

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)

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

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed District Board Member – Nikki Kopp
 - a. Charlie Paulson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2023 Board of Trustees Organizational + Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- A. [Approval of President's 2023-2024 Goals](#) – Jeannie Worden
- B. [Approval of Draft Three-Year Facilities Plan](#) – Rob Elliott

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

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

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- A. Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence Updates – Rob Elliott + Shane Heilmann
- B. Workforce Training + Professional Development – Brad Gast

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
 - a. [Board Dashboard Year-End Report 2022-2023](#) – Katie Felch

- b. HLC Update
 - c. Board Development Topics
 - d. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
 - b. WTC DBA Fall Meeting + Legislative Conference: October 25-28, 2023 at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) + Zoom
- C. Information
 - a. [Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
 - c. [Good News](#)

MEETING ADJOURN

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

Mission: Northcentral Technical College provides high-quality, learner and employer focused, educational pathways committed to enriching lives and strengthening the economy.

2023-2024 President Goals

1. Prepare Comprehensive Evaluation Materials for a successful accreditation visit with the Higher Learning Commission to reaffirm the College is continuing to meet nationally recognized higher education standards that ensure a quality educational experience for our learners. (*Learner Success, Advocacy*)
2. Implement the third year of the College's Strategic Plan with a focus on the integration of Industry 4.0 in Agriculture and Transportation. (*Learner Success, Access, Innovation + Growth*)
3. Working with our consultant, MGT of America Consulting, and NTC's project management team, oversee the development of the College's new 5-year Strategic Plan. (*Learner Success, Access, Innovation + Growth*)
4. Work in conjunction with Marathon County to develop and finalize building plans, MOU documents, and a budget for the Regional Forensic Science Center (RFSC) to be located on the Wausau Campus. (*Learner Success, Collaboration, Innovation + Growth*)
5. Participate on the Presidents' Association Strategic Focus Committee on Comprehensive Two-Year Colleges. This Committee will continue the work started by the Transfer, and Design and Deliver taskforces. (*Innovation + Growth*)
6. Build a data rich, information rich culture that ensures program and service alignment and responsiveness to learner, employer and community needs. (*Learner Success, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion + Accessibility, Access, Collaboration, Innovation + Growth, Advocacy*)
7. Participate in professional development opportunities that will support growth in my role as President in the areas of innovation, transformation, equity, communication and more. (*Innovation + Growth*)

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

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2023

TOPIC: Draft Three-Year Facilities Plan 2024-2026

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38.04 (10) requires each Wisconsin Technical College District to prepare and submit a Three-Year Plan to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCBS). The plan must be approved by the District Board. The plan will be accepted and reviewed by the WTCSB but no action will be taken.


INTERPRETATION: Northcentral Technical College's Three-Year Plan is submitted for the District Board of Trustees review and approval.

DATA/RESULTS: The attached Draft Three-Year Plan for 2024-2026 outlines changes that have been made to the potential projects for the current fiscal year. Projects listed are proposed capital improvements, acquisitions, remodeling and new construction exceeding \$50,000 but not greater than \$1,500,000 pursuant to s. 38.04 (10). The Three-Year Plan informs the WTCS Office of potential plans but does not ask for the permission to proceed. Each project must be approved on a project-by-project basis following requirements set forth in WTCS administrative policy.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:
The Board approve Northcentral Technical College's draft Three-Year Facilities Plan 2024-2026.

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

Signed 

Dated 8/15/2023



Northcentral
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Three-Year Facilities Plan

2024 – 2026

Dr. Jeannie Worden, President

**Northcentral Technical College
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Wausau, Wisconsin 54401**

Introduction

The Northcentral Technical College Board of Trustees understands the workforce needs of its businesses and industries, and the desire of its citizens to live in safe and economically resilient communities. Through constant contact with community members, community forums with stakeholders, and strategic planning, the College will ensure it is aligned with the future growth and innovation needs of our students, employees, and district communities.

The Three-Year Facilities Plan aligns with the College's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and its Strategic Directions of Learner Success; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion + Accessibility; Access; Collaboration; Innovation + Growth; and Advocacy. The NTC Board of Trustees understands the College must have the facilities necessary for program expansion, flexible delivery, and response to community training needs by maintaining and rejuvenating existing facilities and expanding and constructing new learning spaces.

This plan also addresses current trends of higher education as a result of our nation's economic climate. Changes from physical expansion to on-line learning, declining enrollments, increased costs of maintaining and adding physical space, supply chain shortages, and the Great Resignation that resulted in national labor shortages are continuing to have a negative impact on completing facility projects. This plan takes into account these trends while still providing state-of-the-art facilities including Industry 4.0 projects in agriculture, health, and transportation while ensuring our students are learning on the most advanced equipment and technology.

The following pages outline the Three-Year Facilities Plan that support the College's Strategic Plan.

Project Summary

FY2023 – 2024

Additions/Acquisitions

Antigo Single Site

- Antigo Saw Mill Addition (State Appropriation)
- Merrill PSCE Control Tower Classroom Addition
- Merrill Rivers Edge Purchase

Remodeling

Wausau Campus

- Industry 4.0 – Health
- Massage Therapy Renovation
- Wausau Meat Processing Addition
- WTPD Training Rooms

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- Ag Hoop Hut
- CHS HVAC & Mechanical Upgrades Phase II
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- General Facility Contingency
- Lighting Upgrades
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

FY2024 – 2025

Additions/Acquisitions

Antigo Single Site

- Merrill CDL Addition
- **Wausau Single Site**
- Ag Center Vestibule Addition
- Dental Vestibule
- Transportation 4.0 – Diesel CNG Addition
- Wausau Emergency Services Addition

Remodeling

Wausau Campus

- D Building Renovation – PS Classrooms/Corridor
- WTPD Training Rooms

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- Ag Center Pond Dredging
- Alternative Fuel Boiler Upgrades
- Apprenticeship Classroom/Lab Improvements
- Cafeteria Table Replacement
- CHS Chiller Replacement
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- Dental Improvements/Security
- E Parking Lot/Motorcycle Resurfacing
- Emergency Services Furniture
- G Building Air Handler Replacement
- General Facility Contingency
- H Building AHU Replacement
- H Building Corridor Finishes
- H Building Roof Replacement
- Lighting Upgrades
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

Regional Campuses

- Phillips Splash Tower Replacement
- Phillips Welding Dust Collection

Additions/Acquisitions

Wausau Single Site

- Ag Center Additional Land Purchase

Remodeling

Wausau Campus

- Ag Warehouse Classrooms & Restrooms

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- A Building Window Replacement
- Ag Center Coverall Building Concrete
- Ag Center Sustainability Modifications
- Ag Culvert/Roads
- Auto Shop Air Handler Replacement
- Auto Service Area Blacktop Resurfacing
- B Parking Lot Resurfacing
- CHS Roof Top Exhaust Fan Replacement
- CHS Stairs Upgrade
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- D Roof Replacement
- F Building Air Handler Replacement
- General Facility Contingency
- Library Window Replacement
- Lighting Upgrades
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

Regional Campuses

- Antigo Roof Replacement
- Phillips Exterior Painting

Three-Year Budget Summary

Budget Summary

FY2023-24

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 965,000
Remodeling:	\$ 1,570,000
Improvements:	\$ 750,000
Total:	\$ 3,285,000

FY2024-25

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 1,425,000
Remodeling:	\$ 380,000
Improvements:	\$ 3,325,000
Total:	\$ 5,130,000

FY2025-26

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 125,000
Remodeling:	\$ 350,000
Improvements:	\$ 4,265,000
Total:	\$ 4,740,000

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

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2023

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 **June 30, 2023** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue: \$94,545,270.59

F1-F7 Expense: \$92,016,804.86

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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

Signed: 

Dated: August 15, 2023

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

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2023

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:

- Asia Bay – Learning Coordinator, WTPD
- Ashley Deaver – Manager, Business Development
- Timothy Gabor – Faculty, Science
- Christopher Kautza – Manager, Business Development
- Jonathan Robbins – Faculty, Wood Science
- Casey Rozowski – Faculty, Math
- Crystal Witt-Whybrow – Specialist, Pre-College Student
- Emily Zernicke – Custodian, General

Resignations:

- Katherine Oelig – Advisor, Student Success
- Matthew Manlick – Groundskeeper

Retirements:

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

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Signed Dr. Jeanie Worden

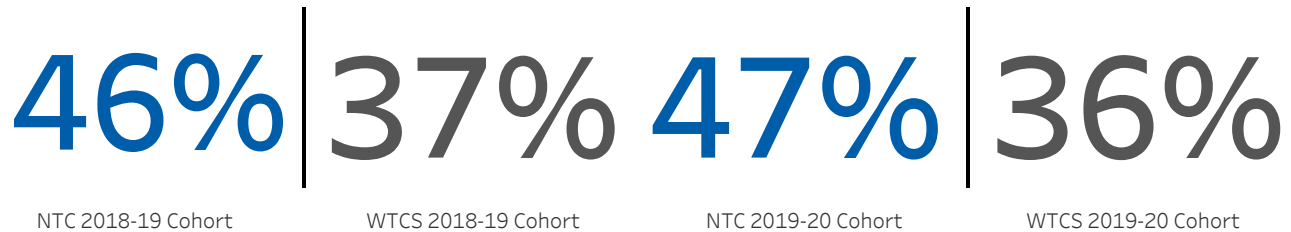
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2022-23 NTC Board Dashboard

The Board Dashboard is intended to summarize and represent NTC's progression towards meeting key objectives.

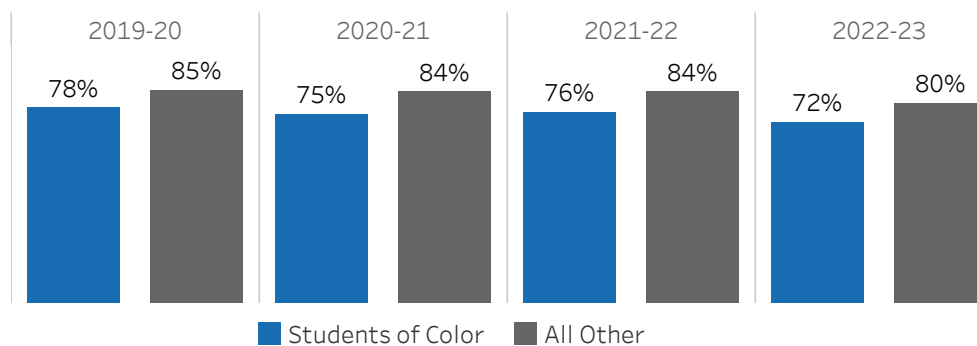
Learner Success

3-Year Graduation Rate (Target — 50%)



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion + Accessibility

Equity Gaps — Course Completion



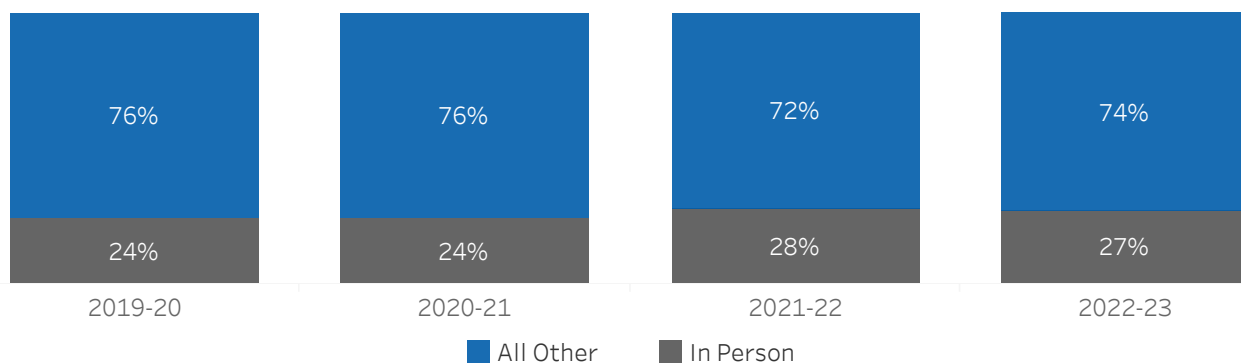
Equity Gaps Statewide

	NTC	WTCS
2020	7%	10%
2021	9%	12%
2022	8%	12%
2023	8%	13%

2022-23 data is not finalized.

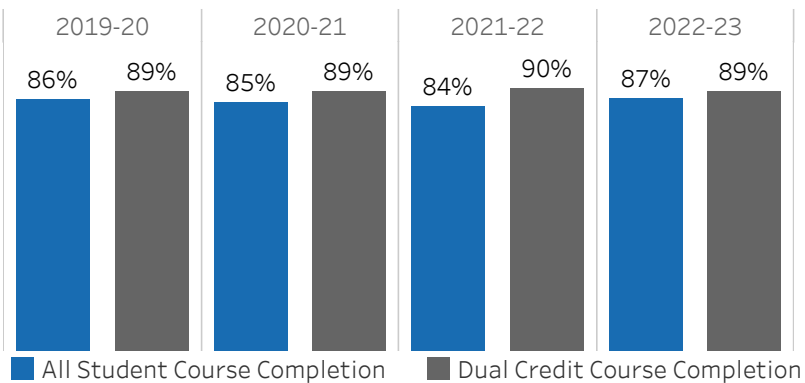
Access

Student Enrollments by Modality



Collaboration

Dual Credit Student Success at NTC



2021-2022 Academic Year:

3,662 students served
14,235 total credits earned
\$2,234,895 tuition savings for students

2022-2023 Academic Year:

3,846 students served
15,953 total credits earned
\$2,609,113 tuition savings for students

Source: K-16 Report

Innovation + Growth

Enrollment Growth

- Fall FTE is **up 3%** compared to last year
- Summer FTE is **up 7%** compared to last year
- Headcount (Unduplicated) is **up 9%** compared to last year

Innovation in Learning

In 2022-23, the College implemented a digital campaign for a **new distance learning option for the Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program**. This innovative new, flexible program option allows students to earn their Medical Laboratory Technician degree by completing coursework online and performing labwork at a clinical site in a community near them. Since its inception, the program has doubled in size and is serving learners from over six states and communities across Wisconsin.

Advocacy

The College is partnering with Marathon County to **advocate for a Regional Forensic Science Center**, which will be located on the NTC Wausau campus next to the Emergency Services Training Center. The project will focus on **enhancing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of death investigations** in Central and Northern Wisconsin while **expanding opportunities for education and training for coroners and medical examiners, law enforcement, district attorney offices, emergency medical and health service providers**. In late May, the Joint Finance Committee approved 50% of the funding for the Regional Forensic Science Center and Marathon County is contributing \$2 million in ARPA funding to the project. The College is **working with county and city officials to advocate for additional federal funding, investigate grant opportunities and launch a capital campaign** to make the much needed Regional Forensic Science Center a reality.

Jail/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Sandra LaDu – Jail Administrator, Marathon County Jail
- Tina Perkofski – Probation & Parole Officer, Marathon County
- Ray Slatton – Greater Wausau Christian Services
- Laura Yaurie – Justice System Coordinator, Marathon County
- Ronda Zastrow – Social Worker, Marathon County Jail
- Mike Moran – Judge, Marathon County
- Nick Hoeft – Sargent, Lincoln County Jail
- Jodie Wilhelm – Sargent, Lincoln County Jail
- Ruth Heinzl – DA's Office, Marathon County
- Nikki Delatolas – DA's Office Marathon County

NTC Team:

- Kellie Bales – AE Faculty, Taylor County Jail
- Sara Bartelt – Associate Dean, 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
- Jacki Knoblock – Academic Transitions Advisor, College Prep Center & School of General Studies
- Mari Kraege – AE Instructor, Marathon County Jail
- Kathy Krause – AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisory, AE Faculty
- Jerry Xiong – Administrative Assistant, College Prep Center
- Shannon Livingston – Dean, Student Services
- Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Wendy Storlie – AE Faculty, Langlade County Jail
- Lindsey Zakrzewski – Testing & Accommodations Coordinator
- May Thao – Learning Coordinator, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Hannah Lee – Administrative Assistant, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Sharon Ruff – Learning Coordinator, WTPD

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

The meeting began with a review of the college-wide initiatives. The following highlights were shared:

Thank you from NTC:

“On behalf of NTC, thank you for serving as a member of a Program Advisory Committee!”

- *Darren Ackley – Vice President for Learning*

New Programs 2022 - 2023

- Diesel Technician Apprenticeship
- Liberal Arts Associate of Arts
- Liberal Arts Associate of Science
- Garden to Market Specialist
- Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate
- Nail Technology Certificate

New Proposed Programs 2023-2024

- Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 23)
- Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 23)
- Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree (Fall 23)

Healthcare 4.0

The future of Healthcare:

- Interdisciplinary Education
- Redesign of building space
- Innovative Educational Experiences
- Explore New Health Programs

NTC Accreditation

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update

In addition to the Institutional – HLC – NTC has 25 Programmatic Accreditations, for example:

- Automotive (ASE)
- Nursing (ACEN)
- Dental (CODA)
- EMT (CoAEMPS)
- Medical Assistant (CAAHEP)
- Business (ACBSP)

Site visit: Nov 2023

- Student Learning Outcomes
- Assessment and Program Assessment
- Professional Development
- Instructional Quality Assurance
- Faculty Educational Attainment and Occupational Experience

- Continuous Improvement and Efforts to Improve Equity

Workforce training and Professional Development

WTPD offers a wide variety of Professional Development and Community Education Classes.

Upcoming topics include:

- Trauma Informed Care Seminar
- Workplace Safety Planning Speaker Series
- 7 Workplace Communication Trends for 2023
- Beekeeping
- Ballroom and Swing Dance
- Cooking Classes

For more information on these courses, you can find them on the following webpages: Life Enrichment and Community Classes (<https://www.ntc.edu/academics-training/courses/community>) and Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops (<https://www.ntc.edu/calendar/conferences-seminars-and-workshops>).

Student Support:

Resources available to our students:

- Unlimited access to free mental health services through the *Virtual Care Group* (thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntc or 866.533.1827)
- The *NTC advisor* 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 many programs, both in-person and remote, to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax, and have fun.

Agenda Item 4: Instructional Area/Program

A. Industry Trends

- *Judge Mike Moran*: Like in many county jails, Marathon County Jail (MCJ) has moved away from Huber and increased its use of Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP). So far, this has been a successful approach.

With regard to incarcerated individuals, Judge Moran takes into consideration an individual's participation in programs like NTC's when determining a sentence. He stated that if someone has been spending their time productively, he and other judges "award credit and considerations" for it. He shared he strongly values the programming and continues to appreciate the fact that people are spending their time doing something productive and not just sitting in their cells watching TV. As he moves on from his time on this committee (Judge Scott Cveykus will be taking his place), Judge Moran also wanted to commend all involved and inform us that he will still attend the MCJ graduation ceremonies.

Judge Moran went on to note that meth continues to be the biggest challenge they're facing in

Marathon County. He stated if there is anything any program that could add to incorporate content about the effects of using methamphetamine, it would be incredibly helpful. Associate Dean Sara shared that NTC has a Substance Use Disorder Counseling Program and that we could investigate developing content with the faculty in that program. Pastor Ray Slatton agreed with Judge Moran's suggestion to develop educational content related to effects of methamphetamine use and "how to build people up and help them make better decisions".

On behalf of NTC, Dean Brooke Schindler expressed her deep and sincere gratitude to Judge Moran for his years of intense involvement in not only these committee meetings but also his work from the bench to support the programming we have at NTC. She shared he will always be at the top of the list when it comes to program advocates and he is definitely still invited to graduation.

- *Tina:* Probation and Parole has had a lot of success with Move to Manufacturing. Agents are utilizing different programs available to help people obtain employment. She noted there are a lot of services available in the community to help clients secure positive, steady employment which has been beneficial in the long run for all involved.

Tina went on to share that the Elevate Project has been very successful. Many individuals are benefitting from the program which helps enrollees obtain and maintain employment which in turn helps them make child support payments. This has been valuable not only because it helps individuals stay current on child support payments, but it also helps individuals maintain employment; this, in turn helps, them sometimes secure visitation with their children.

- *Laura:* The justice programs our department focuses on expanding the services provided to provides drug court participants. Their focus has been creating additional placements for treatment court as well as increasing sober housing opportunities. They have been working closely with Elevate and the Job Center to encourage individuals within our programs to expand their education in order to achieve higher paying jobs, so that individuals can be successful long term with regard to supporting themselves and their families. It's been challenging transitioning people out of sober housing because of the cost of rent and a variety of other reasons.
- *Sandra:* One of the biggest jail trends we're seeing right now is the integration of tablets into the cells blocks for inmate use. This technology will allow inmates to access educational content which can include some content determined locally. Also in each block, there will be roughly a 32-inch tv for things like PDFs, announcements, videos, and content in the blocks. MCJ is optimistic about this new technology, as it will not only be a way for us to get a message out but also for us to reach each person whether they want to hear us or not.

From a staffing perspective, MCJ is still understaffed by about 10 officers. They are hoping that by mid-summer this number will reduce to 6. Currently, MCJ is housing 178 inmates. Approximately 40 MCJ inmates are housing out to other county jails due to the staffing shortage.

- *Nick:* Lincoln County Jail (LICJ) is facing some of the same staffing challenges as MCJ. Their inmate population is a little bit lower than normal, but are housing 25 inmates from Marathon County. Wendy shared that from an NTC educational programming standpoint, she is serving a healthy number of LICJ students. Move to Manufacturing has been a popular option with several

students; four people have completed so far at Lincoln. There are lots of great things going on at LiCJ and students seem to be excited about new certificates that are being offered.

- *Ray:* The Greater Wausau Christian Services program is running pretty consistently. Ray continues to be only provider for classes. Inmates are appreciative and participative. He shared it is “really great to have this opportunity”.
- *Mari:* With regard to programming, Move to Manufacturing is a popular choice among MCJ students, as well. The Workforce Readiness Certificate is still going well and many students are working towards completion. There are few students working GED/HSED.
- *Brooke, on behalf of Gail Hurd:* At the Job Center, we continue to have low participation in the virtual educational offerings NTC extends, despite demands from their participants for more of the virtual options. Foot traffic is greatly reduced compared to what it be in the physical Job Center locations, and unemployment claims continue to decrease across the state. As compared to this week last year, there’s approximately one-thousand fewer claims. She highlighted the Joseph Project, stating participants still have time to join. She proposed to proposed bundling fidelity bonding information, College Prep Center/Job Center hard cards, and contact information at each location in the WRC.
- *Ruth:* The only course utilized by the District Attorney’s Office is the Truancy and Parenting course. Courses being semester-based and not open enrollment creates a barrier for participants. Due to short agreements and rigid course start/end dates, it becomes difficult to get everything done in time. She noted a trend moving more towards the online platforms for basic educational groups such as substance use, cognitive thinking, and different educational groups. She shared the DA’s office utilized other online platforms and shared that if NTC were to move to more module-based educational training, they would enroll more people locally instead of directing them to other online platforms.

B. Program Information

1. Jail FTEs

FTEs are consistent with last year. Four out of the five jails have increased in the number of students served. This is positive and speaks volumes about all the work that our faculty, instructional assistants, and administrative team does.

- FTEs – July 2022 to June 2023
 - *Langlade County:* 5.1 FTEs, up 1.7
 - *Lincoln County:* 12.3 FTEs, up 4.8
 - *Marathon County:* 19.2 FTEs, up 1.8
 - *Price County:* 2.2 FTEs, 0.0
 - *Taylor County:* 6.6 FTEs, up 0.4
- FTEs – October 2021 to October 2022
 - *Langlade County:* 3.4 FTEs,
 - *Lincoln County:* 7.5 FTEs,
 - *Marathon County:* 17.4 FTEs,
 - *Price County:* 2.2 FTEs,
 - *Taylor County:* 6.2 FTEs,

2. Grants Update for FY2023

NTC continues to implement the same grant as it did last year, which runs from 2021 to 2025. As such, the same grant objectives remain in place regarding serving students seeking self-improvement, High School Credentials, and workforce readiness skills.

3. Move to Manufacturing Update

- *Kathy:* Move to Manufacturing returned to the jails this past December. After working out some issues with fire walls and security, the course is now running smoothly. To date, 41 students have enrolled in Move to Manufacturing and 14 have successfully completed:
 - Marathon County Jail: 5
 - Lincoln County Jail: 4
 - Langlade County Jail: 2
 - Price County Jail: 1
 - Taylor County Jail: 2

NTC intends to run this course through the remainder of the Spring term and again during the Summer term.

Move to Manufacturing started out here at NTC in the Business and Industry department which is now known as Workforce Training & Professional Development (WTPD). It is an online 8-hour course that preps student for manufacturing jobs. It includes math, blueprint reading, and various workplace skills.

Move to Manufacturing Essentials is the piece currently offered in the jails. Once someone is finished with this 8-hour portion, they have the opportunity to complete the workshop portion at NTC's Wausau campus upon their release. The workshop consists of 20 hours of hands-on training. Upon completion, students are guaranteed an interview with a local employer.

- *Kathy:* The Workforce Readiness Certificate (WRC) has also been a popular offering. Since our last meeting, 19 students that have earned their certificate:
 - Marathon County Jail: 1
 - Lincoln County Jail: 13
 - Langlade County Jail: 3
 - Taylor County Jail: 2

C. Curriculum/Assessment

1. Instructor Report

- *Mari:* Student at MCJ are working hard on Move to Manufacturing, the Workforce Readiness Certificate, GED, and 5.09.
- *Kellie:* Two students at Taylor County Jail (TCJ) have completed the HSED. Like the other

jails, TCJ students are interested in and doing well with Move to Manufacturing and the WRC. We continue to explore ways to send more work back to the block with students. Math packets, believe it or not, have been working well, as of late.

- *Wendy:* Langlade County Jail (LaCJ) has been a little quiet. Students have been working on their 5.09/GED, as well as the Workforce Readiness Certificate and Move to Manufacturing. The biggest excitement is the new materials reading, language, and math essentials. Like AT TCJ, students are seeking opportunities to do work while in the block. Financial Literacy has been a big hit with 5 people completing in the last two months.
- *Lindsey:* As the Testing department, we provide the proctors into the jails. We finally hit our first GED tester in the Marathon County the other day and that was really exciting. We have seen an increase in Langlade and Lincoln as well.

D. Focus Discussion Item: Incomplete Transitions

- *Brooke:* When serving students, our goal is help them achieve a *Measurable Skills Gains*. A rule of thumb for this achievement typically involves approximately 12 hours of instruction. This is the standard for which we can start counting students as participants in our grant, the main funding source for the programming provided in the jails. This year we've seen some decreases in the number of students getting to that 12-hour mark. What are some ways we could work together to increase the number of students reaching that 12-hour mark and, thus, being more likely to help these students make educational gains?

The group discussed the possibility of utilizing tablets to increase instructional time and informing everyone involved with a student about their date of release (this would likely involve the student signing a release of information form). The NTC team will explore the possibilities of incorporating a release of information form into their intake.

Agenda Item 5: Other items

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/12/2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Merrill PS111 or Zoom

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Attendees

Industry Members:

- Robert Pound – Retired (SAFER)
- Steve Meilahn – Retired
- Scott Gomoll – Merrill Fire Department
- Bill Felch – Fifiel Fire Department
- Jason Minks – Kennan Fire Department (Committee Chair)
- Jeremy Kopp – Wausau Fire Department
- Joe Bozinski – Village of Maine Fire Department

NTC Team:

- Shane Heilmann – Dean of Public Safety & Community Services
- Paul Strehlow – Associate Dean of Public Safety & Community Services
- Mary Lou Zettler – Simulation & Equipment
- MaiGer Moua- Student Success Advisor
- Gera Peterson – Public Safety Administrative Assistant

Welcome & Introductions

- Jason Minks, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Update and highlights from the last Meeting

- Approval of minutes from the last meeting on Oct 12, 2022 – Steve Meilahn made 1st motion to approve the minutes and Scott Gomoll made 2nd motion. Motion passed.

College-Wide Initiatives

- Paul Strehlow, Associate Dean of Public Safety and Community Services, gave an overview of the NTC College Updates Spring 2023 Advisory Committees PowerPoint. Gera will share the PowerPoint with the group in an email.
- Paul also thanked all the members for being part of NTC.
- NTC will be going through an accreditation process as of this November. Paul and Shane have to work with a lot of people to get ready for this. Every 7 years this happens, so we are able to plan ahead for it.
- Our Paramedic program has accreditation coming up too. That will take place in December.

Workforce Training and Professional Development Initiatives

No one from WTPD made it to the meeting, so Paul Strehlow and the group discussed the following:

- WTPD has offered a lot of different classes lately. Gera will share the attachments showing the variety of classes and trainings that have been offered.
- The group also discussed how a guest speaker event was canceled earlier this spring. Bob Pound recommended that we need to have better advertising for guest speaker events. He feels that these events need to get sent out statewide.
- Paul talked about how our Acquired Structure Burns (Controlled House Burns), and Advanced Fire Behavior classes (Flashovers) are being run through WTPD now. We are partnering with them so they can run these classes. They recently ran a House Burn in March, and there were some hiccups regarding setting up prices for students, and making sure we had enough staff for the students. They hope to iron out these problems and get better at planning these classes the next time around. See more notes under Program Updates.
- Shane also mentioned there is some extra money that Public Safety received for projects at Merrill. We hope to separate some of the outdoor training areas better so we do not have as many issues when multiple classes and contracts are sharing space.

Industry Trends

- The committee members discussed the following: Jason talked about how the next generation needs more help to determine what career path direction they need to go in. Bob and Steve talked about how there are students that are just not going to make it in PS careers like fire. When there is a student that just cannot make the cut in a certain field they think the student should be removed (so they do not harm any other civilians

or team members). Scott mentioned that in IL they had to be on a fire department first before they could take a fire class. They talked about some kind of test that students could take to help weed them out. MaiGer mentioned that there is a 3rd attempt rule where a student needs to get permission to attempt to take a class a 3rd time. She also talked about students being allowed to train in the areas that they desire. She asked if there were some particular skill sets that we could provide to help the students with decisions. Scott mentioned not having a fear of heights or having claustrophobia. Steve talked about needing strong written & verbal skills for reports. The group talked about needing something that isn't just paper tests, but not all physical tests either. There are some situations where a student still may not be able to perform certain skills effectively or safely, even after they have received lots of training, and then we need to figure out how to get them out of the program so they don't harm anyone. Shane talked about the testing that the Paramedic program used to help show students what the program would be like (ex- that there will be 100 hours of clinicals). Shane talked about how we have the Starfish program for instructors to flag certain behaviors that can also go to MaiGer so that she can also look at it. The group talked about needing Critical Thinking skills and MaiGer talked about the other Gen Ed classes that were required for our programs. However, there are many students that do not need to take those additional classes and they are just able to take CE fire classes...and as long as they pass the class they can obtain state certifications. Shane stressed how we should keep communicating with MaiGer about any issues.

- We also discussed how more and more students are using disability services for test taking etc.
- Joe asked if there was any way to get high school records showing disabilities, and MaiGer said those records don't come over to college level. The student has to choose to disclose any disabilities that they might have.

Program Updates

Paul Strehlow, Associate Dean and Fire Coordinator, discussed the following:

- **Enrollment Report** – Paul went over the enrollment information for all of our Spring 2023 classes:
 - Certified FF1/Fire Fighting Principles classes – Phillips class has 9 students, Merrill day class has 9 students, and the Merrill night class has 17 students. Total of 35 FF1 students. Classes are finishing April 12-13.
 - Certified FF2/Advanced Firefighter Concepts classes – Merrill has 9 students. Class finishing April 17.
 - Fire Officer 1 class – Ran at Town of Wausau Fire Department with 13 students. Class finished April 4.

- Certified Driver/Operator-Aerial classes – Wausau group had 10 students and finished March 25. Kronenwetter Fire Department group had 9 students and finished April 20.
- Entry Level Driver/Operator-Aerial class at Kronenwetter Fire Department had 10 students and finished March 4.
- Certified Driver/Operator- Pumper class at Medford Fire Department has 8 students and finishes May 17.
- Haz Mat Ops classes start at Phillips and Merrill on 4/17 and 4/18. Most of the same students taking the FF1 classes will be enrolled in these classes.
- Other Class Notes: The group discussed how all 35 of the FF1 students made it to class for the Live Burn on 4/1 during a horrible snow storm! We also talked about how the Wausau Aerial students were in some videos that were posted on social media. Additionally, we discussed how the CPAT enrollment has continued to improve. There were 55 students who attended CPAT in fall 2022 and we are already sitting at 42 for this spring (with several more testing dates to go yet). This is looking to be our highest enrollment yet!
- **Share Tentative Fall 2023 Classes** – Paul went through the tentative schedule of classes for fall 2023. See Attached. Paul asked members to let us know if there are any other classes that we can potentially schedule for them.
 - Bill Felch said they would like a Pumper class & an Aerial class within the next year. Possibly for Spring 2024.
 - Joe mentioned the Electric vehicles that are becoming popular and how we might need more training on these in the future. He thought we should learn how to handle those type of fires for vehicles, bikes, charging stations, etc.
 - We discussed creating a Document that would list all the Fire class options that NTC can offer. We would share that with all the district fire departments to generate interest and see if there are classes that they would like us to run.
- **Discuss WTPD partnerships – Acquired Structure Burns & Flashovers** – As previously mentioned, we are running these 2 types of fire classes through WTPD. Leslie Williams will be running these classes. We are also moving EMS refreshers and the Motorcycle program over to them. We are moving CDL specialized training to them too. There is a big trend to move over to this type of customized training and WTPD has more people to do better advertising and to help with the budget problems.
 - Bob talked about how fire chiefs needs to know the monetary cost of Flashovers or House Burns right away so they know what to expect right off the bat. Paul agreed that would be a good idea. Paul talked about how Dan & Kyle worked with Leslie so she would know what they needed for these training events.
 - Steve asked who would have the last say in any issues that came up. Paul talked about having a good relationship with the WTPD team and that they would take our opinions into account, especially if there are safety concerns.

- Jason talked about the value of students actually being able to get training in an Acquired structure because you can only do certain training in those real fires. Steve also discussed how if a dept is supplying the trucks, fuel, water, etc. that maybe the price would be lowered. We think WTPD would figure that into their calculations. They have formulas that they use to figure out costs of classes. The group talked about how houses vary, and how class prices might be lower if a dept supplies all the burnable materials for a class.
- Leslie is even looking into grant opportunities to see if they can fund these trainings for us. They recognize how important the training is.
- **Hazardous Materials Operations & Haz Mat Technician Funding Updates** – Paul talked about how we have to be diligent about running Haz Mat Ops classes, as there is limited funding throughout the state. We have to inform the state of how many students are expected to attend our Haz Mat Ops classes each quarter, so they can approve us for running the classes. Haz Mat Technician class is even more limited on funding. If a school is interested in running a Haz Mat Tech class they need to ask the state far in advance to make sure they will be given funds to run it. There are state-wide limits for these classes.
- **Fire Officer Curriculum Changes** – Paul informed the group that there is new curriculum for Fire Officer classes. This new curriculum is listed on the state website under the “Instructor Resources” link. There is a new textbook. It is JB’s Principles and Practice, Fourth Edition. (ISBN: 9781284172393). Any classes offered after April 2023 need to use this new curriculum.
- **State Fire Written Exams & Summary Forms Updates** – Paul talked about how the State Written Exams are going to be changing over to electronic testing soon. We will be phasing out our paper test booklets and students will be able to use computers to do testing. State Summary Forms are also going to become electronic as well. The forms will update automatically with scores when students take tests. The state is currently working on getting this set up for everyone. There are several colleges that are giving this a trial run and working out the bugs. We hope to be able to attempt electronic testing within the next year!

Program Modifications discussion

- **Fire Medic Associate Degree – Removal of 1 credit Internship class** – Paul discussed how this internship was not very useful as it did not allow for enough time to be spent at a fire dept. We decided to remove this from the Associate Degree, and we still had plenty of hours left in it.
 - Scott mentioned TIMs class (Traffic Incident management) that we could potentially add into this degree instead. Paul said we would have to look at this and get approval from the state.

- Jason mentioned that a traffic class would be more beneficial than a class like Haz Mat Ops. We discussed adding a TIMs class as something that we could offer as standard training for students.
- **Fire Science Technical Diploma – Removal of 4 credit Hazardous Materials class** – Paul talked about how we determined that we do not have enough funds to purchase all the items needed for this class, and how the state is regulating enrollment on this class, so that it was not worth leaving this requirement in the Fire Science Technical diploma.
- Changes for both programs take effect as of June 1st, 2023.

Facilities/Equipment

- **Capital Equipment & Recent Purchases** – Paul discussed the new fire vent trailer (coming in July), and how we can do a lot of training with it, and it is very mobile/can be taken places. We are also looking to upgrade a fire trailer (8.5' x 20' trailer). Additionally, we have 2 trucks right now; 1 diesel & 1 gas. We are going to give the gas truck to our CDL program and we will pick up another diesel truck soon. Then our fire staff can both pull trailers at the same time when they need to. We have also purchased items such as new MSA's, Jefferson gear dryer, Roof prop, sprinkler prop, and lots of new Turn out gear (14 sets of jackets, 14 hoods, 17 boots, & 15 helmets). Between Capital money and HERF grants, we have gotten about \$290,000 worth of equipment.
- **Burn Tower Update** – Paul discussed how the Burn room was in rough shape and we had NTC facilities people come in and fix it. Darren came up with the money for us and we replaced all the materials that were needed. We also replaced the scout temp monitor, which was very old. We want data to be pulled every time we do a burn in there. Now the inside is all up to date. We know there are other things that still need to be updated on it and we are slowly working on those other issues.
- **Wittenberg Splash Tower** – Paul talked about the Wittenberg tower not being very safe and how the city wanted to use that area where it was located. They asked NTC if they could eliminate it. NTC agreed and will be taking it down soon.
 - The group asked about the other Towers that we have on other campuses and if those are being maintained. We discussed how we recently did some work on the Phillips campus tower, and we will continue to look at the other towers.
- **Antigo House/Confined Space Training Area** – We recently started a partnership with UW-Stevens Point and we got some money from a grant for a new sawmill program. They will be using the location where the house is currently sitting at Antigo. We are going to have that house moved over here to Merrill. The Antigo splash tower will be

staying there. They wanted another confined space area to be added, so we will also be helping them with that too.

Other Items

- **Advisory Committee Recruitment** – Paul mentioned that we are always looking for more people from across our district to join this group. Please continue to let us know if anyone is interested in joining so we can get them on our email distribution list.
- **Fire Department Contact List/Email Group** – Paul talked about how we are collecting email addresses for fire chiefs and other department contacts. Mary Lou and Gera have been adding & updating this information into a big Email group. We hope this email group will be useful for sending out future notices, schedules, and messages.
- **Reminder of State Practical Dates** – Paul reminded the group about the upcoming State Practical exams: Aerial Practical on Saturday 5/6/23 – 9:00am-3:00pm at Wausau Campus (64179), FF1/FF2 Practicals on Saturday 5/13/23 – 8:00am-4:00pm at Merrill (64178 & 64181), and there will be a Pumper Practical exam scheduled for August (Date/Time TBD).

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

- The next meeting is set for Oct 11, 2023 at 6:00pm. It will be in-person at Merrill and there will also be a Zoom link option for those who cannot attend in-person.
- 1st Motion was made by Bob Pound to adjourn the meeting, and Bill Felch gave 2nd Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/4/23

Time: 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Location: Zoom and in Person

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Terry McHugh, Chief, Kronenwetter Police Department
- Mark Wagers, Marathon County Sheriff's Office
- Tyler Iverson, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
- Clay Schultz, Chief, Everest Metro Police Department

NTC Team:

- Shane Heilmann, Dean of Public Safety
- Paul Clarke, Faculty
- Brian Fiene, Faculty
- Matthew Kecker, Faculty
- Michelle Shepherd, Administrative Assistant
- Mary Lou Zettler, Technician, Simulation & Equipment
- Leslie Williams, Learning Coordinator WTPD
- MaiGer Moua, Advisor, Academic Success/Promise

Welcome & Introductions

Shane Heilmann, Dean of Public Safety and Community Services at Northcentral Technical College (NTC), welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Update and highlights from last Meeting

Review of minutes from prior advisory committee meeting held on October 19, 2022. Mark Wagers motioned to approve the prior advisory committee minutes. Matt Kecker seconded the approval of the minutes.

College-Wide Initiatives

New programs for 2022-2023: Diesel Technician, Liberal Arts Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts Associate of Science, Garden to Market Specialist, Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate, Nail Technology Certificate, Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma, Hospitality Management Associate Degree and Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree.

Healthcare 4.0 – The Future of Healthcare: Interdisciplinary Education, redesign of building space, innovative educational experiences, and exploring new health programs.

NTC accreditation – Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update - Site visit November 2023.

Workforce Training and Professional Development Initiatives

Upcoming topics of training:

- Trauma Informed Care Seminar
- Workplace Safety Planning Speaker Series
- 7 Workplace Communication Trends
- Beekeeping
- Ballroom and Swing Dance
- Cooking Classes

Industry Trends

- Clay Schulz, picking up applicants in the associate's degree program, there seems to be a lot bigger pool. Many are getting hired/job offers before the sponsoring of officers going through the academy.
- Terry McHugh stated that there had been candidates lately coming in with unprofessional dress (jeans, t-shirts) and is wondering if other agencies have seen that too. These were not NTC students. As students, there are several opportunities for students to get interview advice and practice within our educational programs.

Program Updates:

- Spring Jail Officer Academy and Law Enforcement Academy Enrollment – There were 6 students in the Spring Jail Officer Academy and 10 in the law enforcement academy. We will be running another summer jail officer academy this summer.
- Law Enforcement in the 21st Century program – status and change, layout of classes. The course creation is nearing completion. Three classes need to be created yet. A

specific order of classes has been determined, and it should take a student about three years to complete. This class is designed for someone employed full-time, and taking more than one or two classes simultaneously would be difficult to complete. It is a 100% online/Virtual College program.

- Enrollment numbers for associate degree programs – Advisor MaiGer reported that for the fall semester, the associate degree program has 21 students that have been fully accepted and 12 in process. There will likely be more by the time classes start.
- Projected number of students for fall 2023 – There are at least 15 students on the academy list, and there may be more by the start.
- Upcoming LE and Jail Academy dates – Summer Jail Officer Academy is scheduled for July 24-August 25, 2023. Fall Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled for August 17 through December 19, 2023.
- College credits required for law enforcement academy per WI DOJ – A student entering the law enforcement academy will now only need 40 college credits instead of 60. They will receive 20 credits for attending the academy. However, they would still not have an associate degree unless they complete an associate's program.
- Curriculum changes on HRVC (High-Risk Vehicle Contacts) – Several transition classes are being offered statewide. This is so everyone is trained by fall 2023.
- Justice & Community Advocacy Technical Diploma timeline -Fall 2025 – Focuses on some aspects of the criminal justice system, combined with programs and information from the human services side of social work involving substance use disorder counseling. This would likely be a virtual offering. It would use existing courses in criminal justice and work it into human services courses. Does anyone have any concerns or questions about us pursuing this program. Would it be valuable. Terry McHugh feels like it is a good idea, as everyone is dealing with similar issues.

Facilities/Equipment:

- PIT cars/training – There are a couple of contracts coming up in May, but there are only two PIT cars left. We are not currently taking any new contracts at this point. New equipment is needed and there will be a determination made as to whether it is worth it to run PIT car classes. Members of the committee think that our training is valuable. We do realize the importance, but we are reassessing. Is it appropriate to train using the old vehicles, while an SUV would be a better choice. Trying to find a vendor to manufacture the cages for the vehicles is challenging. Could use older cars as subject vehicles. May look at a new pricing model based on per-registrant instead of a group. This could cause an increase in cost for PIT car training. Terry McHugh understands the

reason for price increase and Clay Schulz agrees with him. They feel the extra expense would be worth keeping the training. Tyler Iverson believes moving to SUVs is the wave of the future. Mark Wagers feels that target cars could be anything that is not AWD. Challenge could be fitting cages to the bigger vehicles.

- Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence – updates – Portions of Merrill campus will be set up so that areas can be sectioned off so multiple groups can use it at the same time. An additional pad was added to increase space available. There is a potential acquisition of some adjacent properties, which may be used as additional classroom space, additional parking lot driving and training spaces.
- EMS Training Center (ESTC) Wausau – EMS classes were previously located in multiple different locations. They are now centrally located in the EMS Training Center which was formerly the Geriatric Center.
- Equipment – We received some money from HERF funding, which was basically the restrictions from Covid. This allowed a purchase of 12 Ruger AR15 rifles and outfit them with accessories. Also, some SB tactical systems for force-on-force training. Recruits coming in from departments, if we know what the optical system is on the rifle, we have enough equipment now that their whole rifle course could be run with the optical system you are using. We may have them shoot a few times with other things so they have experience, but our goal is to prepare them for where they are going to be.

Other items

- Paul Clarke's Retirement – Paul Clarke has resigned and will be done after this semester.
- Replacement CJ Faculty instructor position – This process is ongoing. Once a person has been chosen and accepts the position, we will have something to share at the fall meeting.
- LE Academy Graduation – May 19, 2-3:30 pm
- NTC Spring Commencement – Saturday, May 20, 10-am-12 pm

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

The next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, October 19, 2023

The meeting motion to adjourn was made by Paul Clarke and seconded by Mark Wagers.

WIOA/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Sheryl Baker – Labor Education & Training Center (LETC) - Dislocated Worker Program
- Patricia Noland – Director, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Kathy Kloes – Program Coordinator, Forward Service Corporation
- Brian Kalish - Director, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
- Robert Bauer – LETC – Dislocated Worker Program
- Colt Nicklaus – FSC – WIOA Team Lead

NTC Team:

- Sara Bartelt – Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Jacki Knoblock – Academic Transitions Advisor, College Prep Center & School of General Studies
- Angela Reimer – Compliance Coordinator, Program Development
- Nick Blanchette – Senior Director, Enrollment Strategy
- Debbie LaVigne – Specialist, Financial Aid
- Kaela Kromer – Specialist – Pathways Transitions
- Hannah Lee – Administrative Assistant, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- May Thao – Learning Coordinator, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Barb Juliano – Instructional Assistant, Marathon County Jail & Marathon County Job Center
- Kathy Krause – AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisor, AE Faculty; Wausau NTC
- Nick Lampone – Director of Enrollment
- Jerry Xiong – College Prep Center Assistant
- Becky Michels – Regional Campus Manager
- MaiGer Moua – Promise Advisor
- Lindsey Zakrzewski – Testing & Accommodations Coordinator

Agenda Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

Sara Bartelt, Associate Dean of School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education, and 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 meeting minutes were approved by all.

Agenda Item 3: College-Wide Initiatives

The meeting began with a review of the college-wide initiatives. The following highlights were shared:

Thank you from NTC:

“On behalf of NTC, thank you for serving as a member of a Program Advisory Committee!”

- Darren Ackley – Vice President for Learning

New Programs 2022 - 2023

- Diesel Technician Apprenticeship
- Liberal Arts Associate of Arts
- Liberal Arts Associate of Science
- Garden to Market Specialist
- Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate
- Nail Technology Certificate

New Proposed Programs 2023-2024

- Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 23)
- Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 23)
- Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree (Fall 23)

Healthcare 4.0

The future of Healthcare:

- Interdisciplinary Education
- Redesign of building space
- Innovative Educational Experiences
- Explore New Health Programs

NTC Accreditation

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update

In addition to the Institutional – HLC – NTC has 25 Programmatic Accreditations, for example:

- Automotive (ASE)
- Nursing (ACEN)
- Dental (CODA)
- EMT (CoAEMPS)
- Medical Assistant (CAAHEP)
- Business (ACBSP)

Site visit: Nov 2023

- Student Learning Outcomes
- Assessment and Program Assessment
- Professional Development
- Instructional Quality Assurance
- Faculty Educational Attainment and Occupational Experience
- Continuous Improvement and Efforts to Improve Equity

Workforce training and Professional Development

WTPD offers a wide variety of Professional Development and Community Education Classes.

Upcoming topics include:

- Trauma Informed Care Seminar
- Workplace Safety Planning Speaker Series
- 7 Workplace Communication Trends for 2023
- Beekeeping
- Ballroom and Swing Dance
- Cooking Classes

For more information on these courses, you can find them on the following webpages: Life Enrichment and Community Classes (<https://www.ntc.edu/academics-training/courses/community>) and Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops (<https://www.ntc.edu/calendar/conferences-seminars-and-workshops>).

Student Support:

Resources available to our students:

- Unlimited access to free mental health services through the *Virtual Care Group* (thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntc or 866.533.1827)
- The *NTC advisor* 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 many programs, both in-person and remote, to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax, and have fun.

Agenda Item 4: Instructional Area/Program

A. Industry Trends

Kathy Kloes: It is critical for partners to know that Youth WIOA programming can serve youths from ages 14-24. Current recruitment efforts are targeting youth that are not yet enrolled in school (i.e., those that either finished high school and didn't continue, or those that didn't finish high school and never went back). Though various recruitment technique have been leveraged (i.e., social media campaigns), this population is difficult to reach. Referrals from our partners continue to be needed. Thank you to the NTC staff who has been great about referring to our adult program.

- Colt: As a reminder, GED students also count as that out of school youth criteria. Working with high school guidance counseling departments has proved to be an effective recruitment tactic. Outside of the Youth program, the adult program is having an uptake in CDL. Quite a few students are going to NTC or Carl's Transport. We advocate for NTC over Carl's Transport for the price point. Another main industry trend is going to be that Healthcare related stuff such as Nursing and Respiratory Therapy. It should be noted that if a participant enrolls in a program that is financial aid eligible program, the participant is required to at least apply for financial aid (they do not have to accept the loans). If a participant enrolls in a program that is not financial aid eligible, WAI funding can still support the cost. The amount WIOA can cover is dependent on the fiscal year budget, how many participants are enrolled, and the need of these participants.

Patty: One prospective target demographic of WIOA partners is individuals with some college but no degree. It would be beneficial to all partners to leverage National Student Clearing House data to identify these individuals and assess their interest to engage in additional education.

One year ago, DVR received \$15 million to serve 500 enrollees; ample funding remains and individuals are encouraged to apply. On-site evaluations can be conducted to start the eligibility determination process. DVR is willing to come on-site at NTC to share this opportunity with students. Short-term training through master's degrees within the following four occupations are supported by this funding:

- Healthcare
- Construction
- Info/Digital Tech
- Manufacturing

NTC's Academic Transitions Advisor confirmed underprepared students are encouraged to complete the WIOA application as a part of the College Prep Orientation, and NTC's Disability Services Office confirmed they are distributing flyers about this opportunity to the students they serve. NTC agreed to also inform both the Director of Advising and K12 Events coordinator of this opportunity to it can be promoted students in these areas, as well.

Bob: Smaller dislocations are resulting in some training; CDL has been appealing to many. There have been some inquiries about a heavy equipment module. NTC shared a suggestion to pull together all technical colleges in WDA 6 to discuss a collaborative offering to meet these needs

B. Program Information

a. *Enrollment Update:* Enrollment at the Marathon County Job Center location is flat in terms of enrollment comparison from this year to last year. Traffic is consistent, but slow; we would love to see it increase. More content will be shifting into a virtual, flexible format as this continues to be the demand as per feedback from the Partners and students, alike.

b. *New Programs (currently offered): The following programming update was shared:*

- **Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 23)**

The Hospitality Management Associate Degree program prepares learners with the necessary customer service, room operations, dining room and food service operations skills for an exciting career. Learn about catering and special event planning, as well as hospitality law and liability. Learn to sell to convention organizers and businesses, and coordinate tourism efforts for communities. Tourism is an integral part of the economy and creates a broad range of employment opportunities. Whether you are preparing for an important business meeting or wedding reception, learn to create memorable experiences for customers through this degree program.

Career Options: Bed and Breakfast Innkeeper, Guest Services Manager, Resort Manager, Front Office Manager, Front Office Director, Rooms Director, Night Manager, Hotel Manager

- **Smart Manufacturing Technology Associate Degree (Fall 23)**

The Smart Manufacturing Technology Associate Degree combines foundational coursework in the areas of electromechanical and automation systems with advanced coursework in Industry 4.0 concepts and quality manufacturing. If you are interested in the latest technology in industrial automation and robotics, as well as, the implementation of these technologies in order to optimize manufacturing processes this may be of interest to you. Some of the innovative topics will include Industry 4.0 Fundamentals, Vision Guided Robotics, Industrial Internet of Things, Simulation, Artificial Intelligence, and Designing Products in a Smart Factory.

Career Options: Quality Technician, Electromechanical Technician, System Technologist, Robotic Integrator, Automation Technician

- **Garden to Market Specialist Technical Diploma (Spring 23)**

The Garden to Market Specialist Technical Diploma is designed for anyone interested in market gardening and fruit and vegetable production in a variety of agricultural settings. Learners will develop skills to start their own enterprises growing produce and other agriculture products to sell. Hands-on and classroom training are offered in both a hoop house and greenhouse lab setting.

Career Options: Nursey Worker, Harvester, Greenhouse Worker, Propagation Worker, Farm Laborer

- **Quickbooks Specialist Technical Diploma (Spring 23)**

The QuickBooks Specialist Technical Diploma program is designed to help learners understand basic accounting fundamentals and provides practical experience in computerized accounting utilizing QuickBooks Online software. Learners will compute, classify and record transactions while maintaining complete financial records in QuickBooks Online.

Career Options: Account Clerk, Accounts Receivable Clerk, Accounts Payable Clerk, Accounting Assistant, Accounting Specialist, Quickbooks Specialist

- **Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 23)**

The Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma program offers an entry-level training program for learners interested in pursuing a professional career in massage therapy, or for health care providers looking to enhance their range of clinical skills and knowledge. Learners gain a comprehensive understanding of the human body and a high degree of technical skill, with an emphasis on personal and professional development, increased self-awareness and sensitivity.

Career Options: Clinical Massage Therapist, Therapeutic Massage Technician, Soft Tissue Specialist, Certified Massage Therapist, Licensed Massage Therapist

- **Applied Mathematics Certificate (Fall 23)**

The Applied Mathematics Certificate has been developed for learners interested in learning more about math in the real world. This certificate provides the learner with a strong math foundation with a focus on computational math techniques to solve practical problems in various fields.

- **Nail Technology Certificate (Fall 23)**

The Nail Technology Certificate program is designed for learners to study basic nail terminology, skin anatomy, nail growth, disorders and diseases. Learners will practice hand and foot nail care. While developing manicuring skills in a salon-like setting, safety and infection control will be followed to state regulations. Learners will provide customer service, business management and product control. Upon successful completion of the program learners will qualify to take the Wisconsin Manicurist License Examination. *This program is coming soon pending approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). You may still apply and be accepted into the program, contingent upon official program approval.

Career Options: Pedicurist, Nail Artist, Fingernail Technician, Manicurist, Nail Technician

- **Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate (Fall 23)**

The Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate will begin your career in the meat processing industry. Learn how to fabricate a variety of proteins, sausage and charcuterie products. Included in your training are the fundamentals of ethical harvest of livestock, butchery, meat curing and smoking, and ServSafe sanitation certification. This certificate provides plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning in our new state of the art cold lab and mobile harvesting unit.

Career Options: Meat Cutter, Animal Processor, Butcher

- **CCNA Exam Prep (Fall 23)**

Master the skills needed to earn CISCO's Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification by learning how to install, configure, operate and troubleshoot medium-sized routed and switched networks. Explore basic security threat mitigation, wireless networking concepts and terminology, and performance-based skills. Excel in supporting complex network infrastructures with this in-demand professional certification. After completing the certificate courses, students will take and pass the exam to earn the CCNA Certification.

Career Options: Entry Level Network Engineer, Entry Level Help Desk Technician, Network Support Technician

c. New Programs (Proposed)

- **Medical Administrative Professional Associate Degree (Spring 24)**

The Medical Administrative Professional Associate Degree prepares the learner to complete business-related tasks including scheduling appointments, registering patients, answering telephones, medical billing and completing insurance claims, preparing business correspondence, and maintaining medical records.

- **Respiratory Therapy Associate Degree (Fall 24)**

The Respiratory Therapy Associate Degree program is designed to prepare graduates with demonstrated competence in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains of respiratory care practice as performed by registered respiratory therapists (RRTs).

Respiratory therapists, as members of a team of health care professionals, work to evaluate, treat and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders in a wide variety of clinical settings. In addition to performing respiratory care procedures, respiratory therapists are involved in clinical decision making (such as patient evaluation, treatment selection and assessment of treatment efficacy) and patient education. The scope of practice for respiratory therapy includes, but is not limited to: -assessing the cardiopulmonary status of patients, -drawing blood samples, performing blood gas analysis and pulmonary function testing, -initiating ordered respiratory care, evaluating and monitoring patients' responses to such care, modifying the prescribed respiratory therapy and cardiopulmonary procedures and life support endeavors to achieve desired therapeutic objectives, -providing patient, family and community education, and -participating in life support activities as required. At graduation, the student is qualified for admission to the entry-level and advanced practitioner examinations to become a registered respiratory therapist. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, on recommendation of the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

C. Curriculum/Assessment

a. HSED 5.09: Update

Kathy Krause: NTC continues to expand the use of open educational resources (OER) in the HSED 5.09 program. Currently Science and Math utilize and OER resource; Social Studies is in progress and Health is next. Utilizing OERs eliminates the need to buy textbooks or manage copyright issues, thus reducing overall programming costs. All content is loaded into our learning management system (Canvas) and is able to be easily manipulated to meet our students' needs.

In the wake of the National Career Readiness Certificate being abandoned locally, NTC created the Workforce Readiness Certificate. The software used to support the curriculum is changing its pricing structure and, as such, available seats will be shifted exclusively to jail locations and the Job Center. Ongoing assessment will help evolve the process as implementation continues.

Barb: To help increase foot traffic at the Marathon County Job Center, the WIOA sub-committee is hosting a table at the Community Partner's campus to share information with perspective participants. Also coming up on May 9th is a big hiring event at the Job Center. 30+ employers will be on-site.

Agenda Item 6: Future Agenda Discussions/Next Meeting Date & Time

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 18th 1:00pm – 2:30pm via Zoom

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Meeting Attendees

Industry Members:

- Kevin Woolsey – Crystal Finishing (Chair)
- Jenna Drengler – Greenheck Fan Corporation
- Jason Witzeling – Epiroc

NTC Members:

- Iain Cameron – Dean
- Travis Allen – Faculty
- Heidi Latendresse – Learning Coordinator
- Brenda Tincher – Administrative Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

Iain Cameron, Dean of the School of Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing, and Kevin Woolsey (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Iain also confirmed to the group that Tim Fetting, Associate Dean, had left his position with NTC and that NTC were in the process of recruiting for a replacement.

Highlights From the Previous Meeting/Updates

The previous meeting minutes were distributed in advance for the committee to review. No questions or concerns were raised regarding the previous meeting.

Industry Discussion

- Kevin Woolsey stated they have been predicting a slowdown. It has taken a little longer to come up with the requirements and orders, but this has seemed to happen over the past 2 weekends. Kevin went on to say the housing starts are down, so window customers are ordering less. He also revealed the strong point in business for them continues to be Mercury Marine, which means there is still a lot of discretionary spending occurring. Crystal Finishing Fabrication Department remains very busy with aluminum extrusions. Unfortunately, the coating department is down quite a bit. The weekend shifts for excursion teams were discontinued with the last one entering its final weekend. Kevin stated they are seeing some scaling back. They aren't going through layoffs, but hours are being cut back here and there. Currently, they can absorb people from other areas because of the diversification of the company. As far as predictions, spring is normally slow with a pickup in summer at least the years before Covid. Unfortunately, they aren't seeing that happen this year. He stated it was too hard to call what might happen next at this point given the global economic situation and inflation.

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- Jason Witzeling stated they are going through a similar situation. In the construction business, the big push starts in February to early March, but they haven't experienced that this year. Their business has been steady due to them being purchased by another company. They took on some of the work for Emiroc that had been outsourced around the area and now is produced in-house. This year, the normal big push on excavators and buckets didn't happen.
- Jenna Drengler stated Greenheck is doing well. They have lots of orders coming in. The material availability perspective is getting a little better.

Travis Allen asked what is happening on the supply side with pricing and demand:

- Jason stated that costs are ridiculous. They work with all carbon steel prices which are 4 times the cost now vs. 3 years ago. The cost used to be 20 to 25 cents now it's between \$.80, \$.85, to \$1.00. They also buy special steel, such as 3-inch plates, and the price was \$1.91 per pound. Justin said raw material is a huge driver in their industry. He expressed costs have retreated a little bit recently, but are still high. The company uses domestic suppliers. On the sales side, Emiroc has been charging a 29% steel surcharge for the past couple of years to absorb some of the increases. Other items have seen price increases also, and the paint supply had challenges for the company with certain colors (red and orange). The company is eliminating those colors now as a result.
- Kevin stated his pricing has retreated, but remains nonsensical compared to previously. Their customers buy so far ahead that they were able to stay ahead of the spike in costs. They have been working on getting new customers, so they will see how the pricing works with them. Kevin also mentioned they were seeing challenges with coding, specifically with the resins that were in demand for battery manufacturing for electric vehicle solar panels. Recently though, there seems to be enough of those resins more commonly available. Crystal Finishing was looking at different coding options, one of which led to a significant quality challenge. The standard resin they have been seeing is for architectural, plumbing, and supplies and they have seen availability and price reduction in this area.
- Iain stated that NTC's Welding and Machine Tool programs have experienced the same situation with the material costs going up four times over the financial year.

The discussion moved on to hiring and talent retention:

- Kevin verbalized they are still seeing struggles with acquiring and retaining talent due to not having a 40-hour work week anymore. The company can flex people over into another area in those areas, but employees don't like it. As far as welders, they are nearly fully staffed with a couple on each shift. They have had to train their welders and are developing as they go. They have worked with Veronica Hope (NTC Welding Faculty) to help develop their PQR and WPS, and Kevin expressed it was a great experience for them to work with NTC for this. They are also installing 2 new presses, one is on the way and the other is at least a month out. There will be a lot of automation coming with these machines, but he reiterated that the company doesn't realize the

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inspections they get for 'free' with manual processes, and with people removed from the process, it will be a challenge to catch all the possible issues without re-thinking some of the inspection protocols.

- Justin stated that they haven't been hiring a lot because things have slowed a little bit. They are steady, but find filling positions challenging, especially in maintenance. For example, they hired someone and they just decided not to show up for work and demanded more money. The production line has done okay with hiring a couple of machinists. The company hasn't had a huge demand to hire welders lately, but if the company grows the way they want, it will be looking for new welders.
- Jenna says they still have labor concerns, especially with skilled positions. Greenheck is thinking about adding more robotics. They need people with skills to operate the programs and people to maintain the equipment. Still a concern for the area.
- Kevin talked with Paul Swanborg about an update regarding the courses he teaches. He has 20-plus students in Introduction to Quality with positive feedback. In all, he has 40 students across the classes that he teaches. Kevin mentioned that enrollments seem to be up a lot. Iain agreed that this was the case for our MET and SET programs.
- Travis stated the marketing campaign that they ran last fall helped. They have students coming from all over the United States in all four time zones. He also stated the students are coming for more of the general classes, like Precision Measuring, Quality Assurance, and Interpreting Engineering Drawings. These students may not take the whole program, but they have several choices. Safety Engineering Technology classes are seeing smaller numbers, but Manufacturing Engineering Technology has seen growth.
- Travis asked the committee if anyone would be willing to be a mentor for students. He will be putting out an email asking for volunteers.

Program and Curriculum Discussion

Iain mentioned the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Program had a much higher enrollment this semester and that while Safety Engineering Technology has increased a little, it is still much lower than MET.

- Program Enrollment is as follows:
 - (59) in Manufacturing Engineering Technology
 - (11) in Safety Engineering Technology
- Most students are working when they are enrolled in the program and students can use experience from their work and do projects for their classes. NTC is training people all over the U.S. in these programs in a variety of different fields with ages from 20–60 year olds. Iain stated this isn't a traditional program where the majority of students may be recent high-school graduates going on to college right away. Most of these students are working and want to develop new skills and they take these courses because they are accessible.

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- Next Fall Enrollment (at time of meeting)
 - (6) in Manufacturing Engineering Technology
 - (2) in Safety Engineering Technology
- Iain explained that students tend to apply and enroll until just before the semester starts, and that he expects those numbers to go up. He also suggested they may work with the marketing team to do another campaign. It would be a similar campaign as the last one and hopefully enrollment will continue to increase.
- Iain stated there aren't any upcoming changes in the program. NTC is in the process of carrying out the changes the committee discussed last semester, which is moving the Precision Measuring class by 1 credit to 2 credits. This was approved by the committee previously which will start this fall. Iain shared with the committee that NTC will be pausing any program changes for two years after our December 2023 changes.
- Iain wanted to know if the committee would like to add a robotic curriculum either to the MET, SET, or both programs. Travis mentioned the existing class 'Intro to Robotics' would be a one-credit course with basic programming included. It was unanimous by the committee to explore how NTC can add robotics competencies and knowledge to both programs.
- Iain spoke about the Quality Technician Certificate, 4 credits, which was added last year. Iain thinks enrollment has also seen an increase due to this certificate.
- Iain, Travis, and Paul are discussing potentially creating a 'Practical Quality Engineering' type of certificate. This would be a bridging point between our 'Quality Technician' Certificate and our existing 'Quality Manufacturing' Technical Diploma (which is also built into the Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree). The committee unanimously agreed about exploring and creating this 'Practical Quality' certificate.
- Due to the large amount of cross-over between the Applied Engineering programs and our Electromechanical, Automation Systems, and Smart Manufacturing programs, Iain suggested combining the advisory committee for Applied Engineering (this committee) with the committee for Electromechanical-Automation and Smart Manufacturing. This would provide a larger pool of various industries where everyone can share the full industry feedback for all 5 programs. This Advisory Committee would likely be called our 'Advanced Manufacturing' advisory committee or similar. It was unanimous among the members to combine committees based on all the discussion from this meeting.

NTC Updates

- A PowerPoint including NTC's College-Wide Updates was shared with the committee. There were no questions regarding this information.

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- The new programs started in the fall of 2022 included:
 - Diesel Apprenticeship
 - Liberal Arts Associate Degree of Arts and Liberal Arts Associate Degree of Science – providing the general education credits toward a four-year degree.
 - Garden to Market Specialist Degree
 - Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate
 - Nail Technology
- NTC will be starting these programs in the fall of 2023:
 - Therapeutic Massage
 - Hospitality Management
 - Smart Manufacturing

Other Business

- NTC has a grant to hire a Pathways Coordinator. This role will work with high schools, technical colleges, universities, and manufacturing companies. Overall, the position is aimed at creating various pathways for those who want to develop a career in Engineering Technology related subject areas, both fresh students and those who are already working in the industry.
- NTC will be partnering with UW-Stout and SACA (the Smart Automation Certificate Alliance). UW-Stout have developed a new Bachelor Degree in Automation Leadership, and will accept transfer from both NTC's AD's (e.g. Automation Systems) and from SACA Credentials which NTC will build into its related programs. There is the potential for our Manufacturing and Safety Engineering programs to have some SACA credentials built-in too. Students will be able to transfer to UW-Stout for Junior status in the Automation Leadership Bachelor's Degree, so the intention is that this will be a 2-year Associate Degree with SACA credentials, plus an additional 2 years at UW-Stout to earn their 4-year Bachelor Degree. The Stout classes will be 100% online, and there is the additional option of continuing into a Master's program. More details on this pathway will be shared with our committees as it becomes available.

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Radiography Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/08/2023

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/89076301113>

Industry/Student Board Members

- Valerie Aft, Supervisor, Aspirus/Good Samaritan Hospital
- Michele Butalla, Regional Radiography Manager, Marshfield Clinic-Wausau Center
- Sharon Cwikla, Director of Imaging Services, Aspirus Medford Hospital and Clinics
- Kevin Foley, Imaging Services Manager, Aspirus Langlade Hospital
- Leah Gumz, Staff Mammography Technologist, Aspirus Riverview
- Linda Hartleben, Clinical Preceptor/Staff Technologist, Aspirus Langlade Hospital
- Anne Kamke, Clinics Imaging Supervisor, Aspirus
- Jami Lotharius, Radiography Staff, Marshfield Clinic-Wausau Center
- Becky Nichols, Aspirus Medford
- Jay Patel, Manager of Clinical Radiology, Aspirus-Wausau
- Danielle Peterson, Radiologic Technologist, Marshfield Clinic Weston
- Tracy Rekowski, Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor, Aspirus/St. Michaels Hospital
- Amy Roberts, Radiologic Technologist, Aspirus Wausau Hospital Radiology and NTC Radiography Adjunct/Clinical Instructor
- Alyssa Soyk, Diagnostic Supervisor, Aspirus Wausau Hospital
- Becky Stueber, Assistant Radiology Manager/Hospital Radiology, Marshfield Clinic-Marshfield
- Jeni Thompson, Imaging Manager Aspirus Wausau Hospital
- Carrie Utphall, Imaging Manager, Aspirus Riverview Hospital
- Jenna Wehrman, Diagnostic Team Lead, Marshfield Clinic Marshfield
- Mike Whitmore, Radiography Staff, Marshfield Clinic
- Staci Zdroik, Radiology Team Lead, Aspirus/St. Michaels Hospital

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Amanda Meyer, Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor Aspirus Plover
- Barb Agen, Administrator for Division of Education, Marshfield Clinic Health System

- Valerie Alft, Supervisor, Aspirus Merrill
- Sharon Cwikla, Director of Imaging Services, Aspirus Medford Hospital and Clinics
- Anne Kamke, Clinics Imaging Supervisor, Aspirus
- Sally Pawlus, Clinical Preceptor, Aspirus Plover
- Danielle Peterson, Radiologic Technologist, Marshfield Clinic Weston
- Jeni Thompson, Imaging Manager Aspirus Wausau Hospital
- Carrie Utphall, Director of Imaging, Aspirus Riverview Hospital
- Jenna Wehrman, Diagnostic Team Lead, Marshfield Clinic Marshfield
- Staci Zdroik, Radiology Team Lead, Aspirus Stevens Point

NTC Team:

- Emily Steinbach, Learning Coordinator - Allied Health
- Amy Stephens, Radiography Faculty
- Dana Butke, Marshfield Clinic/NTC Clinical Instructor
- Sandie Shorey, Administrative Assistant Health Sciences
- Jordyn Olson, Academic Advisor
- Marianne Rhodes, Radiography Program Director and Faculty
- Amber Schuck, Radiography Faculty

Other:

- Kelsey Baumgardt, Second year NTC Radiography Student

Welcome & Introductions

Sharon Cwikla, Director of Imaging Services, Aspirus Medford, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and shared which facility they represented.

Update and Highlights from Last Meeting

Marianne Rhodes, Radiography Program Director and Faculty, reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting that was held on November 30, 2022. This is handout #2. There were no changes noted for these minutes.

- October JRCERT Site Visit NTC given maximum 8-year award (Attach #3)
 - JRCERT interim report is 4th quarter of 2026

- Next site visit and full report is 4th quarter of 2030
- Board agreed to have senior students rotating through more sites
 - Goal is to lengthen senior student clinical rotation to be at least 1 week long
- Marshfield Clinic & NTC Radiography Programs Partnership
- CT Program – Redesign
 - Had a CT program that was not competitive. We are preparing this program redesign for launch –
 - 2 credits
 - Online Self-paced format
 - Will be competitive with MTMI program
 - New redesigned CT Program will be ready in January 2024

College-Wide Initiatives

Emily Steinbach, Learning Coordinator – Allied Health, shared a PowerPoint presentation showcasing current college-wide initiatives at Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and in the School of Health Sciences (SOHS). An outline of what was shared is below:

- Mugs – Thank you for serving on the Advisory Board from Dr Darren Ackley VP of Learning. These are available for pick up at NTC Wausau or regional campuses at the main reception desks.
- New Programs 22-23 Academic Year
 - Diesel Technician Apprenticeship
 - Liberal Arts Associate of Arts
 - Liberal Arts Associate of Science
 - Garden to Market Specialist
 - Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate
 - Nail Technology Certificate
- New Proposed Programs 23-24 Academic Year
 - Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 2023)
 - Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 2023)
 - Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree (Fall 2023)
- Healthcare 4.0 Initiative
 - Interdisciplinary Education
 - Collaborative Learning
 - Redesign of spaces
 - VR Lab
 - ST Suite
 - Innovative Experiences

- Syndaver
- New Health Programs
 - Central Processing (Spring 2024)
 - RT Program
 - Pharmacy Technician
- NTC Accreditation
 - Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Site Visit Nov 2023
 - Need this for program accrediting bodies
 - NTC has 25 Programmatic Accreditations
 - Automotive (ASE)
 - Nursing (ACEN)
 - Dental (CODA)
 - EMT (CoAEMPS)
 - Medical Assistants (CAAHEP)
 - Business (ACBSP)
- Student Support
 - Resources available
 - Unlimited access to free mental health services through **The Virtual Care Group** (thevirtualcaregroup.com/NTC or 866.533.1827)
 - **Advising Specialist**-helps connect students with other emergency financial, computer and community resources.
 - **Timberwolf Table**-NTC's food pantry for students
 - **Timberwolf Learning Commons**- library, tutors and coaches available
 - **Student Scholarships**
 - **Student Life**- offers a number of programs (in-person and remote) to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax, and have fun!

Workforce Training and Professional Development Initiatives

Emily Steinbach gave this update since a representative from Workforce Training and Professional Development was unable to attend the meeting.

- Workforce Training and Professional Development
 - Provide Training
 - Professional Development
 - Community Education Classes- *visit www.ntc.edu for more information*

- Guitar
- Cooking
- Ballroom and Swing Dance
- Beekeeping

Industry Trends

Sharon Cwikla, Director of Imaging Services, Aspirus Medford Hospital and Clinics, asked if those in attendance could give an update on what is trending at their respective facilities.

Val Alft, Supervisor Aspirus Merrill, reported they are still working toward converting most all of their x-rays to DR. The students are doing very well. And they hired Kylie.

Danielle Peterson, Marshfield Clinic Weston, shared that the ortho department moved from two x-ray rooms to one. They did not get to hire any graduates. They met students Mandy and Emma and really enjoyed them!

Jeni Thompson, Imaging Manager Aspirus Wausau Hospital, hired four new grads from our program; with two in MRI.

Amanda Meyer, Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor, Aspirus Plover & Sally Pawlus, Clinical Preceptor, Aspirus Plover

- Just moving to overnight shifts and 2nd shift for the 2nd year
- Things are going well with the students
- Moving to all Digital radiography (DR) – eliminating CR
 - These systems use active-matrix flat panels consisting of a detection layer deposited over an active-matrix array of thin film transistors and photodiodes.
 - With DR the image is converted to digital data in real-time and is available for review within seconds.

Staci Zdroik, Radiology Team Lead, Aspirus Stevens Point, chatted that they have a new Manager, Tracy Rekowski and new supervisor, Colleen Owens. They currently have one to two full-time positions open, Radiology/CT. They have hired Mandy, our second-year student, who has also been working with Aspirus as a Tech Assist. Aspirus Stevens Point really enjoyed having the second-year students do an option week. Aspirus Wausau Hospital still has four openings posted, one of them being weekends only, another overnight 7/70 if any students have any interest.

Anne Kamke, Clinics Imaging Supervisor, Aspirus, reports that they don't have any open positions right now in clinic but both Plaza and Weston really enjoy having both 1st and 2nd year students. It is always great working with them!

Val Alft, Supervisor Aspirus Merrill, does not have any openings at this time. :)|

Jenna Wehrman, Diagnostic Team Lead, Marshfield Clinic Marshfield, reported that she went to symposium and got to meet some of the students but only hired one student since most already had jobs. They have nine openings currently in diagnostic, plus their openings in CT and ultrasound, so they are trying to fill in with travelers.

Carrie Utphall, Director of Imaging, Aspirus Riverview Hospital, reported that they have multiple clinic and hospital openings. She also expressed how much they love working with NTC students.

Program Updates

Amber Schuck, Radiography Clinical Coordinator and Faculty shared the following program updates with the advisory board:

- Enrollment Report
 - Student Enrollment
 - Second Year – 13 (started with 19); Nine from Marshfield school of Radiography (Will be done in about two weeks)
 - First Year – 25
 - Fall Incoming – 27 (one of the largest in the WTC System)
- Recruitment Event- May 3, 2023
- Pre-petition course – For all Health programs at NTC
 - Course last Spring had 65+ participants
 - 44 took the HESI
 - Taking 27 this Fall and then will assign to their clinical sites
- Radiography Club (Update on Club given by Amy Stevens; Kelsey spoke about Symposium)
 - Symposium 2023- April in Wisconsin Dells (one-night stay) at the Kalahari
 - 13 Students attended (cost is approx. \$300 per student)
 - Raffle \$1184.00
 - Candy Sale (1000 sold) \$2000
 - Student Governing assistance

- Speakers
- T-Shirts made by Radiography Club
- Many vendors recruiting new graduates
- Quiz Bowl
 - Done via Kahoot
 - Marshfield Radiography Senior Class placed 1st in the Quiz Bowl
- Marshfield Clinic Radiography Program- NTC Faculty Assisted with providing a Pathology course and an ARRT Review Course
 - Students
 - Second Year
 - Three graduated Last Class (all have jobs)
 - First Year
 - Nine students took classes at NTC one day per week (Two of the students chose other schools)
 - NTC will continue to take 27 new students annually
 - NTC faculty worked w/Marshfield and clinical staff to offer procedures lab at their Marshfield location
 - Bachelor's degree program-NTC will work with Wis Colleges for fall recruitment
 - UW LaCrosse
 - UW Oshkosh
 - UW Stevens Point
 - Concordia

Marianne Rhodes, Radiography Program Director and Faculty, continued the meeting with the following updates:

- Faculty Updates
 - New Hire-Amy Stephens, Faculty Hired Jan 2023; Clinical Coordinator effective July 1, 2023
 - Marianne Rhodes- Retirement Dec 2023
 - Amber Schuck – Program Director effective July 1, 2023
 - Dana Buttke, Marshfield Clinic Instructor/NTC Adjunct Faculty
 - Nicole Busse, Adjunct Faculty
 - Full-Time Faculty Position Open (Interviews scheduled)

- Student Clinical Assignments
 - Second Year- More options to travel to other sites
 - Increased first year lab sections from two sections of 10 to three sections of nine (beginning Fall 2023)
- Assessment Committee Meeting
 - ARRT Registry Results Summer 2022
 - NTC average - 89
 - WI average - 85.1
 - Natl average - 82.4
 - ARRT made changes to their test scoring that reduced pass rates. NTC continues to score higher than state averages.
 - Site visit suggestion for program assessment was to review and revise program goals and monitoring methods- this major revision is scheduled for the Fall '23 semester.
 - Reorganizing the assessment committee as a result
 - See Assessment Committee Mtg Min- (Attach #4)
 - Look for more updates in the fall

Facilities/Equipment

- Capital Equipment
 - Upgrade to Philips Mobile 1 (this summer)
 - Windows 10 unit is five years old and is being replaced
 - Major Lab Equipment is 18 years old and will need replacing over the next five years. The replacement goal will be to purchase equipment that consistent with what is being used in the local community.
 - What is being used out in the community
 - What is being used most prevalently across the region
 - Marianne mentioned that she welcomes others to share input regarding what new equipment purchases they are planning.
 - The goal would be to gather information so that when NTC is ready to purchase new equipment, the Advisory Committee has given their input and advice on what will best prepare our students with the most advanced technology that is out there.

Other Items

Group Discussion-Post COVID Employee Expectations

- Landscape has changed
- Many open positions
 - Salary
 - Benefits
 - Hours/Flexibility
 - Entrance into advanced modalities
- Repercussions if poor employee

Sharon Cwikla, Director of Imaging Services, Aspirus Medford Hospital and Clinics, mentioned masking is now optional. She also agreed that Aspirus has adjusted their absenteeism policy due to their desire to encourage staff to stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms.

Carrie Utphall, Imaging Manager, Aspirus Riverview Hospital, mentioned that she is seeing more demands regarding shift work from their travelers.

Jenna Wehrman, Diagnostic Team Lead, Marshfield Clinic Marshfield, concurred with Carrie that she is seeing the same thing out of their travelers. She is seeing the ask for .8 and .9 more than full-time positions.

Danielle Peterson, Marshfield Clinic Weston, reported a drop in the COVID mandate at their facility. She mentioned changes in absenteeism adjustments as a result of things they learned over the past three years (from COVID). She also mentioned challenges they face that are overlooked because of a shortage for techs. She discussed behaviors being tolerated because of the shortage that would not be tolerated if there was not a shortage of workers. The group agreed.

Sharon Cwikla, Director of Imaging Services, Aspirus Medford Hospital and Clinics, asked for any other topics they would like to discuss. As the group did not, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items Discussion

A Fall 2023 Radiography Advisory Board date and time was not scheduled at this meeting. It was asked of the group if they prefer face-to-face or Zoom. The group decided to do Hybrid in order to keep both options open so that those who are unable to attend in person can still join.

As the fall semester nears, more information will be emailed to the advisory board.



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntin	Tuona Crowder	Michael Endreas	Tom Felch	Keith Langenhahn	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann
2023										
MONDAY July 10	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	X	E	X	X	E	E	X	X
July 20-22	WTC DBA Summer Meeting (Canceled)									
August 15	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
September 19	Veterinary Technician Learning Lab Ribbon Cutting (Agriculture Center of Excellence)									
September 19	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Lunch at 12:00 p.m. following Ribbon Cutting)									
October 17	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
October 25-28	WTC Legal Issues Seminar (WCTC + Zoom)									
November 7	Board Retreat + HLC Site Visit									
December 5	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Lunch at 12:00 p.m. w/Foundation Board)									
December 9	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)									
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January 9	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
January TBD	WTC DBA Winter Meeting (Madison + Zoom)									
February 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 12	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 5-9	AACC Annual Event (Louisville, KY)									
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12:15 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.

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Independence Day Celebration and Car Show - Sun. 7/2, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy a car show, live music, kids' games, flea market, food, homemade craft sale, sled dogs, bounce houses, fireworks and more. Starts at 10 am. Free admission. www.willowspringsgardens.com

Pony Rodeo - Sun. 7/2, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Race around on a stick pony. Bring your own or use one that's provided. Starts at 10:30 am & 4 pm. \$5/class or \$20 all classes. Preregistration recommended. www.willowspringsgardens.com/

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Star Spangled Jubilee - Tues. 7/4, Main Street, Boulder Junction. Celebrate the 4th of July with a parade, food tent, sidewalk chalk activities, fireworks and more. Fireworks will be displayed at dusk at the Boulder Junction Airport. Starts at noon. More info at https://boulderjct.org/

4th of July Festival & Parade - Tues. 7/4, River Park, Mosinee. Enjoy music, food trucks, craft vendors, bouncy houses, face painting, balloons, petting zoo, parade & fireworks. Entertainment & festival starts at 3 pm. Parade starts at 6 pm. Fireworks start at dusk. Free. www.mosineechamber.org

Special Daily Camps - Wed-Fri. 7/5-7/7, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Wed. 7/5. Bugging Out: All about bugs. Thurs. 7/6. Garden Magic: Experiments galore! Fri. 7/7. Makin' a Splash: A day at the pond's edge. For ages 5-12. Starts at 8 am. \$30/child per day, 13% off for members. www.monkgardens.org

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Iola Car Show 2023 - Thurs-Sat. 7/6-7/8, 350 Chrome Place, Iola. Car show that has 2,500 show cars, concerts, food and more. Gates open at 7 am. \$20 one day pass, \$30 three day pass, free for kids ages 12 and under. iolacardshow.com

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Thursdays on the River - Thurs. 7/6, River Park, Mosinee. Enjoy food, bounce houses, craft vendors, kids' activities and music provided by Tom Zalac. Starts at 5 pm. www.mosineechamber.org

Taste N Glow Balloon Fest - Fri-Sun. 7/7-7/9, West of Stettin Town Hall, 141678 Stettin Dr, Wausau. Check out 40 hot air balloons with balloon glows, 30 food vendors, log rolling show, car show, craft show, bands, mini rods and more. Gates open at 11 am. \$5 per person, free for children under 5. Tasteandglow.com

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Goldilocks and the Three Bears Tea Party - Sun. 7/9, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy a bear themed tea party. Dress like Goldilocks and bring a teddy bear for picture taking. Arrive by 11:30 am. Lunch starts at 12:15 pm. \$14/person, \$5 children 11 and under. www.willowspringsgardens.com

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Pokémon Club - Tues. 7/11, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Wild Wednesdays-International Crane Foundation - Wed. 7/12, Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Learn about crane adaptations with the use of crane trunks, crane leg, crane chick plushie, crane egg, crane feather and crane skull. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. www.w.marshfield.wi.us

Tween Book Club: Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them - Wed. 7/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Youth ages 8-14 can meet at the library to discuss books. Each week has a theme and participants can read any book within that theme. Starts at 1 pm. Free. https://mcpl.us/ to register or 715-261-7220 for more info

Create a Butterfly Headband - Wed. 7/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens can stop by the library to create a butterfly headband. Space is limited so registration is required. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. https://mcpl.us/ to register or 715-261-7230 for more info

Call of the Wild: Youth Outdoor Skills - Wed. 7/12, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Kids and teens who love the outdoors can learn skills used in books like The Hunger Games and Call of the Wild. Registration required. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-446-3537 to register

Pizza on the Patio - Wed. 7/12, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy all you can eat homemade pizza, salad, bread, a featured dish, dessert, lemonade, milk, water and live music. Starts at 6 pm. \$15/ person, \$5/person ages 6-10, free for ages 5 and under. www.willowspringsgardens.com

Storytime in the Museum - Thurs. 7/13, Yawkey House, 403 McIndoe St, Wausau. Enjoy a couple of story books and children's crafts. Starts at 11 am. 715-842-5750

Prehistoric Facts with Dino Chris - Thurs. 7/13, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. In celebration of Shark Week, Chris will teach about prehistoric sharks. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

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Movie in the Park: Up - Thurs. 7/13, 400 Block, Wausau. Bring a blanket, chairs and snack to enjoy during the movie. Starts at 7 pm. Free. www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/ParksRecreationForestry.aspx

Movie Under the Stars: Minions: The Rise of Gru - Thurs. 7/13, Buska Park, Kronenwetter. Bring a blanket, chairs, snacks and beverages to enjoy during the movie. Starts at dusk. Free. www.kronenwetter.org

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All About Rockets - Sat. 7/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Youth grades 3 & up and teens are invited to the library to learn how rockets work and make their own. Registration required. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. https://mcpl.us/ to register or 715-261-7220 for more info

Scouting Music Badge Camp - Mon-Thurs. 7/17-7/20, hosted by the Wausau Conservatory of Music at Camp Phillips Road, Weston. For youths who want to learn about music and teach songs to others or compose their own music. Starts at 9 am. \$20 per student. Register at wausauconservatory.org

Kids VOICE Theatre Camp - Mon-Fri. 7/17-7/21, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. Musical acting lessons for students ages 7-9. Starts at 9 am. \$160. Register at wausauconservatory.org

Summer Camp: Women in Industry - Mon-Thurs. 7/17-7/20, Northcentral Technical College, Wausau. Students in grades 6-10 learn about engineering and manufacturing, meet professional women in industry and create hands-on projects. Starts at 9 am. \$59. www.kidsedu

Family Story Time - Mon. 7/17, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. https://mcpl.us

Family Story Time - Tues. 7/18, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 11 am. Free. https://mcpl.us

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Wild Wednesdays-North Lakeland Discovery Center - Wed. 7/19 Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Learn about nocturnal animals that fly and crawl. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. www.ci.marshfield.wi.us

Bee Kind Story Time - Thurs. 7/20, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Children can listen to stories and create a bee-themed craft. Starts at 10 am. Free. https://mcpl.us

Elephant & Piggy Party - Thurs. 7/20, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Read some books written by Mo Willems and enjoy music & crafts. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. https://mcpl.us

Summer Dance Intensive - Sun-Fri. 7/23-7/28, UWSP Noel Fine Arts Center, Stevens Point. High school and middle school students ages 13 and up will participate in a unique dance experience that will test their limits, improve their skills and show their talent. Starts at 8 am. \$100 minimum deposit at time of registration. www.uwsp.edu

Musical Theatre VOCAL Camp for Tweens - Mon-Fri. 7/24-7/28, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. Musical acting lessons for students entering grades 5-8. Starts at 9 am. \$175. Register at wausauconservatory.org

Story Time at the Park - Mon. 7/24, 3M Park, Wausau. Children can listen to stories and sing songs outdoors. Watch for the MCPL yard sign and parachute. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Wild Wednesdays-David Stokes - Wed. 7/26, Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Learn about animals through the use of songs, stories, movement, riddles, audio/visuals and hands-on materials. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. www.ci.marshfield.wi.us

Pizza on the Patio - Wed. 7/26, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy all you can eat homemade pizza, salad, bread, a featured dish, dessert, lemonade, milk, water and live music. Starts at 6 pm. \$15/ person, \$5/person ages 6-10, free for ages 5 and under. www.willowspringsgardens.com

Hub City Days - Thurs-Sat. 7/27-7/29, downtown Central Ave & Wenzel Family Plaza, Marshfield. Car & bike show, bounce houses, games, brew fest, beer garden, live music, movie at Wenzel Park at dusk on Thurs. and more. More info at https://mainstreetmarshfield.com

Star Struck - Thurs. 7/27, DC Everest Sr High Auditorium, Schofield. Watch a high-powered, Broadway-style musical performance from professional troupe, Kids From Wisconsin. Also included is the "Arts Spotlight" which showcases community arts. Gates open at 4 pm. Event starts at 4:30 pm for "Arts Spotlight" and 6:30 pm for the performance. Tickets available at https://dce.bookitx.net/

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Breakfast in the Barn Willow History Tour - Sun. 7/30, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy an all you can eat breakfast and tour. Starts at 9 am. \$15/ person, \$5 ages 6-11, free for ages 5 and under. www.willowspringsgardens.com

Summer Camp in the Gardens - Mon-Fri. 7/31-8/5, & Mon-Thurs. 7/31-8/11, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Mon-Fri. 7/31-8/5. Plantapalooza: Learn about what plants can do and all the ways we use them. Mon-Thurs. 7/31-8/11. Aquapalooza: Spend the week catching frogs, collecting water samples, and learn about creatures that live in the pond. For ages 9-12. Starts at 8 am. \$250 non-members, 13% off for members. www.monkgardens.org

Musical Theatre VOICE Camp - Mon-Fri. 7/31-8/4, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. Musical acting lessons for students in grades 9-12. Starts at 9 am. \$175. Register at wausauconservatory.org

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Q Artists Cooperative, Stevens Point · 1108 Main St, Stevens Point. Ongoing exhibits of the work of more than thirty local artists in a variety of media, featured shows rotating every two months. Gallery open Mon.-Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 11 am-3 pm from now thru Labor Day. <https://qartistscooperative.com/>

Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point · Open Wed.-Fri. 11 am to 5 pm. Sat. & Sun. 11 am to 3 pm. stevenspoint.com/rac

Visions XXIV · Thurs.-Sun. 6/29-8/13. Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. Open theme, open media, juried exhibit. Reception starts at 4:30 pm on 6/29. stevenspoint.com/rac

Woodson Art Museum, Wausau · Free. Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4 pm, first Thurs. of each month 9 am-7:30 pm, Sat.-Sun. noon-5 pm and closed Mon. and holidays. lywam.org

Reclaimed: The Art of Recology · Sat.-Sun. 6/10-8/27. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. From tapestries made from used ties, shirts and other fabrics to sculptural vases crafted from Ethernet and coaxial cables, this exhibition features artwork from recycled materials. lywam.org

Heidi Parkes: Reuse, Reflection and Storytelling in Cloth · Sat.-Sun. 6/10-8/27. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Milwaukee-based artist, Heidi Parkes showcases artwork using scraps of fiber. lywam.org

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art · Open noon-5 pm Tues.-Sat. Face masks required. wmoca.org

Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau · Free. Gallery hours Wed.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 12 pm-4 pm. Closed Sun.-Tues. 715-842-4545, cvawausau.org. Inspired by activities and events.

Water Shields and Damselifies · Thurs.-Sat. 6/8-8/12. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Solo artist exhibit by Katherine Steichen Rosing. Reception on 6/23 at 5 pm. www.cvawausau.org

Maps & Mazes · Thurs.-Sat. 6/8-8/12. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Two artists offer you to consider the lines you travel each day and how you would compare to a map or maze. Reception on 6/23 at 5 pm. www.cvawausau.org

Marathon City Heritage Center · Open from noon to 2 pm on the second Sunday of each month from Oct. to April, Open Sun. 4/5 noon-2 pm and 5/3 noon-2 pm. 715-443-2221. www.marathoncity.org

Marathon County Historical Society · Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm. Sat.-Sun. 1 pm-4:30 pm. www.marathoncountyhistory.org/facilities/exhibits

Preserved for Generations: A Century of Marathon County Parks System · Jan. 2022 thru Dec. 2023. Exhibit that shows how parks were preserved for many years. www.marathoncountyhistory.org/facilities/exhibits

Peek Inside: See What We Collect and Why · Ongoing exhibit at the Marathon County Historical Society. View items on display and learn why they are a part of the Historical Society's collection. www.marathoncountyhistory.org/facilities/exhibits

Our Stories: The History of Marathon County · Jan. 2022 thru Dec. 2025. Learn about the stories of people who lived in Marathon County for a long time. Themes include arriving here, making a living and having fun. www.marathoncountyhistory.org/facilities/exhibits

Motorama Auto Museum, Aniwa · Open Weds.-Sat. 9 am to 5 pm from May to Oct. Check out over 450 rare, vintage vehicles. \$10 admission, free for kids 15 and under. www.motoramaautomuseum.org/

Wisconsin Visual Arts Guild Spring/Summer Exhibit · now thru Thurs. 9/14, Reaching New Heights Gallery, Marshfield Clinic Medical Center-Weston, Weston. The 1st floor Judged Show. 2nd floor Attic Show. A portion of all sales is donated to the clinic's Cancer Care Fun which offers financial assistance to patients and families. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4:30 pm. <http://wvag.blogspot.com/>

KIDS/TEENS

Tots in the Gardens · Tuesdays 5/9-8/29, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Each week, children ages 3-5 can learn about nature with an activity, crafts and story. Every month has a new theme. Starts at 10 am. \$5 per child, free for members. Cash only. www.monkgardens.org

Sprouts Summer Season · Mon.-Fri. 6/5-8/11, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Campers age 3-4 can experience a variety of themed, hands-on activities and spend time outdoors. Starts at 8:30 am. \$150/nonmembers, discount for members. <https://givebutter.com/sproutsummer>

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Kids on Keys · Mon.-Thurs. 6/19-6/29, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. Children ages 4-7 & ages 6-7 can learn how to play the piano. Starts at 9 am for ages 4-5 and 10:30 am for ages 6-7. \$149 per student. Register at wauauconservatory.org

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The Science of Music with Snapshot Science · Mon.-Thurs. 6/26-6/29, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. Youths in grades 1-3 and 4-6 can learn about music by creating sounds, building simple instruments, performing experiments, making music and more. Starts at 9 am for grades 1-3 and 1 pm for grades 4-6. \$170 per student. Register at wauauconservatory.org

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Read to a Therapy Dog · Thurs. 6/29, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids can practice their reading skills by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

All Together Now: Teen Trivia · Thurs. 6/29, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens ages 12-18 can test their trivia knowledge for a good cause by playing Free Rice. Each correct answer to a trivia question earns 10 grains of rice for countries in need. Teens can sign up for a Free Rice profile and join the group with code X9VHVVT. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

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COLLEGE NOTES

Emily Susa of Greenwood received her bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from Minnesota State University following Commencement exercises on May 6.

Rosemary Grace Sorensen of Hemlock received her bachelor of arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln following Commencement exercises May 19-20.

Rachel Schmidt of Granton received an associate's degree from Western Technical College in La Crosse in the criminal justice program.

Graduating this spring from Winona State University in Winona, Minn., were Stone Johnson of Neillsville with an associate of arts degree in liberal arts and sciences, and Bryce Walde of Greenwood with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

UW-Madison has recognized students named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits that semester. Each university school or college sets its own grade-point average (GPA) requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Mesa Rasmussen of Greenwood received dean's list recognition. She is enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Evan Seefeld of Spencer was named to the dean's honor list. He is enrolled in the College of Engineering.

Aryiah Schuh of Spencer earned semester honors for the spring 2023 semester at Edgewood College in Madison. Full-time students who achieve a 3.5 GPA for the semester are eligible for this honor.

UW-Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the dean's list and honor roll in spring 2023 across the university's three campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Oshkosh). Sierra Koski of Loyal made the dean's list.

To be named to the dean's list, Koski had to maintain a term GPA of 3.75 out of a possible 4.0. She also had to complete a minimum of 12 credits, with no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process was run.

Cameron Nieman of Spencer was named to the president's list for the spring 2023 semester at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn. Nieman is earning a bachelor of arts in photography. To be on the president's list, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 GPA.

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2023 term. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 GPA or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the spring term.

From Granton: Brandon Jakobi, Heather Mendoza
From Greenwood: Brett Gruhlke
From Loyal: Brody Miller, Trevyn Wilke
From Neillsville: Kali Hericks, Lilly Opelt

From Spencer: Anna Stone, Delilah Hederer, Emily Wetzel, Hannah Yorgey, Jorie Meyer, Kaila Cray, Kennedy Kramas

From Withee: Amy Olson, Damian Nernberger, Sidney Halida

NTC is also pleased to announce the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2023 term: Brody Miller, Kyle Erickson, Luke Landini, Madison Zettler and Trevyn Wilke, all from Loyal.

Thank you! We wish to thank
Ed Krultz and family
for hosting the **26th Annual Greenwood Dairy Breakfast**.
Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes and cash donations.
Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped

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PEOPLE

ATHENS

NTC graduates

The following students recently graduated from Northcentral Technical College.

Adam Murkowski, Bryndis Reika, Dakota Venzke, Dawn Erickson, Evan Guralski, Hattie Nowacki, Heidi Verpoorten, Joshua Miller, Lance Nichols, Logan Daniels, Michael Chrostowski, Natalie Pyburn, Savannah Epping and Timothy Zimmer.

NTC President's List

The following students have been named to the Northcentral Technical College President's list for the spring 2023 term. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.75 GPA and completed a minimum of six credits.

Anthony Vogel, Autumn Westfall, Brooke Rogaczewski, Bryndis Reika, Celina Ellenbecker, Cody Murkowski, Danielle Schoenrock, Evan Guralski, Heidi Verpoorten, Jim Kemp, Kenesha Schug, Michael Lawrence and Sherry Gutknecht.

Friday Night Dinner

This week's Friday Night Dinner on July 7 will be hosted by the Lutheran Laymen's League.

The food menu for purchase consists of hamburgers/cheeseburgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, soda, water and pie. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. and go until the Old Timers Concert ends.

In the event of rain, the dinner and concert will be held under the Memorial Park shelter.

MCPL Book Club

Join library staff and other book enthusiasts for the Athens Book Club which meets monthly. This month's book is "In Five Years" by Rebecca Serle, which the group will discuss on July 13, 2 p.m.

Kindness Rocks

Drop in to the Athens MCPL branch, 221 Caroline St., anytime during open hours July 10-15 to create inspirational painted rocks. Free with all supplies provided.

MCPL Story Time

Parents and caregivers are invited to join story time during the summer months on the first and third Monday of the month. Children of all ages and parents/guardians are welcome to this 30-minute program. Attendees will read books together, sing some songs, learn the ABCs, and have an alphabet coloring page available afterwards.

Monday, July 17, 10:30-11 a.m., Athens library branch, 221 Caroline St.

Farmers Market

The Athens Farmers Market will be held each Tuesday, 4-7 p.m., at Athens Memorial Park.

Senior Card group

The Senior Citizens card group met on June 29 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Two games of Sheephead were played. Aaron Totzke won the first game and Butch Boris took second place. Alvirra Henrichs won the second game and Steve Klockziem took second. Pat Frank received low score.

Newcomers are encouraged to come play Sheephead every Thursday starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Athens Fire Hall.

EDGAR

MCPL Book Club

This month's book is the classic "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. Join library staff and other readers to discuss on July 11, 12 p.m. New members are always welcome. Just read the book and show up.

NTC graduates

The following students recently graduated from Northcentral Technical College.

Amber Skrzypczak, Jesse Jisko, Kaden Goodwin, Nathan Drabek, Nathan Trawicki, Nicole Gabower, Ronald Knetter and Samantha Martyn.

NTC President's List

The following students have been named to the Northcentral Technical College President's list for the spring 2023 term. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.75 GPA and completed a minimum of six credits.

Dalaney Myszk, Devin Jacobs, Emily Duberstein, Jordan Knoll, Kaden Goodwin, Nathan Drabek, Nicole Berg, Owen Baumann, Ronald Knetter, Valerie Czech and Mai Vang Mee Thao.

MCPL Story Time

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend story time on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Edgar MCPL Branch. Children of all ages and parents/guardians are welcome to this 30-minute program. Enjoy learning through stories, songs and other literature-based activities.

Tuesday, July 18, 11-11:30 a.m., 224 S. Third Ave.

MARATHON

NTC graduates

The following students recently graduated from Northcentral Technical College.



Trinity Crusaders host annual Cancer Walk in Athens

Trinity's Crusaders for Christ Youth Group held their annual Cancer Walk at the Athens High School track area on June 9. The fundraising event started off with the first lap around the track being led by cancer survivors, pictured above. This year's event raised \$2,472. Over the past 17 years, the youth raised a grand total of \$32,285.99, and 100 percent of all money raised went to Aspirus Cancer Care in Wausau.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Alana Hoyt, Alexis Wisniewski, Austin Wood, Dakota Hall, Jayda Resch, Jennifer Borchardt, Joshua Heerts, Kylee Belan, Lucas Feck, Noah Streveler and Tyler Cliver.

NTC President's List

The following students have been named to the Northcentral Technical College President's List for the spring 2023 term. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.75 GPA and completed a minimum of six credits.

Alana Hoyt, Austin Wood, Dakota Hall, Debra White, Elizabeth Okon, Jennifer Borchardt, Kaci Sessions, Kali Prihoda, Korin Mroczenski, Lucas Feck, Payton Reidinger and Tyler Cliver.

Ken Lonnquist music

Children's musician Ken Lonnquist will perform on July 11, 10-11 a.m., at Marathon Area Elementary School. Free, no registration required.

Summer LEGO Block Parties

Children of all ages and their families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks on July 7 and July 14 from 1-3 p.m. at the Marathon library branch, 515 Washington St. Free, with all blocks provided. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

MCPL Book Club

Join library staff and other readers at the monthly book club gathering on July 10, 5:45 p.m. This month's read is "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" by Maria Semple.

MCPL Story Times

Children of all ages and their parents and caregivers are invited to the Marathon City library branch for story time each Thursday over the

summer. Attendees will read books, sing songs and more during the 45 minutes together.

Thursdays (July 6, 13, 27) from 10:30-11:15 a.m., 515 Washington St.

Summer concerts

Marathon City Heritage Center and Park is hosting a live music series over the summer. All concerts will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Marathon City Heritage Center Park, 301 Main St. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Food and nonalcoholic beverages will be available for sale at each event.

The line-up is as follows. For more information, head to the heritage center Facebook page.

July 11 - October Tree
July 18 - Jackson Taylor
August 15 - Curt Pliske and Polka Spirits

Farmers market

The Marathon City Farmers Market will run every Thursday from 2-6 p.m. until October 26. The market is located in downtown Marathon at 400 Main St.

STRATFORD

NTC graduates

The following students recently graduated from Northcentral Technical College.

Alexander Krueger, Brandon Ackley, Brenda Stack, Cody Miller, Courtney Williams, Gavin Kirsch, Halle Fecker, Kolby Mueller and Wendy Johnson.

NTC President's List

The following students have been named to the Northcentral Technical College President's list for the spring 2023 term. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.75 GPA and completed a minimum of six credits.

Allison Wiesman, Cody Miller, Conner Radke, Delaney Dennee, Gavin Kirsch, Halle Fecker, Kaedyn Dahl, Kolby Mueller, Shannah Clements and Wendy Johnson.

Kindness Rocks

Drop in to the Stratford MCPL branch, 213201 Schol- ar St., anytime during open hours July 11-12 to create inspirational painted rocks. Free with all supplies provided.

Ken Lonnquist music

Children's musician Ken Lonnquist will perform on July 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Stratford library. Free, no registration required.

MCPL Book Club

This month's selection is "Rock Paper Scissors" by Alice Feeney. Discuss the book with library staff and other readers at the meeting on July 19, 1 p.m.

MARATHON COUNTY

MAREA Minutes

The June 19 meeting of MAREA was called to order by President Doreen Schultz with guests Joanne Roll and Lillian Feiner in attendance. Sixteen members were in attendance. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the May minutes were approved and the treasurer's report filed. The treasurer, Ruby Thomas, reported \$453 was the profit from the recent brat fry. This total included \$105 in donations.

Community Action: Ruby Pinter reported today's donations go to St. Vincent and she will deliver the donations. August donations will go to the Stratford Food Pantry with Carol Ballerstein delivering the donations.

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Billie Kevilus
Paul Johnson Memorial
Scholarship



Braxton Smith
Casey Lee Blume Memorial
Scholarship,
Run 4 the Son



Brittney Meyer
CEA - Field of Education,
National Honor Society,
Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
Memorial Scholarship



Caden Healy
Shayne Neuman Memorial
Scholarship,
Engineering Foundation of
Wisconsin



Dory Hanson-Mengel
Derek Smith Memorial
Scholarship,
Dorchester Library,
NTC Foundation



Eli Schmitt
Abby Bank,
Jamison Kampmeyer
Memorial Scholarship



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Dorchester Lions Club,
IDEA Foundation,
UW-Whitewater,
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Memorial Scholarship



Gabrielle Froeba
Herb Kohl Initiative
Scholarship,
Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
Memorial Scholarship



Gianna Mundt
Roderick & Leona Cook
Memorial Scholarship,
Vorland Family Scholarship,
Emil & Mary Luchterhand
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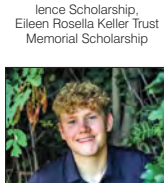
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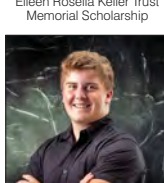
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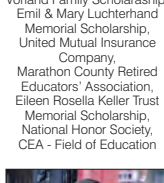
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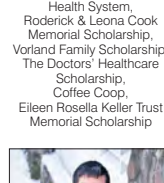
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David L. MacArthur Memorial
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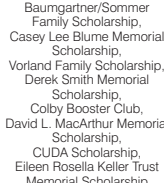
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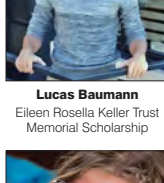
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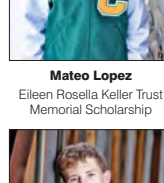
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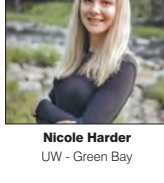
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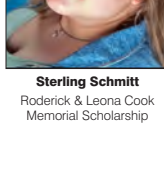
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Nicole Harder
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GOOD LUCK GRADUATES!



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Northcentral Technical College graduate

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the following student was awarded a diploma during the spring 2023 term: Seth Maceachern from Prairie Du Chien, Wisc.



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Medford, The Star News

NTC Announces Spring 2023 graduates

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2023 term:

Medford: Ashley Czeshinski, Barbara Springer, Caleb Heckel, Carly Lueth, Casey Haas, Christopher Norbut, Daniele Schimmels, Erin Meyer, Ethan Marthaler, Gavin Lybert, Jarod Jochimsen, Jillian Mahner, Kristianna Fogo, Matthew Buchan, Melanie Heier, Michael Dassow, Michael Wolf, Morgan Brandner, Morgan Hartl, Paula Johnson, Reilly Nutting, Taylor Frahm, Tessa Plautz, Tina Smith, Trenton Woebbeking, Vanessa Anderson, Wendy Hall

Stanley: Chloe Ertl

Stevens Point: Emily Cypher

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COLLEGE NEWS

Ashlynn Thrasher graduates from Northern Illinois

Over 2,200 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May.

Among the graduates was Ashlynn Thrasher of Green Lake who earned a Bachelor of Science in fashion merchandising.

NTC announces spring 2023 graduate

Northcentral Technical College (NTC), located in Wausau, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce Alexis Ferren of Ripon, Wisconsin, was awarded a diploma during the spring 2023 term. Congratulations!

UW-La Crosse announces spring 2023 Dean's List

The following students from the Berlin Journal Newspapers coverage area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year, ending May 2023.

These students include the following, separated by hometown and listed with their major field of study.

Berlin

- Ryan Bartol, biology major
- Cassidy Eckstein, management major
- Dirk Lueck, biology major: environmental science concentration
- Maddy Rilling, statistics major
- Camdyn Rohde, communication studies major: public communication and advocacy emphasis

Green Lake

- Alexa Fleegal, biology major: molecular genetics and cell biology concentration
- Sarah Fleegal, microbiology major: biomedical concentration

Kingston

- Aiden Schmick, accountancy major
- James Triggs, exercise and sport science major: exercise science - preprofessional track
- Zac Triggs, exercise and sport science major: exercise science - preprofessional track

Markesan

- Samara Henke, psychology major
- Edgar Hernandez, public administration major
- Craig Plagenz, psychology major

Omro

- Kaytlin Kuettner, public health and community health education major
- Brendan Loether, accountancy major
- Jaden Moore, management major

Princeton

- Emerald Konkell, exercise and sport science major: physical, adapted, and school health education
- Emma Vrechek, exercise and sport science major: exercise science - pre-professional track

Redgranite

- Cassie Coats, biology major
- Josh Piechowski, music education major: choral and general music emphasis

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

UW-Eau Claire announces 2023 Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire extends congratulations to the 2,528 students named to the spring 2023 Dean's List. Their academic performance has been outstanding, and we recognize these students with pride.

Students from the Berlin Journal Newspapers coverage area who were named to the Dean's List follow, listed with their hometown and their enrolled college.

- Allison Wendt, Berlin – College of Education and Human Sciences
 - Jenna Fenner, Neshkoro – College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Peyton Croxton, Omro – College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Tejah Thull, Omro – College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Teagan Reitz, Redgranite – College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Jeremy Worden, Redgranite – College of Arts and Sciences
- Congratulations to all!

Minnesota State College Southeast announces spring 2023 President's List

Minnesota State College Southeast in Red Wing and Winona, Minnesota, is proud to announce the President's List for spring semester 2023.

From the Berlin Journal Newspapers coverage area, Regina Schimke from Redgranite was recognized.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits at MSC Southeast during an academic term and achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

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Family Story Time • Tues. 7/11 & 7/25, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and more. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

Outdoor Story Time • Tues. 7/11-7/25, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

The Music of Ken Lonquist • Tues. 7/11, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Enjoy music performed by musician Ken Lonquist. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-687-4420

Stories & "Tails" with the Humane Society • Tues. 7/11, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Enjoy story time, songs, rhymes and spend time with a furry friend from the Humane Society. Starts at 2 pm. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

Pokémon Club • Tues. 7/11, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Tween Book Club: Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them • Wed. 7/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Youth ages 8-14 can meet at the library to discuss books. Each week has a theme and participants can read any book within that theme. Starts at 1 pm. Free. <https://mcpl.us/> to register or 715-261-7220 for more info

Create a Butterfly Headband • Wed. 7/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens can stop by the library to create a butterfly headband. Space is limited so registration is required. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. <https://mcpl.us/> to register or 715-261-7230 for more

info

Call of the Wild: Youth Outdoor Skills • Wed. 7/12, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Kids and teens who love the outdoors can learn skills used in books like The Hunger Games and Call of the Wild. Registration required. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-446-3537 to register

Prehistoric Facts with Dino Chris • Thurs. 7/13, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. In celebration of Shark Week, Chris will teach about prehistoric sharks. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Summer LEGO Block Party • Thurs. 7/13, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Summer LEGO Block Party • Fri. 7/14, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

All About Rockets • Sat. 7/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Youth grades 3 & up and teens are invited to the library to learn how rockets work and make their own. Registration required. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us/> to register or 715-261-7220 for more info

Summer Camp: Women in Industry • Mon.-Thurs. 7/17-7/20, [Northcentral Technical College](https://www.northcentraltechnical.edu/), Wausau.

Students in grades 6-10 learn about engineering and manufacturing, meet professional women in industry and create hands-on projects. Starts at 9 am. \$59. <https://www.ntc.edu/>

Family Story Time • Mon. 7/17, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free.

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Family Story Time • Tues. 7/18, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 11 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

Family Story Time • Wed. 7/19, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and more. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

Bee Kind Story Time • Thurs. 7/20, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Children can listen to stories and create a bee-themed craft. Starts at 10 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

Elephant & Piggie Party • Thurs. 7/20, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Read some books written by Mo Willems and enjoy music & crafts. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. <https://mcpl.us>

Story Time at the Park • Mon. 7/24, 3M Park, Wausau. Children can listen to stories and sing songs outdoors. Watch for the MCPL yard sign and parachute. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Ongoing

Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Open Tues-Thurs. 9 am-2 pm, Fri. & Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 12 pm-5 pm. Closed Monday. \$5 per child 1-12 years, free for children under 1 year, \$1 for parents and caregivers. <http://www.wausauchildrensmuseum.org/> or 608-408-4668

Story Time for Young Children • Tuesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Rothschild. Toddlers-age 7 can enjoy stories and other activities. Starts at 10 am. <http://www.wausauchildrensmuseum.org/> or 608-408-4668

Wednesday Learning Centers • Every Weds., hosted by the Stevens Point Area YMCA and Boys & Girls Club of Portage County. Available

for students in K thru 6th grade. Young learners will get the chance to socialize and learn after school. Centers are open all day. \$10 per child. More info at <https://www.bgclubpc.org/>

Mini Monets • Wednesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Rothschild. Preschool art program for children ages 2-5. Starts at 10 am. <http://www.wausauchildrensmuseum.org/> or 608-408-4668

Family Storytime • Wednesdays, hosted online by T.B. Scott Free Library. Listen to stories, songs, and rhymes every Wednesday. Starts at 10 am. On Facebook Live

Kids Workshop • First Saturday of each month, Home Depot, 2705 Sherman St, Wausau. Starts at 9 am. Free. https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/?cm_sp=vanity-worksheets--JUL22

Camp Sturtevant • Mon.-Fri. 6/5-8/25, 2701 Northwestern Ave, Wausau. Camp hours 6:30 am-6 pm. <https://www.woodsnyymca.com>

Day Camp • for ages 5-12. \$201/member, 231/nonmember ages 5-6, \$199/member, \$229/nonmember ages 7-8, \$199/member, \$229/nonmember ages 9-12 weekly. 6/5-6/9 • Blastoff To Summer 6/12-6/16 • Sports of All Sorts 6/19-6/23 • Lost in Space 6/26-6/30 • Art-Rageous 7/5-7/7 • Hooray USA! 7/10-7/14 • Pirates & Princesses 7/17-7/21 • Into the Wild 7/24-7/28 • H-2 wOaH! 7/31-8/4 • Dino Diggers 8/7-8/11 • Nature Nurturers 8/14-8/18 • Superheroes 8/21-8/24 • Farewell Fun

Ranch Camp • Mon.-Fri. 6/5-8/25, for ages 8-12. \$271/week members, \$301/week nonmembers. No camp 7/3-7/7.

Leadership Camp • Mon.-Fri. 7/17-7/21 & 7/31-8/4, for ages 11-15. \$350/week members, \$380/week nonmembers for 7/17-7/21. \$300/week members, \$330/week nonmembers for

7/31-8/4.

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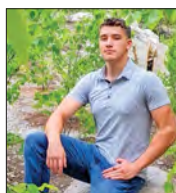
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Area students named to Dean's List at UW-River Falls

The spring semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has been released by Registrar Kelly Browning. It honors 1,461 students. To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average. Students from our area named to the Dean's List at UW-River Falls include:

- Evan Neigum of Athens, Animal Science
- Malenah Redmann of Athens, Animal Science, Pre-Professional
- Madison Gerbig of Gleason, Dairy Science, Pre-Professional
- Allison Schlegel of Gleason, Mathematics

UW Oshkosh Spring 2023 Dean's List, Honor Roll released

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List and Honor Roll in spring 2023 across its three campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities, and Oshkosh). The term GPA requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.5; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.25 out of a possible 4.0. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run. The following students from Merrill were recognized:

- Kamille Ament, Dean's List

- Kaylee Bowe, Dean's List
- Kierra Boyd, Honor Roll
- Talegh Fox, Dean's List
- Jordyn Homch, Dean's List
- Dana Kalepp, Dean's List
- Taylor Korman, Dean's List
- Amira Lloyd, Honor Roll
- Michael McRee, Dean's List
- Cole Oenes, Dean's List
- Sara Rajek, Dean's List
- Kate Steckbauer, Honor Roll
- Quinn Steckbauer, Dean's List

Schult graduates from Wisconsin Lutheran College in May 2023

Simon Schult of Merrill graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and received a Christian Leadership Certificate in May 2023 from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. Schult previously graduated from Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

Root earns Semester Honors at Edgewood College

Brian Root of Merrill has earned Semester Honors for the Spring 2023 semester at Edgewood College in Madison. Full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for this honor.

Dengel graduates from Marquette University

This past spring, Destin Dengel of Merrill graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, earning a Doctorate in Dentistry. The university celebrated its 142nd Commencement in May with a series of events, including graduate recognition ceremonies and a baccalaureate Mass on campus.

Turenne graduates from University of Iowa

In May 2023 Allie Turenne of Merrill graduated from the University of Iowa with a Master of Social Work.

Washburn University announces Huston is a spring 2023 President's List honoree

Washburn University of Topeka, Kans., announced Rachel Huston of Merrill has been named to the President's List honorees for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester GPA of 4.0.

Hinner named to MSOE Dean's List for spring quarter 2023

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) announced Robert Hinner of Merrill, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, has been named to the spring quarter 2023 Dean's List.

Area students named to Dean's List at UW-Milwaukee

The following individuals from our area were named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee for the spring 2023 semester:

- Dana Felzkowski of Athens, Letters & Science Undergrad
- Abraham Miller of Athens, Architecture Undergraduate
- Benjamin Freyer of Merrill, School of the Arts Undergrad
- Madison Matin of Merrill, Letters & Science Undergrad
- Adam Polak of Merrill, Pathway Advising

UW-Milwaukee is the second largest university in the state of Wisconsin, with more than 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Area students named to Dean's List at UW-Stout for spring 2023

The following students from our area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

- Joby Miller, Athens, BS Mechanical Engineering
- Anna Nowicki, Athens, BS Business Administration
- Nancy Schreiner, Athens, BFA Graphic Design and Interactive Media
- Collin Grete, Irma, BS Packaging
- Gracie Brown, Merrill, BS Human Development and Family Studies
- Benjamin Doyle, Merrill, BS Management
- Jordan Kunze, Merrill, BS Applied Science
- Michelle Lehr, Merrill, BS Digital Marketing Technology
- Gaven Reindt, Merrill, BS Mechanical Engineering
- Austin Wiedenhoft, Merrill, BS Mechanical Engineering

The award is presented to students who have a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Local students graduate from UW-Stout

The following students from the area graduated in May 2023 from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie:

- Carley Lipinski, Athens, BFA Interior Design
- Brady Wagner, Athens, BS Engineering Technology
- Collin Grete, Irma, BS Packaging
- Bailey Iwen, Merrill, BS Art Education
- Jordan Kleinschmidt, Merrill, MS Healthcare Administration
- Jordan Kunze, Merrill, BS Applied Science
- Michelle Lehr, Merrill, BS Digital Marketing Technology
- Alex Mohr, Merrill, BS Computer Science
- Isabella Preberg, Merrill, BS Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management
- Anna Skoviera, Merrill, BS Apparel Design and Development

Young of Merrill named to spring Deans' List at Nebraska

Isaac Forrest Young of Merrill, a senior majoring in actuarial science, has been named to the Deans' List for the College of Business at the University of Nebraska Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Area students named to UW-Eau Claire spring Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire congratulates the following area students who were named to the 2023 spring dean's list:

- Kole Kallonski, Athens, College of Business, Eau Claire
- Michael Casper, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences, Eau Claire
- Nicole Doering, Merrill, College of Education & Human Sciences, Eau Claire
- Taylor Gidding, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences, Eau Claire
- Jakob Mattson, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences, Eau Claire
- Lydia McIntyre, Merrill, College of Education & Human Sciences, Eau Claire
- Bailey Orzech, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences, Eau Claire
- Matthew Palazzo, Merrill, College of Education & Human Sciences, Eau Claire
- Annika Skoviera, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences, Eau Claire

UWC announces spring 2023 graduates

Northcentral Technical College (NCTC) Wausau announced the following Merrill students were awarded diplomas following the spring 2023 term:

- Abigail Burgener, Alexandra Kassen, Alexandra Young, Amanda Jensen, Brandon Stolz, Brielle Thorson, Bryan White, Bryan Williams, Cody Weber, Cole Woelher, Darren Allen, Dylan Teske, Grace Fredericks, Holly Wiseman, Holly Hasebrook, James Pawlicki, Janice Hintz, Jeffrey Goetich, Jennifer Podeweltz, Jordan Brzozowski, Jordan Cohen, Joshua Hass, Kevin Schultz, Melinda Wisniewski, Paul Link, Riley Young, Sierra Humphrey, Tyler Grieser, and Victoria Ament.

UW-La Crosse announces spring 2023 Dean's List

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- Kellie Annala, Athens, Clinical Laboratory Science Major
- Grace Fleischman, Gleason, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track

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Northcentral Technical College expands Community Technology Centers to Medford, Spencer and Wittenberg Campuses

STAFF REPORT

WAUSAU — Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the expansion of Community Technology Centers at the Medford, Spencer and Wittenberg campuses. These updated spaces feature internet cafes, private offices and co-working spaces. NTC's Community Technology Centers also provide free access to high-speed internet in a comfortable setting to the greater community.

"We've had such a positive response since launching our Community Technology Centers at NTC's campuses in Phillips and Antigo that we are excited to expand these services at our regional campus locations in Medford, Spencer and Wittenberg," said Kari Lazars, NTC's East Region Manager in a press release. "We have seen both community members and vacationers utilize our Community Technology Centers for reliable internet and space to work remotely."

The internet café and open spaces that include access to high-speed internet are available at no cost. Private offices and meeting rooms can be reserved for a nominal rate on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Additionally, a remote worker package is available for those who need a secure, dedicated office space with 24/7 keycard access. All spaces include access to vending services and office equipment such as printers, copiers and scanners. While NTC's

Community Technology Centers will be open to the community during the regular business hours at each campus, the WiFi signal has been boosted to extend throughout the parking lots to give everyone 24/7 access to reliable internet. For a complete listing of services and amenities available at NTC's Community Technology Centers in Medford, Spencer, Wittenberg, Antigo and Phillips, visit www.ntc.edu/technologycenters.

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County looks to raise \$3-\$5M for regional morgue

By Kevin O'Brien

With \$7.4 million of state funding available, Marathon County is looking to raise another \$3 million to \$5 million through a local capital campaign to pay for a proposed regional morgue.

At a Public Safety Committee meeting last week, medical examiner Jessica Blahnik updated county supervisors on the county's efforts to match a 50 percent contribution from the Wisconsin Building Commission for a facility that is estimated to cost \$14.8 million. In addition to providing advanced autopsies for as many as 28 counties in northeast Wisconsin, the forensic science center would also offer education for students, law enforcement and emergency responders.

In May, the county board voted unanimously to set aside \$2 million from the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund to help pay for the facil-

ity, and the county has also applied for another \$2 million in federal funding. Part of the ARPA allocation is being used to pay an architect to design the center, with hopes of bidding out the project in early 2024.

Blahnik said the county doesn't expect to hear about the federal funding request until this fall; in the meantime, members of the county's regional morgue task force are looking at ways to close a funding gap of \$3 million to \$5 million.

County officials have met with representatives of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, who are excited about the educational component of the regional facility, Blahnik said. She said the county expects to find out soon if the foundation will agree to act as the financial agent for the project and accept donations on behalf of the county.

"They felt that we should not have an issue doing a capital campaign locally, and hopefully some of the local businesses and organizations would be willing to donate," she said.

At some point in the near future, Blahnik said the county will host a community presentation with "key organizations" to "highlight what the project has to offer."

County administrator Lance Leonhard said the Community Foundation, by serving as the donation recipient, could streamline the fundraising process by not requiring the county board to officially accept every contribution.

Leonhard said the county is also continuing to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with [Northcentral Technical College](#), which is willing to sell the county land at its Wausau campus for the forensic center. The value of that transaction would be counted toward the county's 50 percent match,

as could a recently purchased storage cooler system already in use at the county morgue, he said.

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County looks to raise \$3M-\$5M for regional morgue

By Kevin O'Brien

With \$7.4 million of state funding available, Marathon County is looking to raise another \$3 million to \$5 million through a local capital campaign to pay for a proposed regional morgue.

At a Public Safety Committee meeting last week, medical examiner Jessica Blahnik updated county supervisors on the county's efforts to match a 50 percent contribution from the Wisconsin Building Commission for a facility that is estimated to cost \$14.8 million. In addition to providing advanced autopsies for as many as 28 counties in northeast Wisconsin, the forensic science center would also offer education for students, law enforcement and emergency responders.

In May, the county board voted unanimously to set aside \$2 million from the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund to help pay for the facility, and the county has also applied for another \$2 million in federal funding. Part of the ARPA allocation is being used to pay an architect to design the center, with hopes of bidding out the project in early 2024.

Blahnik said the county doesn't expect to hear about the federal funding request until this fall; in the meantime, members of the county's regional morgue task force are looking at ways to close a funding gap of \$3 million to \$5 million.

County officials have met with representatives of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, who are excited about the educational component of the regional facility, Blahnik said. She said the county expects to find out soon if the foundation will agree to act as the financial agent for the project and accept donations on behalf of the county.

"They felt that we should not have an issue doing a capital campaign locally, and hopefully some of the local businesses and organizations would be willing to donate," she said.

At some point in the near future, Blahnik said the county will host a community presentation with "key organizations" to "highlight what the project has to offer."

County administrator Lance Leonhard said the Community Foundation, by serving as the donation recipient, could streamline the fundraising process by not requiring the county board to officially accept every contribution.

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NTC campuses expand to Medford, Spencer and Wittenberg

WAUSAU — Northcentral Technical College has expanded its Community Technology Center campuses to five to include new locations at Medford, Spencer and Wittenberg, according to a July 17 press release. The updated spaces feature internet cafes, private offices and co-working spaces with free high-speed internet access to the greater community.

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ager at spraguea@ntc.edu or by mailing: Northcentral Technical College, ICO: Adam Sprague, 1000 W Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401.

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Merrill Community Night Out

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The 11th Annual Merrill Community Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. in the Merrill Expo Center/Enrichment

Center at the Merrill Festival Grounds. The protective services that make Merrill a safe place to live will be on hand, with officers and squads from the Merrill Police Department and deputies from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, along with vehicles, firefighters, and EMTs from the Merrill Fire Department. It's a great opportunity for kids to interact with law enforcement officers and to check out police cars and fire engines. There will be

special presentations by the Merrill Police and Merrill Fire Departments.

The Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Justice, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will also be showcased, along with Crime Stoppers of Lincoln County.

Merrill area departments and resources will also be represented, including the Merrill-Go-Round (Merrill Transit), Merrill Enrichment Center, the T.B. Scott Free Library, and

many others, along with Northcentral Technical College.

Free Merrill-Go-Round bus rides are available to and from the event with pick-ups during the five o'clock hour and departure from the event at 6:45 for return rides. Reservations must be made before 4 p.m. the day of the event by calling 715.536.7112.

Bring the kids and the entire family to Merrill Community Night Out for free food, activities, and fun, rain or shine. Music will be provided by Merrill's own Bluejay 96.3.



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\$20M for technical college programs should help dental health shortages



By [Dominique O'Neill](#)

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WESTON, Wis. (WSAW) - In Wisconsin the dental professional shortage is climbing.

Right now, there's approximately 183 openings, and that's up from 137 a year ago.

"What we are seeing here is assistance that are pursuing other opportunities and they pool of applicants isn't as large as it used be," said Dr. Jeremy Hoffman, Dental Visions

According to American Dental Hygienists Association, 8% left the field during the pandemic. At Dental Visions, Doctor Jeremy Hoffman says they just don't have the same interest that was once there.

"Were having to manage shortages of hygienists and dentists, and people retiring or people who have left the workforce. Just trying to get people back into the pipeline," said Hoffman.

But Governor Tony Evers is trying to re-energize the industry, allocating \$20-million in his latest budget for technical colleges and their dental programs. That includes Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

“We are very excited to find out how we can utilize those funds and increase the number of graduates,” said Laura Ahonen, Associate Dean of Allied Health, Northcentral Technical College.

Associate Dean of Allied Health, Laura Ahonen, says Northcentral Technical College has been involved with the state and there’s a new program in development. Right now, they graduate dental hygiene students once a year in the spring. They hope to be able to graduate students in the fall as well.

“These funds will allow us to expand our programing and we will be able to increase the number of graduates and expand the workforce,” said Ahonen.

“That will be a really good addition to this area and to help with dental manpower,” said Hoffman.

NTC has 40 dental chairs, using them for dental hygiene and dental assistant students.

Hoffman says they are hoping to add two dental assistants right now, and one dental hygienist by next year.



A lack of child care staff and providers in the state of Wisconsin

Veronica King · Jul 23, 2023 Updated: Jul 23, 2023 0

WISCONSIN, Wis. (WAOW) — Finding quality child care can be tough, some new parent are getting on waitlists before the child is even born to receive child care.

According to [Wisconsin Early Care and Education Workforce](#), there are only 2000 child care providers in the state of Wisconsin.

Childcaring located in Central Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization, that helps families find child care resources.

"Serving roughly 300 plus child care providers just alone in Marathon County severely years ago and now that's the number we have now in a ten county service area," said Childcaring Assistant Director, Micki Krueger.

The cost of child care also play into the lack of child care facilities.

"An average cost for a infant in marathon county is approximately 200 and 50 dollars in a week in a group center which means 13,000 dollars a year for one child," said Krueger.

Families often struggle to pay this kind of costs and this leaves child care providers and with a lack of money. The lack of money then causes a lot facilities to close.

In spite of those numbers North Central Technical College is starting to see an increase of enrollment since last year.

" We have a two year associates degree, a one year technical diploma, and a certificate", said the Dean of General Studies of NTC, Sara Bartelt.

If you are interested in the program at North Central Technical College you can visit their [website](#).

Childcaring offers multiple resources for families looking for Childcaring than you can [visit](#).



New Internet Cafes at Northcentral Technical College

By Jimmy Sedowski Jul 18, 2009 | Updated Jul 18, 2009

Medford, Wis. (WAOW) - Northcentral Technical College (NTC) will soon offer more public internet options.

New NTC Tech Centers will be coming to their Medford, Spencer, and Wittenberg campuses. This comes in addition to the tech centers that have been at the Phillips and Antigo campuses for the last year.

They act like internet cafes – and offer private office and meeting rooms available to the public for daily, weekly, monthly, or long term rentals.

The private office rates are ten dollars daily and \$40 weekly. Longer rates depend on the needs of the individual and what additional services they would want.

If you just need to stop in, don't worry, high speed internet access will be free. It will also be available in the building, but in the parking lots as well.

"The free high speed internet is important for many individuals, especially in the rural communities where they may not have access to high speed internet at their homes or be able to afford the services that are available out there," said NTC Regional Office Manager Becky Michaels.

A plan for remote workers exists as well that includes a private office, office supplies, and 24/7 keycard access.

In a month's time, Michaels said there are usually around five remote workers, but that number can fluctuate.

The cost for these spaces for NTC was minimal because existing locations were utilized, but Michaels said the spaces could be changed based on the communities needs in the future.



New sculpture in Monk Gardens was made by NTC daycamp students

By [Chandler Ducker](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - There's a brand-new sculpture at Monk Botanical Gardens, and it's all thanks to kids in the summer day camp program.

From computer, printer, tools, and prototype welding is no easy task, and The Make it Real for the Community summer day camp at Northcentral Technical College is giving kids the opportunity to see if it's something they want to do in the future.

"I love seeing my designs come to life and using the laser, {and} learning how to process everything," said Lilly Godleske, participant of the summer day camp.

Godleske has taken part in all three years of the NTC welding camp. The sixth-10th grade students attending the camp get to weld and design a sculpture under the supervision of instructors and student helpers.

"This camp is really to help get younger kids that aren't quite college ready into the industry and kind of see what it's about. We're teaching them from the ground up," said Grace Koehler, student helper at the camp.

This year, 15 students created a dragonfly sculpture that is now part of Monk Botanical Gardens.

"We've been putting our designs that we drew up in autoCAD onto this huge dragonfly for Monk Gardens and it looks really cool," said Godleske.

"It's just really cool to see somebody when they know nothing. And then they get to learn it, and just be like, 'I get it' and 'I want to do it' and then just go crazy about it," said Koehler.

The students celebrated their hard work with a picture by the dragonfly, and for those who may be scared to participate, one instructor says it's not as scary as it seems.

"I would say it's so fun, and you can do it. We have campers every year who have never welded before. Never made anything out of metal and they love it," said Veronica Hope, welding instructor at Northcentral Technical College.

“I remember my first camp: I was a little nervous just because welding is kind of intimidating for new people, but I fell in love with it,” said Godleske.


The Make it Real for the Community day camp will return next year. Students and the college are already looking forward to what students will do next year.

For a list of other events from NTC, [click here](#).



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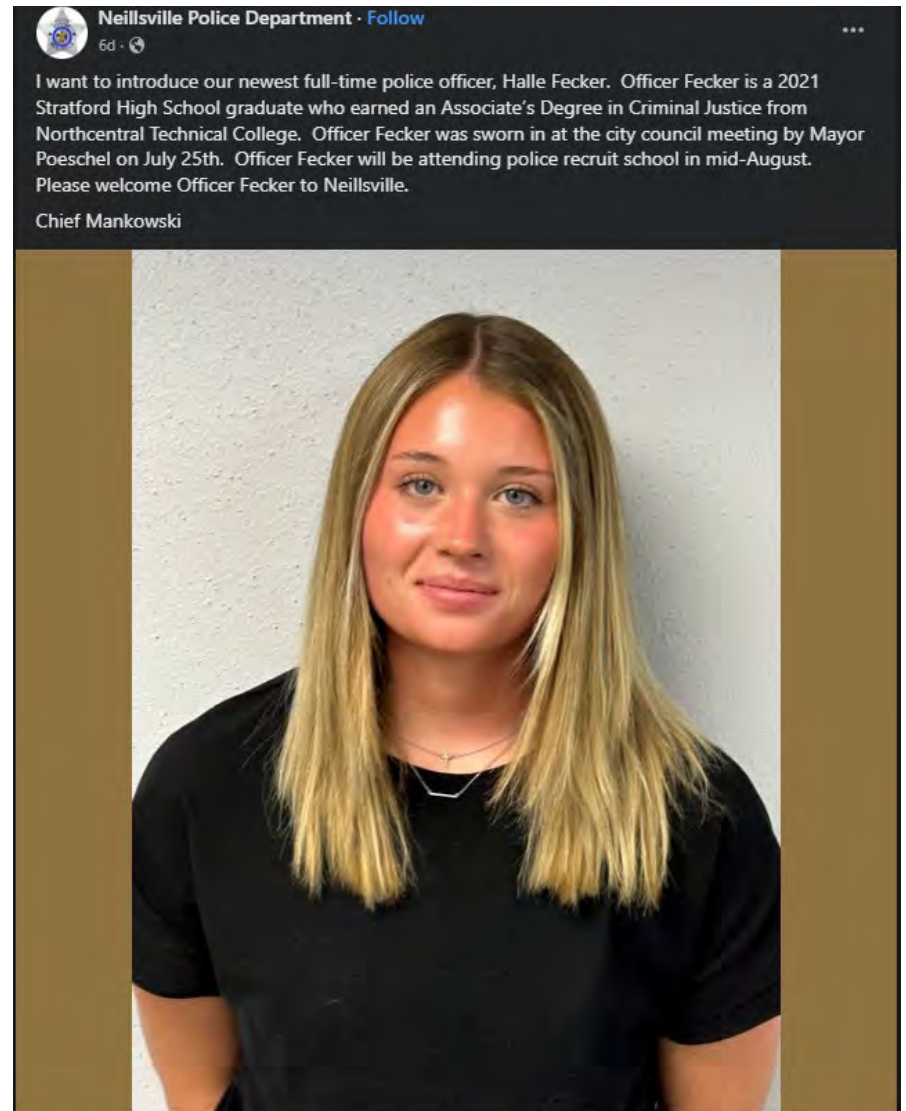
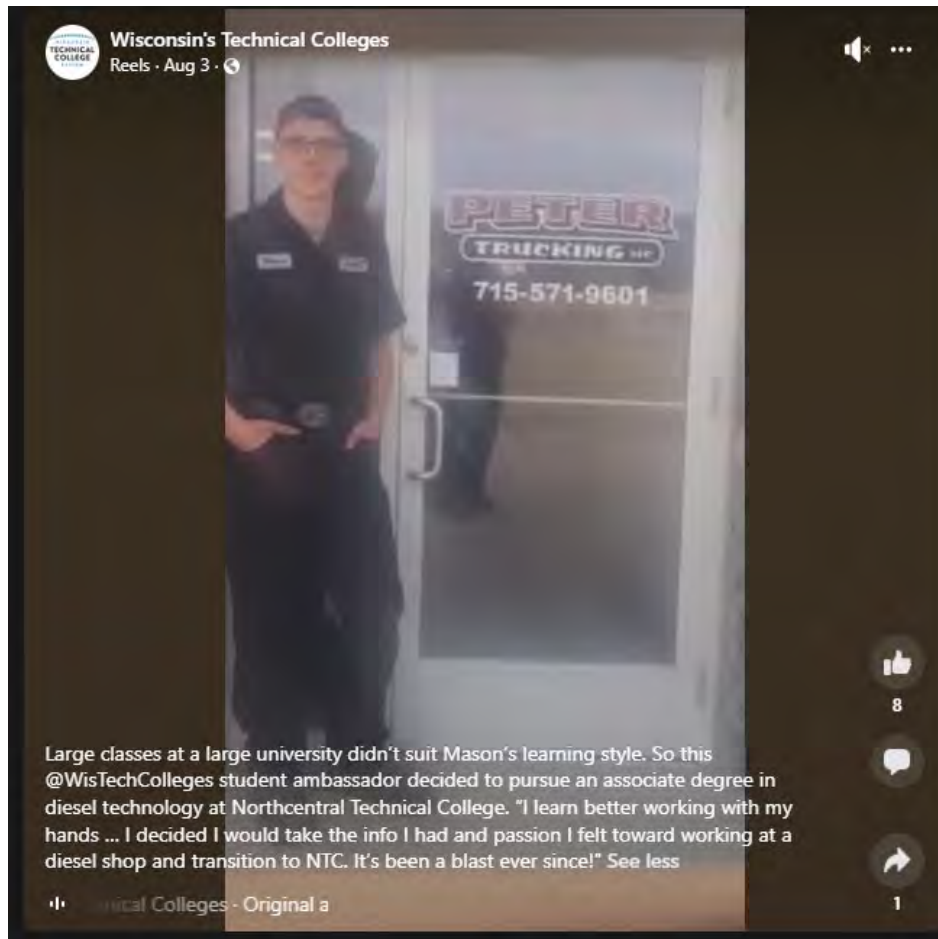
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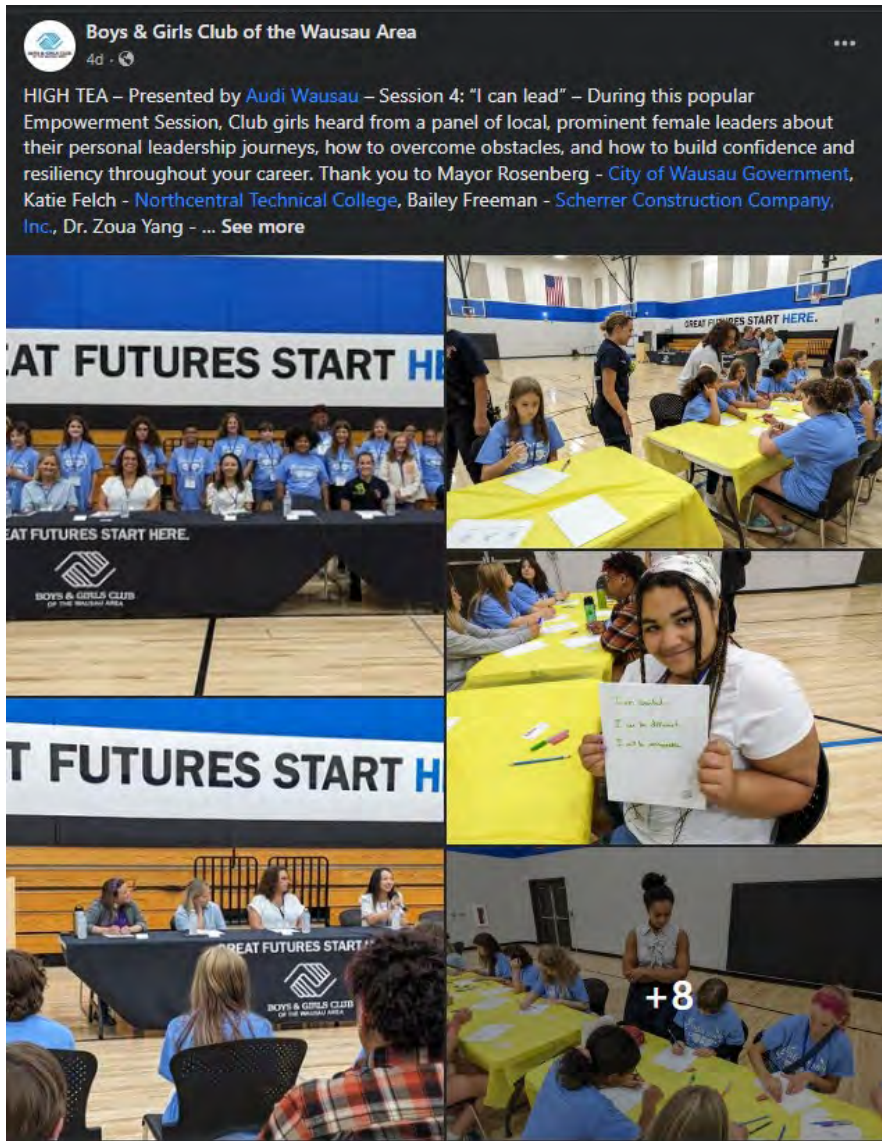
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My sister [Anna Stone](#) and I made it on the President's outstanding academic achievement list for Spencer this year! 💜



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We are excited to introduce our newest officer to the department! Austin Valenta has completed his first month of training at the department.

He grew up in Central Wisconsin and went to Fox Valley Technical College's criminal justice program. Austin graduated from Northcentral Technical College police academy in 2020. Austin was an officer with the City of Portage for the past 2.5 years.

Austin is an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoys spending time outdoors with his blue heeler during his off time.

Please welcome Officer Valenta to our community!



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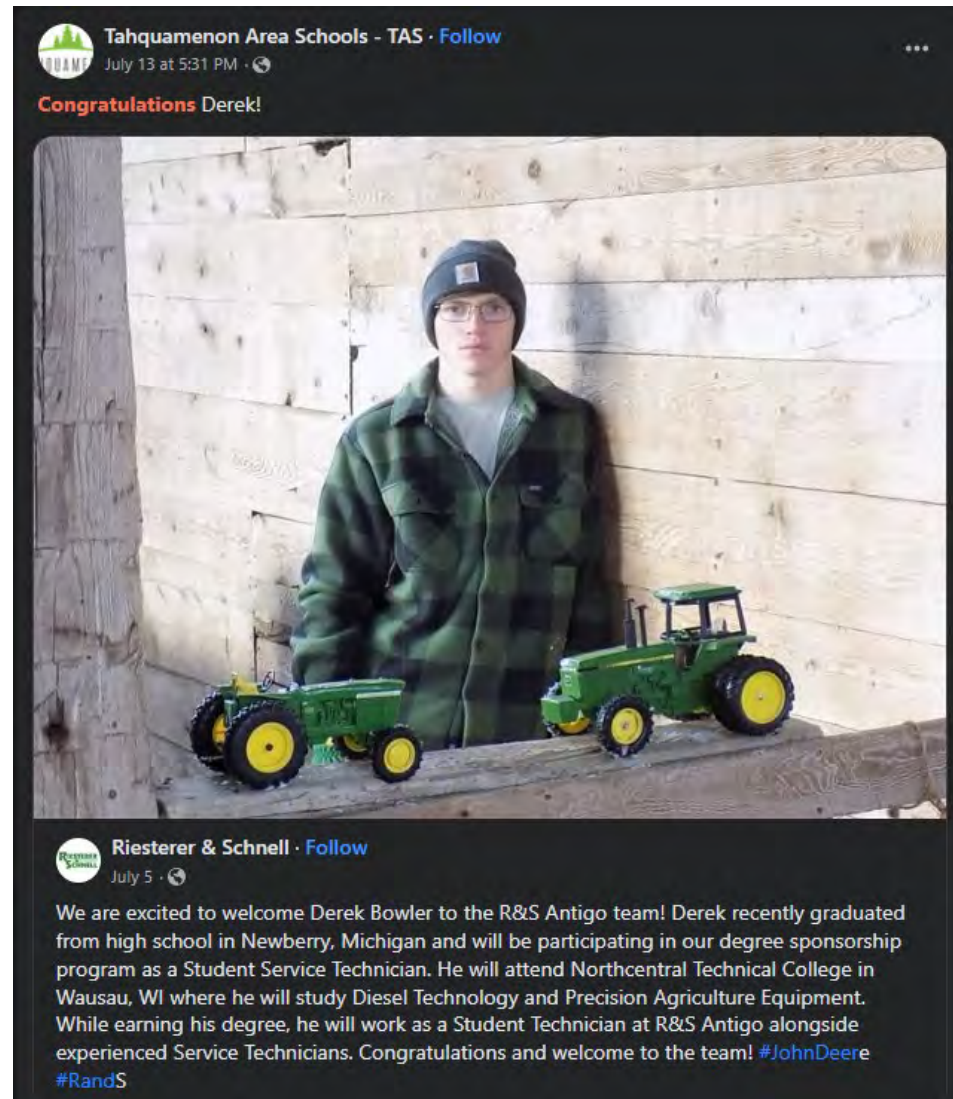
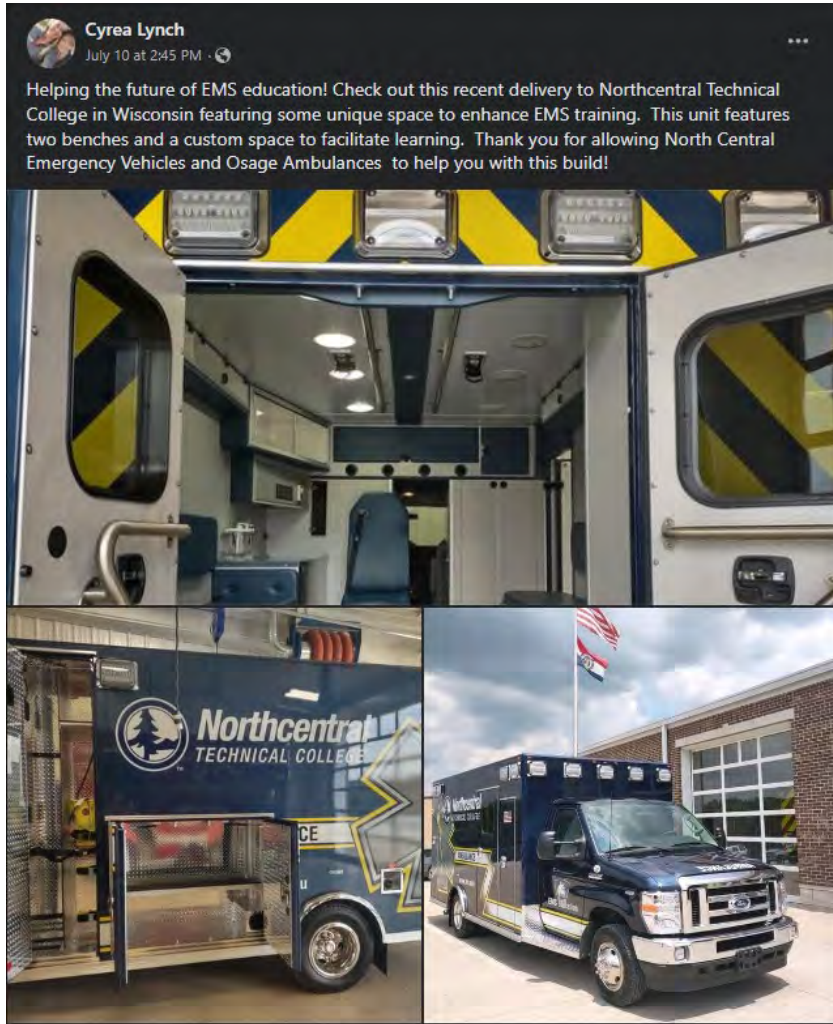
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We had a very informative and exciting Business Educational Luncheon at [Northcentral Technical College](#) today!

Scott Wallace, Director & Professor of the Center for Business and Economic Insight at [UW-Stevens Point](#), and Brad Gast, Dean of Workforce Training + Professional Development + Apprenticeship at [Northcentral Technical College](#) presented on the current labor and employment markets both in the State of Wisconsin, and Marathon County, and spoke on the different workforce initiatives and program development they have been working on for this Central Wisconsin area. Obviously, we all know this is an issue facing our area and it will continue to be unless we work together.

If you are interested in any information on these topics please contact the Mosinee Chamber office. Both presenters are interested in feedback, ideas, etc. for future programs and/or classes that can help retain our high school students and get other job seekers to this area.









Monk Botanical Gardens
 July 19 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

This is the third year our partnership with NTC welding camp has created a unique and beautiful sculpture for the Gardens. Thank you to all the students and their amazing teacher, Veronica Hope! [Northcentral Technical College](#). #monkgardens #wausaushappyplace #dragonfly




Northcentral Technical College summer daycamp creates sculpture for Monk Gardens

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The Firefighter 1 class starts at the end of August. Don't forget to sign up!



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The next featured recipient of a \$425 Operation Round Up scholarship is Wesley McAuly, who graduated from Antigo High School this year. Wesley plans to attend Northcentral Technical College for the Automotive Technician Program.

Congratulations Wesley and best wishes as you continue your education!

<https://www.cwecoop.com/scholarship-opportunities>

Congrats!

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Teen Contestant- Tiffany Smail

Hi, my name is Tiffany Smail, and I just graduated from Wausau East High School. This Fall, I plan to attend North Central Technical College for a degree in Agricultural Business. Since I was young, I have always loved animals. My parents, Karrie and Jeff, would rarely find me without an animal close by. My love for animals has encouraged me to pursue everything to do with them. One of the animals I was most drawn to were horses. I began showing through 4-H in the 3rd grade. I started out showing pigs at the Wisconsin Valley Fair but quickly realized I preferred showing horses. Through competing at the fair, I have been able to go to West Allis, WI, to compete at the State Expo several times. Also, I have competed in WIHA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Association). I was a part of FFA all four years of high school and became an FFA officer my senior year. Additionally, one of my favorite sports is volleyball. I played through my school and also played on club teams during the offseason. In my free time, besides riding horses, I like to do many things outside, such as snowmobiling, riding four-wheelers, and going fishing. I also love to go to the lake to swim and tube.





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The next featured recipient of a \$425 Operation Round Up scholarship is Lily Lorbiecki, who graduated from Rosholt High School this year. Lily plans to attend Northcentral Technical College to become a Radiology Technician.

Congratulations Lily and best wishes as you continue your education!

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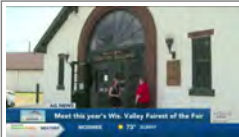

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	new at six -- northcentral technical college will soon offer more public internet options. new n-t-c tech centers will be coming to their medford, spencer, and wittenberg campuses. they act like internet cafes -- and offer private office and meeting rooms available to the public for a daily, weekly, monthly, or long term rentals. but if you just need to stop in - don't worry - high speed internet access will be free. "the free high speed internet is important for many individuals, especially in the rural communities where they may not have access to high speed internet at their homes or be		
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	that list on the screen in front of you and can call the nummber also listed with any questions. if you need a hotspot to get some work done-- northcentral technical college has you covered. new n-t-c tech centers will be coming to their medford, spencer, and wittenberg campuses. they act like internet cafes - - offering private office and meeting rooms to the public for a daily, weekly, monthly, or long term rentals. but if you just need to stop in for a bit high speed important for many individuals, especially in the rural communities where they may not have access to high speed internet at their homes or be able to afford the services that are available out there."		
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	<p>WSAW (CBS) 8/1/2023 12:13:55 PM</p> <p>Wausau, WI</p> <p>NewsChannel 7 @ Noon</p> <p>Local Viewership: 12,231</p> <p>Local Publicity Value: \$622.70</p> <p>state for a whole year. walters wants to continue her education in agriculture at northcentral technical college... and will be going right back out on the farm. again, chandler ducker reporting.</p>
	<p>WSAW (CBS) 8/2/2023 10:16:35 PM</p> <p>Wausau, WI</p> <p>NewsChannel 7 @ 10</p> <p>Local Viewership: 13,307</p> <p>Local Publicity Value: \$848.25</p> <p>the pipeline" but the governor is trying to re-energize the industry-- allocating 20-million dollars in his latest budget for technical colleges and their dental programs. that includes northcentral technical college in wausau. sot laura ahonen, associate dean of allied health, northcentral technical college "we are very excited to find out how we can utilize those funds and increase the number of graduates" associate dean of allied health laura ahonen says n-t-c has been involved with the state and in-development of a new program. right now they graduate dental hygiene students once a year in the spring. they hope to be able to graduate students in the fall as well. sot laura ahonen, associate dean of allied health, northcentral technical college "these funds will allow us to expand our programing and we</p>

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