying to make that line up in my schedule was a little bit challenging,” Fallos said.

“I love learning and I love understanding how things work, especially my passion is really like neural science and psychology so there’s a lot of that in the substance use disorder world, so having some of those classes kind of drove me to continue to work hard,” Fallos said.

Not only was Fallos able to keep up with her mountain of classwork, but she excelled at it. She is in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was named to the 2024 All-Wisconsin Academic Team. Only 30 college students in the state received this recognition.

As far as her choice of degree, Fallos said she saw a need for it in the community.

“There is a lot of alcohol and drugs around, especially starting at younger ages,” she said. She said there are a lot of dangerous things out there such as fatal overdose of opioids.

“I wanted to be part of the solution,” Fallos said, noting that she knew she had the passion and drive to pursue it.

She said there is a growing demand for those counseling services in Northern Wisconsin.

“It is a growing field and especially if you are planning on going into the mental health field, it is a really great place to start in my opinion or even just stay as a substance use disorder counselor you can find a job wherever you look” she said. “If you’re passionate about what you do you can go anywhere.” She noted that in tribal communities, in particular, there is a great need. “I think it is a great place to work and the people are amazing to work with and the community’s worth working for,” she said.

Fallos said she could not have made this happen without the support of her family and educators she has worked with.

Fallos plans to continue her education. She intends to enroll in a university program for neuroscience and either go to medical school or pursue a doctorate and go into research. She said the hands-on work she has been able to do with working as a counselor will be valuable going forward as she looks to continue her studies.

While Fallos has been committed with her studies, she said she still makes time to be a teenager.

“I have a boyfriend, Ethan. He’s amazing and I spend time with him a lot, I like to go out to Culvers with my friends and just catch up or go to the Plaza and hang out,” she said.

“I definitely feel like it is something I am able to balance. I guess it’s a good way to put it,” she said that especially with summer coming up she will have some extra time to take some additional classes for neuroscience, while also working toward becoming an emergency medical technician.



Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

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Everyone loves a big check and we had another big check presentation today. This time it was \$25,000 to [Northcentral Technical College](#), which won a Youth Firefighter Training Program grant, along with partners [Colby School District](#), [School District of Abbotsford](#), and [Central Fire & EMS District](#).

We're proud to further Gov. Tony Evers efforts to keep Wisconsin communities safe - [Wisconsin's Technical Colleges](#)



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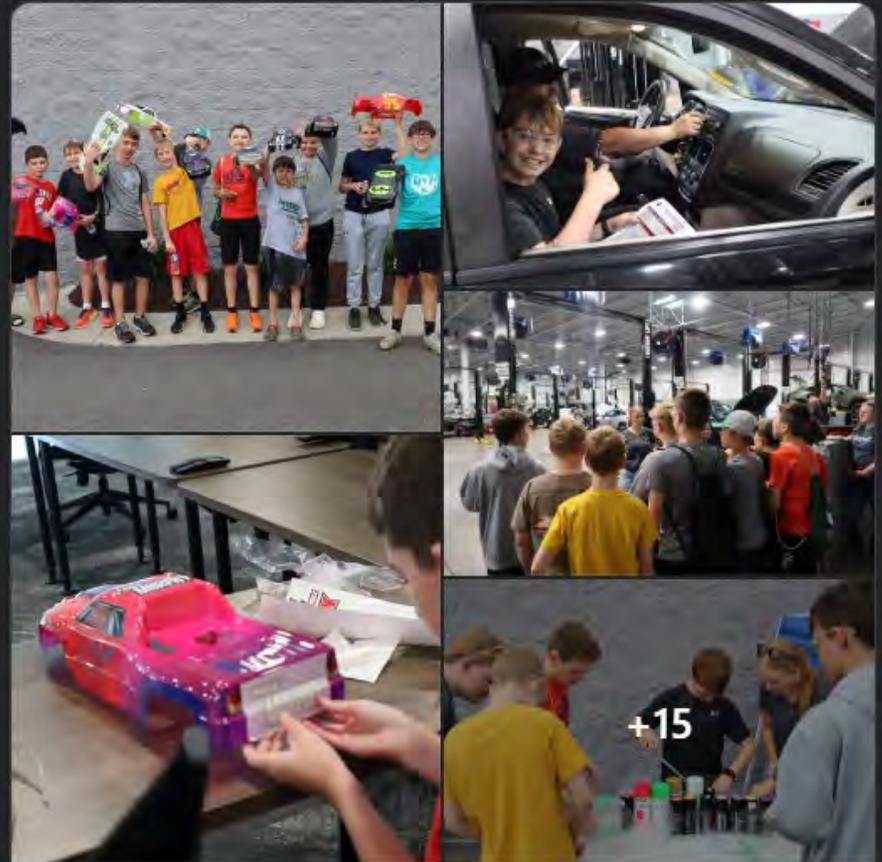
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Got to spend the last week learning about some stuff pretty far out of my element, I know I had a great time and so did the kids!

Students learned the components of the engine, the suspension & the steering systems, how to check all the fluids, how mechanics can use a scanner to inspect the vehicles and find issues, how to measure brake pads and tires for wear, change engine oil and even how to race RC cars!

In between all that, we got to visit [Kocourek](#) to paint the bodies of the RC cars and learn how their technicians preform a safety check on a used car before it goes out to be sold!

Thursday we held a race where we watched the students drive their cars at speeds upwards of 45 MPH! It was quite the show!



Drive Kocourek

June 19 at 3:57 PM · 🌐

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Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce
21 hours ago

Many thanks to [Northcentral Technical College](#) for their wonderful contributions to our depot headquarters!

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[Northcentral Technical College](#) held a CNA training at Rib Lake Health Services on Monday. The CNAs enjoyed morning exercise with the residents. Thank you Northcentral Technical CNAs for all your help and fun personalities!

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Rib Lake School District
17m · 🌐

Week three of our summer school class Smells Like Teen Spirit was a fun one! Students traveled to Wausau and visited with [Justin Loew WAOW](#) and got a tour of the building and learned about meteorology!

Afterwards, students visited [Northcentral Technical College](#) to learn about their programs and take part in some STEM activities.

Back in Rib Lake, students had their own version of The Amazing Race, made homemade ice cream and rhubarb crisp, and did some team building activities! #RLSD #RLSDPride

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Wausau School District
a day ago · 🌐

Fab Lab students from [#WausauSchools](#) West High toured the Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence at Northcentral Technical College! Thank you to our great post-secondary partner showcasing the cutting edge of automation and robotics to our students.

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Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative

June 14 at 8:43 AM · 🌐

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Today, we begin recognizing those who were awarded an Operation Round Up scholarship in 2024 for the first time. The first featured recipient of a \$500 Operation Round Up scholarship is Claire Barden, who graduated from Rural Virtual Academy this year. Claire plans to attend Northcentral Technical College to study Architectural Design.

Congratulations Claire and best wishes as you continue your education!

For more information about Operation Round Up scholarships available through CWEC, or to view the 2024 first-time recipients, visit: <https://www.cwecoop.com/scholarship-opportunities>



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Congratulations to Thorp High School graduates Sophie Bibeau and Kendall Luzinski on being selected as Forward Scholarship Recipients! 🌟 Sophie plans to attend Chippewa Valley Technical College for Accounting and Kendall will be studying Dairy Science and Agri-business at Northcentral Technical College.

Way to go, ladies!

#scholarshipprogram #classof2024 #Thorp



CONGRATULATIONS!



➤ 2024 Forward Scholarship Recipient

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Wausau Coated Products
3 days ago

Exciting News from WCP!

Congratulations to our graduates of the [NTC Workforce Training + Professional Development Workplace English for Spanish Speakers](#) and [Workplace Spanish for English Speakers](#) programs! Over the past 8 weeks, these dedicated individuals have completed a comprehensive 32-hour course aimed at enhancing workplace communication and boosting productivity. Their commitment to bridging language barriers is truly inspiring, and we're thrilled to see the posit...
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Workplace Spanish for English Speakers

Workplace English for Spanish Speakers

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Wausau School District
2 hours ago

Congratulations to Samuel Schumacher, #WausauSchools West High senior, for being awarded a CWIMA scholarship!

Each year, the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) awards scholarships to area high school students for continuing education to learn in-demand trade skills in manufacturing. Hosted by CWIMA, the Machine Tool Competition and the Welding Competition offer two different skills-based scholarship opportunities for high school students geared toward aspiring machinists and welders.

The scholarship awards pay a student's tuition for manufacturing-related classes at either Mid-State Technical College (M-STC) in Wisconsin Rapids or Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Wausau. Manufacturing-related classes include Machine Tooling, Welding, Engineering, and Project Management classes.

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CWIMA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

CWIMA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

SAMUEL SCHUMACHER

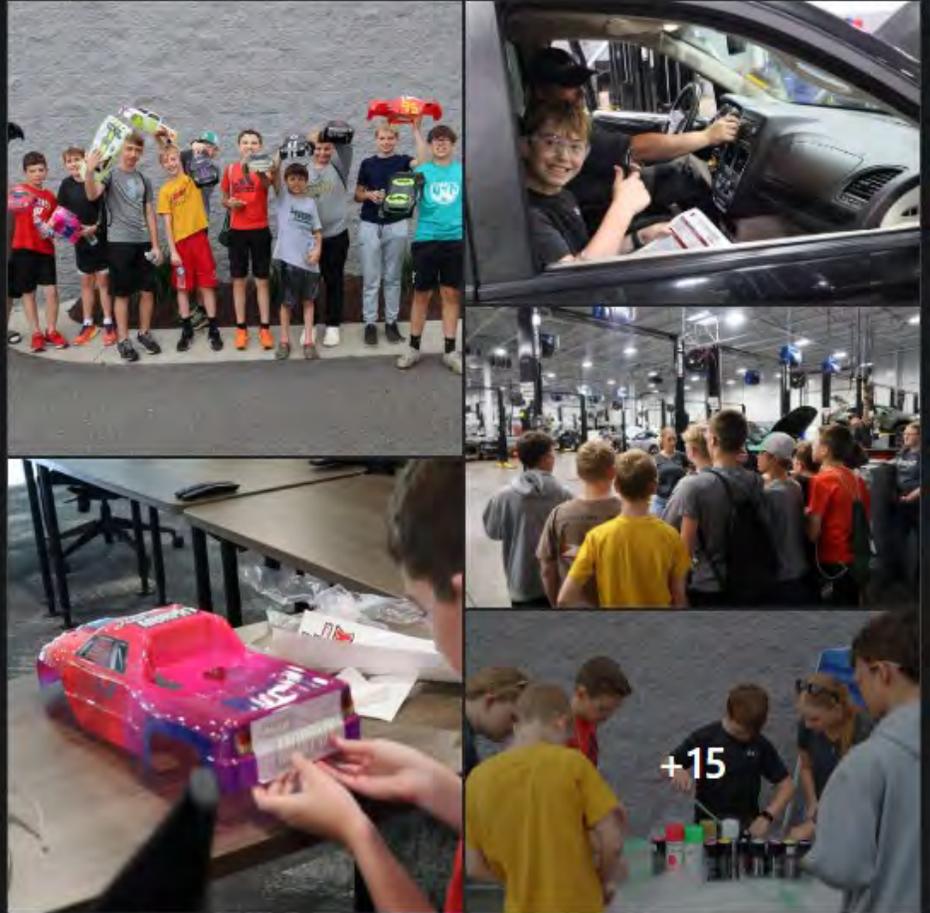
Here's a look at the inside of the new mobile classroom we recently built for Northcentral Technical College before it left our manufacturing plant. It will go on the road to allow for healthcare learning opportunities at any location in their district.



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🚗🔧 The 2024 Nitro-X Camp is on! We had a blast hosting students from [Northcentral Technical College](#) for a special field trip at our Subaru dealership this morning. From hands-on safety inspections to customizing their Traxxas RC cars, we enjoyed every moment. We can't wait to see everyone tomorrow for race day! 🏁



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Forward Bank
16 hours ago · 🌐

Congratulations to Jenna Handschke for being awarded a Forward Scholarship! 🎉 Jenna will be attending Northcentral Technical College this fall to pursue a degree in Business and Accounting.

Wishing you nothing but the best!

#scholarshipprogram #classof2024 #Athens



CONGRATULATIONS!



> 2024 Forward Scholarship Recipient

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Simply Serena Photography
a day ago · 🌐

"Veterinarians don't just treat animals, they treat the people who love them." – Anonymous
Paige's Grad Session | 📍 | Northcentral Technical College Vet Tech Class of 2024

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Antigo Daily Journal Page · Follow
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ANTIGO -- This week, Northcentral Technical College's (NTC) Wood Technology Center will host a brief seminar focused mostly on lumber grading that will be held in both Spanish and English.

Antigo Daily Journal

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Dual language wood grading course to be held at NTC
ANTIGO -- This week, Northcentral Technical College's (NTC) Wood Technology Center will hos...

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Peter Trucking & Peter Grain
23h ·

Our mechanic team entered our brand new 2025 International LT from [Ascendance Truck Centers](#) formerly [Mid-State Truck Service](#) in [Northcentral Technical College's Diesel Tech Club Truck Show](#) yesterday! Thanks guys for participating!





Mike Maus, Northcentral Technical College and 55 others
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Wisconsin State Senator Mary Felzkowski

53m · 🌐

In [Northcentral Technical College's](#) most recent edition of Good + New at NTC, they talk about my work to expand the oral health care work force in Wisconsin:

"Governor Evers and Senator Felzkowski were on campus at the end of January to sign several legislative bills into law including AB 667/SB 702 relating to funding for technical college oral health care programs and AB 668/SB 689 relating to the licensure of dental therapists. Senator Felzkowski partnered with NTC to champion this important work in the legislature over the last eight years.

The expansion of oral health care programs and the approval of dental therapy are essential to addressing oral health issues and increasing access to dental care. We are excited for the opportunity to play an integral role in educating the newest member of the dental care team and expanding the state's oral health care workforce. Under the legislation, NTC will receive up to \$2,000,000 for the expansion of current dental hygienist and dental assistant programs and the development of a dental therapy program. NTC will also be the first and only WTCS college to pilot the new dental therapy program."



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Rib Lake Community Development Foundation

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[Northcentral Technical College](#) is providing a Basic Technology Help Session on July 31 at [Rib Lake Public Library](#) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Call 715.748.3603 with questions.

Northcentral TECHNICAL COLLEGE | **Community Tech Time**

Basic Technology Help Sessions

Free | No registration is required

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

10:00 AM–11:30 AM	12:00 PM–1:30 PM	2:00 PM–4:00 PM
Ogema Public Library W5005 WI-86 Ogema, WI 54456	Westboro Public Library N8855 Second Street Westboro, WI 54490	Rib Lake Public Library 645 Pearl Street Rib Lake, WI 54470

Not sure how to use your new electronic device? Need help setting up a device or interested in learning more about technology? Let's learn together.

Our instructor, Kathy, will teach you how to use your smartphone, tablet or computer including how to setup your device, basic maneuvering and how to download apps. Bring your own device to this class for personalized technology support.

CONTACT
NTC's Medford Campus with any questions by calling 715.748.3603

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1400 St. Francis Drive
Medford, WI 54451
Phone: (715) 748-3603

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Drive Kocourek
a day ago · 🌐

The countdown is on! 🏁

We're less than a week away from the 2024 Kocourek Auto and Northcentral Technical College Nitro-X Automotive Summer Camp! We are thrilled to be part of this awesome opportunity for local students to learn about our industry through hands-on activities, a visit to our Subaru dealership, and painting and preparing their RC car for racing. See you all soon - race day approaches!



KOCOUREK AUTO GROUP'S NITRO-X AUTOMOTIVE SUMMER CAMP

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Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association

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WATEA - WI Auto & Truck Education Assoc.
a day ago · 🌐

Registration is officially open for the 2024-25 Auto Collision Fundamentals Certificate program! WATEA is again partnering with Northcentral Technical College to train the next generation of auto collision technicians! The course is free, but spots are limited! Enroll today!
<https://www.ntc.edu/.../certi.../auto-collision-fundamentals>




Automotive Collision Fundamentals Certificate

Drive Your Future Forward with a Great Career in Collision Repair!



FREE
Total Savings: Nearly \$2,000

Do you love working with your hands? Do you enjoy the challenge of making broken things whole again? Auto Collision & Repair is an ideal career path for anyone who finds fulfillment in bringing vehicles back to life using hands-on solutions. Get started on this new career path by enrolling in Northcentral Technical College's (NTC) Auto Collision Fundamentals Certificate program.

The Auto Collision Fundamentals Certificate provides students with the foundational knowledge needed to join the collision industry as a skilled entry-level technician. Students will grow their knowledge and improve their skills over the course of three classes, all offered on a work- and family-friendly schedule. Classes will be taught by current employees using best practices, ensuring the training is relevant in today's industry. In addition, thanks to a partnership between NTC and the Wisconsin Automotive & Truck Education Association (WATEA), this program is being provided at no cost to students, and all graduates are guaranteed interviews with regional collision businesses looking to grow their workforce.

Classes	Credits	2024 - 2025 Schedule
Auto Collision Basics	1 credit	Tues. & Thurs., October 15 - December 12*
Intermediate Auto Collision	3 credits	Tues. & Thurs., January 21 - March 26*
Auto Collision Capstone	2 credits	Tues. & Thurs., April 1 - May 15*

All Classes held at Wausau East High School Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Classes include select Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS
For more information, contact Shawn Huff at shuff@ntc.edu or 715.805.1965.
Sign up today, and get started down your path to a new, fulfilling career in the automotive repair industry!
www.ntc.edu/academics-training/programs/all/certificate/auto-collision-fundamentals

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Congratulations!!!!

This year's EEA Learning Academy graduating class of 2023-24 is destined for greatness!!

Alyson Johnson, who has been accepted at UW-Stevens Point at Wausau received a \$1,375 Scholarship from Americorps. Since joining EEA, Alyson has worked as an after-school tutor and a Summer Learning aid through G2M (Growing Great Minds) and Americorps programs. Alyson will begin her post-secondary education locally and then complete her Bachelor's at the main UW-Stevens Point Campus with a degree in Elementary Education.

Lilly Lopez, who is accepted at Northcentral Technical College in their Cosmetology Program, received a \$500 NTC Foundation Scholarship. While at EEA, Lilly completed her Professional Tattoo Apprenticeship while finishing her senior year of high school, and is a Licensed Tattoo Artist! She plans to complete the Cosmetology Program at NTC with the dream of opening her own shop, which will offer hair, makeup, and nail services, as well as permanent makeup and tattoo art.

Both Alyson and Lilly wrote essays and filled out applications to be considered, among many applicants, for these scholarships. This "shout-out" is just our way of congratulating them on going the extra mile, taking the extra step, to move closer to the reality of their dreams.

As always we are proud of and excited for both of our EEA graduates as they embark on the newest chapter of their life. Each graduate completed all the requirements, finished all the assignments, and took all the exams to earn their high school diplomas, and each has their own unique path to forge. "Strength lies in differences, not in similarities." – Stephen Covey

If you know a young person who might feel empowered by the type of activities you see posted here by Enrich Excel Achieve Learning Academy (EEA) and the Wausau School District, please share this post with them and reach out to EEA by phone at 715-261-0636 or by accessing our EEA link on the WSD website for more information and to register for a tour.

<https://eea.wausauschools.org/>
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One of our very own Youth Apprenticeship participants, Logan Ebben, has earned several noteworthy accomplishments this year. He finished the complete TIG Welding Academy program and a solid portion of the MIG program through [Northcentral Technical College](#), all while still in high school taking his regular class courses! Logan also brought home a trophy from the CWIMA Welding Competition, a prestigious competition showcasing each welder's capabilities. His dedication and passion in the welding industry is extremely exciting and we are proud to have Logan on our team here at MP&C! Congratulations Logan!



NEW in 2024!
We're excited to introduce you to our very first group of [#DairyLaneAmbassadors](#)!! Interested in becoming a Dairy Lane Ambassador at [Wisconsin State Fair](#)? We have a few openings -- send us a message.

Meet Jenna Breitenfeldt, one of our previous Dairy Lane crew members -- Jenna grew up on her parents' 100-cow dairy farm in Wausau, Wisconsin. She graduated from the [UW Farm & Industry Short Courses](#) at the [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) in March of 2020 with certificates in Farm Management, Dairy Herd Management, and Management of Crops and Soils. Currently, Jenna is an Assistant Farm Manager/Agriculture Outreach Specialist at [Northcentral Technical College's](#) Agriculture Center of Excellence. She also enjoys serving on the Greater Wausau Area FFA Alumni, Partnership for Progressive Agriculture Education/Promotions Committee, and the Board of Christian Education at her church. In her free time, Jenna takes pleasure in spending time with her dog Lenny, taking care of her numerous succulent plants, helping out on her parents' farm, and knitting. Jenna's favorite part about the fair is seeing the 4-H exhibitors showing off the hard work they put into their projects.
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Bull Falls Dental
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You might be seeing a new face around our office! Amber is a dental assistant student who graduated from NTC! 🎓
We will be helping her complete her clinical hours this summer so that she is successful in her future dental career! Welcome Amber! 💙🌟
#BullFallsDental #LoveListenLift #betterthanyesterday #AcceptingNewPatients #L3 #dentaloffice #wausauwi #dental



👍❤️ Tania Hargraves and 21 others

The Shawano Leader
16h · 🌐

PHOTO - Shawano man graduates NTC program: Northcentral Technical College has announced the spring 2024 graduates of the criminal justice law enforcement 720 academy and jail academy, which includes Shawano man Cole Hoffman, second row, third from right. The criminal justice academy prepares learners to enter the workforce as law enforcement officers. The jail academy certificate is a Department of Justice accredited 200-hour program that prepares learners for positions as correction officers in county jails. Contributed photo



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Students at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau recently achieved an impressive passing rate.



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Greetings to the veterinary community:

The June membership meeting of the Northern Wisconsin Veterinary Association is scheduled for June 19, 2024 at the Stratford Heritage Barn located at 208268 State Highway 97 Stratford, WI 54484. More information about the venue may be found at <http://stratfordheritagebarn.com/>. The venue is being sponsored by the School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities and Transportation Agriculture at Northcentral Technical College which contains the Veterinary Technician Program.

The event will consist of a gathering and social time starting at 6:00 pm. Dinner and board meeting will commence at 6:30 pm. Following the dinner and board meeting there will be a presentation by the faculty and staff from the Veterinary Technician Program at Northcentral Technical College. Cost for the meeting will be \$20.00 and will cover the meal and dues for 2024-2025. All clinic staff and guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

Agenda items for the board meeting will include:

- *addition of a veterinary technician representative to the Executive Board
- *dues structures
- *date, location, and topics for a Fall meeting

The presentation by the Northcentral Technical College Veterinary Technician staff and faculty for the evening will cover topics including qualifications of applicants to the program, courses and curriculum, student internships and veterinary technician utilization guidelines encompassing small and large animal practices.

Please RSVP no later than June 10, 2024 to either:

Elizabeth Hillebrand, DVM at 715-579-2006 or hillebrand@ntc.edu
OR
Nicole Getzloff, CVT 715-459-9793 or getzloff@ntc.edu

Feel free to pass this invitation on to other veterinary professionals in the area. The Executive Board is looking forward to everyone joining us for an evening of food, fun and a bit of education!



\$20.00 for registration. Includes your membership fee and meal for the evening

Veterinary Technicians are invited (and strongly encouraged!) to attend

JUNE 19TH, 2024

NORTHERN WISCONSIN VETERINARY MEDICAL

Please RSVP by June 10th to:
Elizabeth Hillebrand, DVM 715-579-2006

Fabulous Farm Babe • a day ago

Charitee here! I stopped at the Northcentral Technical College and got a behind the scenes tour of their Pasture to Plate Program from Chef Brock Decker. The goal of the program is to take students through every phase of the meat processing journey from the farm to cooking. They even have a student run restaurant to allow them the chance to take their newly learned skills full circle. They are currently taking students for the fall and the tuition is free. Keep an eye on our podcast to learn more!

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Our Wausau office team sure knows how to do teambuilding right! The crew headed to [Northcentral Technical College's Spoons restaurant](#), the learning laboratory that supports students studying culinary arts. Together they made quite the spread!

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