

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

A. Grant-Funded Sawmill Equipment – Capital Purchases > \$50,000 – Roxanne Lutgen

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

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

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

A. NTC Advisory Committees – Darren Ackley + Brandy Breuckman

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
 - a. Student Ambassador Update Anna Rydeski
 - b. Social Media Strategy Katie Felch
 - c. Review of Draft Board Policies
 - i. 1.1: Presidential Expectations (formerly General Executive Constraint)
 - ii. <u>1.2: Staff, Student, and Community Relationship (formerly Treatment of Staff</u> and/or Consumers)
 - d. Comments from Informational Update



- B. Chairperson's Report
 - a. WTC DBA Annual Planning Meeting Update Paul Proulx
 - b. WTC DBA Fall Meeting: October 6-8, 2022 at CVTC- Eau Claire + Zoom
 - c. Boards Association Quarterly Meetings: Requested Feedback
 - d. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2022
 - i. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Industry 4.0: Smart Manufacturing Lab

C. Information

- a. Save the Date: NTC Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony, Saturday, December 10
- b. Advisory Meeting Minutes
- c. Upcoming Meetings + Events
- d. Good News

CLOSED SESSION (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE OPEN MEETING)

- A. Adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of:
 - a. Approval of August 16, 2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - b. To Consider Recommendations for 2022-2023 Compensation for Specific College Employees

OPEN SESSION

- A. Reconvene the Board into Open Session to confirm any action deemed necessary as a result of the Closed Session.
- B. Approval of 2022-2023 Compensation Recommendations for Specific College Employees

MEETING ADJOURN

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

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

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022

TOPIC: Grant-funded saw mill equipment - Capital Purchases > \$50,000.

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

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

DATA/RESULTS: NTC is a subawardee of a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) grant project awarded to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Wisconsin Forestry Center. Finalization of the WEDC grant is contingent upon Board approval of capital equipment purchases. The *Forest Industry Workforce Recruitment and Development Initiative* project will upskill workers by providing career pathways through activities to introduce forestry and its career opportunities, augment existing high school forestry education with certified skill development curriculum, provide short-term post-high school training programs, promote family-sustaining careers and advancement, and articulation agreement amendments. Through this project, NTC will plan, acquire, build, and initiate operations of a modern, industrial sawmill with an accompanying building structure at the College's Antigo Campus to complement its Wood Technology Center of Excellence programming. NTC will receive \$2,767,518 in the subaward for purchase of mill equipment, including but not limited to:

- Fully automated, optimized band mill head rig with sawyer's booth
- Automated band resaw station with return
- Optimized, 2-saw edger with control system
- Automated, -saw double end trimmer with control system
- Material/by-product transfer system
- Green chain
- Chip unit with material transfer system

AGENDA CATEGORY:

PROPOSED MOTION:

Regular Voting Agenda

Approval to utilize \$2,767,518 of WEDC grant funds to purchase sawmill equipment to support the Forest Industry Workforce Recruitment and Development Initiative grant project in collaboration with UW-Stevens Point.

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

Dr. Gearie Worden

Signed: Dated: September 27, 2022

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022

TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

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

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

DATA/RESULTS: The following Status of Funds listing receipts and expenditures including operating transfers in the aggregate is included for informational purposes as of **July 31, 2022** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue: \$11,179,233.99 F1-F7 Expense: \$8,181,467.10

AGENDA CATEGORY: PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent Agenda (Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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

Signed: Dated: September 27, 2022

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022

TOPIC: Personnel Changes

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

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

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

New Hires:

- Sarah Her Administrative Assistant, Human Resources
- Christy Parenteau Human Resources Manager
- Sara Xiong Human Resources Generalist
- Kaolee Yang Accreditation Specialist
- Annette Schuster Student Services Assistant/Customer Service Representative
- Ryan Vobornik Millwright/Maintenance Mechanic Faculty
- Benjamin Folwarski Instructional Assistant, Business Management (temporary)
- Andrew Borski Faculty, Diesel Technology
- Trevor Frank Faculty, Garden to Market
- Pachia Moua Assistant, Academic Resource Center

Resignations:

- Mai Xiong Human Resources Manager
- Evelyn Kizewski PC Support Specialist
- Sara Xiong Human Resources Generalist

Retirement:

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent Agenda		PROPOSED MOTION: (Motion is included with consent agenda.)		
CERTIFICATION date.	ON OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO	, certify tha	t the inforr	nation contained in this report is true as of this
Signed 1	dr. Jeanis Worden		Dated	09/27/2022



Presidential Expectations

Board Policy 1.1

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.

Revised and Approved on 07/08/2002
Reviewed and Approved on 08/20/2005
Reviewed on 08/17/2006
Reviewed on 05/21/2008
Reviewed on 09/27/2022 (Policy formerly known as: General Executive Constraint)



Staff, Student, and Community Relationship

Board Policy 1.2

The President shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions which are unsafe, unethical, disrespectful, or undignified in accordance with generally accepted business practices.

Accordingly, the President shall:

- 1. Operate with written policies and/or procedures which set forth staff and student rules, provide for effective handling of issues, ensure due process and protect against wrongful conditions.
- 2. Comply with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to staff, students, and the community including, but not limited to, those concerning:
 - a. Discrimination
 - b. Ethics
 - c. Equal Opportunity
 - d. Harassment
 - e. Rights of Privacy
 - f. Safety and Security
- 3. Inform staff, students, and the community of their rights, responsibilities, and expectations of College services.
- 4. Maintain confidentiality where appropriate.

Revised and Approved on 07/08/2002 Reviewed on 06/18/2008

Reviewed on 09/27/2022 (Policy formerly known as: Treatment of Staff and/or Consumers)



Graphic Communication Technologies/Video Production Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/18/2022

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Jade Arnold Thousand Lumens
- Todd Baeten Wausau Police Department
- Michael Beck U.S. Workstories
- Mike Busch Worzalla
- Angie Drew Church Mutual Insurance Company
- Ben Fischer Greenheck
- Alex Grant Thousand Lumens
- Christopher Klesmith Create Portage County
- Todd Langseth Eastbay/Footlocker
- Curtis Miles WAOW Channel 9
- Zach Strenger Thousand Lumens
- BJ Brandt Wausau West High School

NTC Team:

- Brandy Breuckman Dean-School of Business, Community Services & Virtual College
- Jordan Innes Faculty, Video Production
- Jila Nikpay Faculty, Video Production
- Dan Seanor Faculty, Graphic Communication Technologies
- Bill Schultz Advisor, Graphic Communication Technologies
- Andy Somers Faculty, Graphic Communication Technologies

Welcome & Introductions

Brandy Breuckman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Update and highlights from last Meeting (11.10.21)

Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes approved as is.



College-Wide Initiatives

- NTC's mission is "To provide high-quality, learner and employer focused, educational pathways committed to enriching lives and strengthening the economy".
- NTC has developed a three-pronged strategic plan to emphasize the use of Industry 4.0 as a philosophy to continuously improve the college:
 - Education 4.0: Education 4.0 focuses on two areas: how we teach and what we teach. This
 includes continually updating learner needs in preparation for entering the workforce. To
 that end, NTC has identified six main areas of focus:
 - Increasing Accessibility
 - New Programming
 - High Technology
 - Problem Solving
 - Critical Thinking
 - Data Analyzation
 - Industry 4.0: Industry 4.0 refers to the industries that are embracing technology in innovative ways to provide services/products to the consumer/end user. Again, by utilizing the six identified areas of focus, NTC will prepare learners in the following industries to enter the workforce with an understanding of high technology utilization. The timeline for integrating Industry 4.0 into program curriculum is as follows:
 - Smart Manufacturing: 2021
 - Healthcare: 2022
 - Agriculture and Transportation: 2023
 - College 4.0: College 4.0 is where NTC looks internally to streamline processes, increase efficiencies and improve the customer experience (internal and external). NTC recognizes that as a preferred educational destination, college recruitment, entry, retention, and graduation require different types of support to ensure learner success. To that end, NTC will focus on the six following areas to improve the overall College experience:
 - User Experience
 - Connect Processes
 - High Technology
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Automation
 - Data-Decision Making
- To facilitate implementation of Industry 4.0 across NTC, a new learning sector was created: The School of Academic Excellence/School of Learning Technologies. Additional programs were shifted to allow for greater alignment and equity of workflow. The Schools of Learning are as follows:



- School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation
- School of Academic Excellence & Learning Technologies
- School of Business
- School of Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- School of Public Safety & Community Services
- Workforce Training & Professional Development + Apprenticeship
- Current COVID Protocols SUSPENDED
 - Social distancing continues in most classrooms and meeting rooms
 - o Temperature scanning is STRONGLY recommended upon entry to each campus
 - o Hand sanitizing is STONGLY recommended upon entry to each campus
 - Clean in/Clean out protocols are still in place in most classrooms and shared areas
- Student Support: NTC continues to provide access to resources to students, including:
 - Unlimited access to free mental health services through The Virtual Care Group (<u>thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntc</u> or 866.533.1827)
 - NTC advisors can help connect students with other emergency financial, computer and/or community resources
 - o **Timberwolf Table**, NTC's food pantry for students
 - Timberwolf Learning Commons, including the library, tutors and coaches available
 - Student Scholarships are awarded twice a year, once per semester
 - Student Life offers a number of programs, both in-person and remote, to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax and have fun

Instructional Area/Program

Industry Trends

o Todd Baeten – Captain, Wausau Police Department. The police department was authorized to hire a part-time videographer to chronicle stories of their offices to share with the public to help inform and educate them. They also film training materials to use within the department. Last year they were authorized to hire a full-time videographer for city-wide use, but they are supervised by the police department and reports to Todd. There has been a lot of feedback around the state and region from other law enforcement agencies asking about their social media/video production unit at the police department, which is an ad hoc. Ethan has also helped individual officers see how impactful videos can be for them in trying to identify appropriate and interested applicants for the police department. Recruitment has changed drastically as the number of applicants have decreased, but through the use of



- video, they have been able to identify people that have a better understanding of what the job is before coming into it. The department is embracing the emerging technology.
- Alex Grant Thousand Lumens Production, a video production company specializing in commercials, documentaries, corporate product videography, etc. Their current project includes making 32-byte audio for better editing. They are improving production processes in order to be able to hire on more contractors to help with the work load. The company has moved from Adobe Suite to DaVinci Resolve for cost savings and more reliable service.
- Christopher Klesmith Create Portage County, which is a community and economic development support organization, that works primarily through the arts, business, and community impact model. The county has joined a cohort of rural communities thru the Center on Rural Innovation and is devising strategies to support the digital economy in communities of Northcentral Wisconsin. They have been focusing on IT support from coding, software development, video and media production. One of the largest strategies they have seen emerge over the past decade has been the use of co-working spaces and community assets to attract and retain employees in the digital economy. One of their priorities is making sure this type of work space exists in our region. They have started to build relationships with the Hmong American Center in Wausau, Tomahawk Library, The Grid in Rhinelander, The Idea Center in Stevens Point. The idea is to grow relationships with other artists, for community focused spaces, that can generate resources for early professionals. Christopher asked for the group to advocate for quality of life investments in young communities to support digital entrepreneurs. Thousand Lumens has moved into their own space.
- BJ Brandt Wausau West High School. The graphics program remains very strong in the high school sector. Graphics 1, 2 and 3 are currently being offered. Photoshop Manipulations is offered as a Dual Credit course, which is filled with mostly seniors. Due to growth in the department, they are looking to add a 4th teacher.
- Jade Arnold Thousand Lumens Production, a video production company specializing in commercials, documentaries, corporate product videography, etc. Jade agreed with what Todd shared regarding how focusing on video allows people to tell stories. People, businesses and organizations are finding creative and vulnerable ways to tell people who they are, what they do, and why it matters.
- Zach Strenger Thousand Lumens Production, a video production company specializing in commercials, documentaries, corporate product videography, etc. The company has done an overhaul on its processes to ensure all things are in place for clients such as automation to make the process simpler and allow for creative energy. People are shifting to short videos to tell their stories. They have been trying to guide their clients to resources that would give them the best delivery possible. Recent hiring trends have been a balance between contractors and specialties.



- Curtis Miles Vice President and General Manager of WAOW TV. WAOW TV is taking a
 unique approach in recruiting local students for job opportunities by scouting them through
 their YouTube and LinkedIn profiles. This allows the station to view the student's creativity
 prior to aligning them with job opportunities. Any help in connecting them with students
 would be beneficial.
- Michael Beck Owner of U.S. Workstories. There is a huge need for storytelling. Some clients have stated they want to see animation. COVID prevented them from seeing clients in-person and filming people virtually is not the same. Slowly some people are coming back to the office.
- O Angie Drew Church Mutual Insurance Company. Employees are back in the office promoting the hybrid model. A challenge they are facing is that people are looking for positions that allow them to work completely remote. The younger employees want to work for companies that make a difference in the world and have passion. As a community, we should be providing that option or employees will resign and find it in other places. People are using animation instead of in-person video work.
- Mike Busch Offset Production Manager at Worzalla in Stevens Point. Worzalla is a book printing company and people staying home want books to read, so COVID has been great for their business. They print a lot of children's books, coffee table books for National Geographic, and cookbooks. Business is growing and they are currently the number four book printer in the United States. They currently have 80 openings and if they are able to fill the positions, they would look at getting more equipment. A challenge they have experienced is getting paper materials and are currently trying to buy as much as they can. Papermills are being converted into packaging companies because they can produce materials faster. The book industry uses 1% of the paper that is made and need the best paper that is made. Prices of materials have gone up 10%-12% every few months. They put in a new Double Web Sunday press that allows them to double their current performance. Most openings are in finishing. They do have a fair amount of turn-over rate for new hires, which is a challenge because it can take 3 years to fully train them. Currently, the company is experiencing a high rate of retirements and there are not enough workers and time to replace them. Masking is no longer required at this time, however, should cases increase they will go back to masking. There is a hybrid operation available for those interested.
- o Todd Langseth Customization Manager at Eastbay/Footlocker. They are a screen print shop for high schools, colleges, and clubs. They are mostly screen print transfers (60%) along with sublimations to garment and embroidery. Todd noted that transfers are the new way of the future and can be printed in large quantities and last longer. They have hired one new employee. They are getting creative with how they are hiring by giving attendance bonuses, monthly bonuses and lucrative time off (PTO and vacation). Flexibility for the younger generations is needed otherwise they will look elsewhere for employment. Current COVID protocol remains to stay a distance of at least 6-feet away in the facilities. Temperature



checks upon arrival, using dividers in the breakroom and limiting how many people can be in certain areas of the building is still required. Employees are able to work in-person or remotely but the hybrid model is preferred. An industry change noted is the "Just in Time" inventory will be put aside, because of issues with the supply chain. They now are buying 4 months of product instead of the usual 2 months. They are hoping to stay successful like they have been in the Wausau area.

 Ben Fischer – Greenheck a corporate video, product video, instructional internal and external messaging. One of the trends he is seeing are different methods to end a video.
 Open reels allow people to film remotely, which has been helpful due to COVID. They are seeking workers with traditional skills, motion graphics and after effects. They are overcoming COVID by offering a hybrid work model; however, they will evaluate this moving forward.

o Program Information

Enrollment Report

- NTC's overall enrollments are looking very good. In the Graphic Communication Technologies program, we have 20 students enrolled.
- There are 48 students in the Video Production program. The number of Virtual College student has decreased as many students wanted to meet in-person for a "hand-on" experience. Both formats have had good enrollment.

Graphic Communication Technology

Electronic Portfolios

- We received some great feedback from student last spring in favor of the
 electronic portfolios rather than the physical portfolio show, and we would
 like to do the same thing this spring. We will send the links to the online
 portfolios out to the committee next semester. Students greatly appreciate
 the feedback from industry members.
- We would like to continue sending student's electronic portfolio links to industry members to give feedback to students. Students greatly appreciate the feedback.

Capital Equipment

We have a new direct-to-garment printer which allows a new way of printing
for students. We are always looking for the latest and greatest equipment
that is coming out for graphics and printing. Let Andy know if there is anything
new that is coming out that NTC should consider.

Company Visits

 We want to get students to our industry partner's companies. There is good value in students seeing what jobs are available and what they entail. Let Andy or Dan know if you would like to schedule student visits at your facility or if you'd like to connect with NTC students.



Video Production

Curriculum Changes/Program Modification

- Jordan shared that we received a grant from WTCS that helped hire a second instructor, Jila. She is working on two new classes for the first semester students in hopes of increasing retention and helping students develop ideas for projects early on before they get into more technical skills with cameras and equipment. We are also looking to split the Motion Graphics class into two classes and giving students 16 weeks on both. The first semester On Location class is going to change to a documentary based focus and Jila will cover narrative in second semester giving students both sides of the storytelling spectrum.
- The committee approved the following curriculum changes and program modifications:
 - o Removed the Introduction of Graphic Suffering Design Course
 - Changed Video Production on Location to Documentary Production
 - Moved Sociology Class from first semester to fourth semester to add The Creative Process and Video Foundation Intensive Classes
 - o Removed Computer Illustration Course
 - Added Short Narrative Production
 - Removed 2D Motion Design
 - Changed Film and Video History and Technologies Class to Film and Video Language and Technique
 - Added new course VFX Compositing and Color for third semester
 - o Changed Motion Graphics and Visual Effects to Motion Graphics
 - o Removed Economics Course from the program
 - Phycology of Human Relations was made primary instead of Intro to Psych

WTCS Core Industry Grant for Video Production Update

• We have ordered equipment and updated some of the eight-year-old camera packages.

Communication Technology Center of Excellence

As we were looking for ways to increase technology and create a maker-space for students, The Dudley Foundation wanted to recognize Dick Dudley, who started channel 7 in Wausau and was a proponent of communication technologies and video, by giving NTC a donation (which NTC matched) to create the new facility/space. NTC will fund the faculty and renovation of that space and the Dudley Foundation donations will be used for equipment. We are looking forward to more storage space. With the Dudley's we started



exploring virtual production with a LED wall. The purpose of the space is for a number of people to come together and recognize the importance of video, see what is new, expose students to video, and have a space for the community to use for recording. This space is to emphasize and promote the craft of video production. We are working to expand Timberwolf Productions to include video production.

o Continuing Education/Workforce Training & Professional Development/Apprenticeship

 As part of the Workforce Training and Professional Development Initiatives, flyers from this division are attached for review. Should you have any training or professional development needs, please reach out to Brad Gast at gast@ntc.edu and he and his team will be able to assist you.

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at noon.



Diesel/CDL Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/21/22 **Time:** 12:00 pm

Location: Zoom & Diesel Building

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Marty Robbins Marathon Cheese Transport, Committee Co-Chair
- Cory Heckendorf-Wisconsin Kenworth, Committee Co-Chair
- Joe Welter-Wausau Supply
- Marty Draxler-Draxler Transport
- Teri Soderholm, Krueger Wholesale
- Tim Fournier, Miller-Bradford
- Jon Shimel, JXE
- Nike Cannon-KG Truck
- Shay Weingart-TR Companies
- Jason Krause-WI Kenworth
- Kasey Schneider-JXE
- Evan Lang-ELM
- Mark Pedersen-Roland Machinery
- Justin Mergen-Penske

NTC Team:

- Greg Cisewski Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation
- Bobbi Lee Learning Coordinator, School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation
- Paul Strehlow Associate Dean, School of Public Safety
- Eric Antonson NTC Instructor
- Doug Behnke NTC Instructor
- James Eckardt NTC Instructor
- Mike Sewell NTC Instructor
- Katie Metko Apprenticeship Manager, B&I and CE
- Billy Leggett-NTC Instructor

Other:

- Owen Smith-DWD
- David Polk-DWD
- Benjamin Stahlecker-DWD
- Thomas Caldie-DWD



Dan Klecker-WATDA

Welcome & Introductions

Marty Robbins, Co-chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Update and highlights from last Meeting

Approval of minutes from last meeting – October 14, 2021. No changes were made.
 Minutes were approved.

College-Wide Initiatives

Greg Cisewski, Dean of the School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation, shared the following:

- NTC's mission is to provide high quality, learner and employer focused, educational
 pathways committed to enriching lives and strengthening the economy. The strategic
 plan emphasizes the use of Industry 4.0, which is a philosophy to continuously improve
 the college. The driving factors are Education 4.0, Industry 4.0, and College 4.0.
- Education 4.0 is how we teach and what we teach. We want to increase accessibility so more students have access to education than ever before, and we do that through new types of programming and through the use of high technology. We want to incorporate skills for the future which can be challenging because the technical skills for the future are not always known. However, if we incorporate skills like problem solving and critical thinking into all of our programs then students should be well prepared. The other piece we know needs to be part of all of our programs is data analysis. Data is important in all industries. We help students understand what big data is and what it means to them in their chosen career field.
- Industry 4.0 We are looking into things like smart manufacturing and we are creating a smart manufacturing lab, or lights out manufacturing lab, which will be utilized beginning in fall of 2022. Next, we plan to move into the realm of healthcare and how we can input new industry 4.0 through high technology. We already have simulations and we are collecting data, so we are looking at how to move toward improving that even more by moving into automation and AI. We want to make sure we are prepared when the industry itself moves into those realms, ensuring our graduates are ready to work in the healthcare field. The following year we will move into the Agriculture and Transportation areas. We are already doing a lot with robotics at the farm and with



digital pieces in the truck driving industry. We want to continue to enhance these programs and keep up with changes.

- College 4.0 At NTC we want to make sure we are analyzing and improving our processes. This involves what we teach and how we teach it in our classes. It also involves the college as a business and how we are utilizing industry 4.0 to serve our customers the best we can. More than ever, students are looking to the web and mobile experiences. Students want the digital experience and expect it, so user experience is important to ensure we are serving students in the way they expect to be served. Our user experience also needs to incorporate data collection for decision making about which processes can be automated. For example, our advisors are doing a lot of class registration because our user experience isn't there. We want our advisors and faculty to have the time to do the things only they can do. By automating some things they are currently doing, they will have more time to focus on things (only they can do) like assisting students with career planning and talking through life situations.
- NTC 4.0 Organizational Changes Dr. Jeannie Worden is our new president who started in her new position on July 1, 2021. She was very thoughtful and intentional about taking time to make sure we had all the resources in place to carry out some of these Industry 4.0 initiatives. In order to facilitate that, we implemented a new School of Learning Technologies within our learning division. Dianne Carroll has moved from a faculty role to the Associate Dean in the School of Learning Technologies. She is still part of the Marketing program and will oversee the Administrative Professional and Business Technology programs, and oversee our instructional designers. The School of Business, Community Services & Virtual College is now the School of Business.
- COVID Protocols We are continuing to require masks for all staff and students
 regardless of vaccination status. We're trying to keep on track with CDC guidelines so
 there is potential for that to change soon. We are trying to social distance as much as
 we can in classrooms and meeting rooms. There are some lab spaces where that is
 challenging so we make sure all other protocols are followed if they are not able to
 socially distance. Temperature scans and hand sanitizing are still required when anyone
 enters the campus buildings. ***Update-NTC no longer requires masks or social
 distancing.
- Student Support This is a reminder of some important resources and support for our students as supporting our students has never been more important than it is right now.
 We still have our student food pantry Timberwolf Table, unlimited access to mental health therapy and crisis counseling through the Virtual Care Group, and Timberwolf Learning Commons houses resources like the Library, Academic Resources Center, and IT Help Desk. The "It's In Our Jeans" employee giving campaign continues to provide



funding for student scholarships. The NTC Foundation continues to offer scholarships for students each semester funded by donations from employees, businesses, and community members.

Industry Trends

Salaries are at an all-time high. It is not unusual for OTR fleet to make \$85k, there are drivers at Marathon Cheese that make over \$100k. Everyone is currently working on retention. Money isn't keeping employees, it is all the other things, driver recognition, perks, etc. It is also hard to find technicians, just like drivers. Some companies are using flexible hours (4-9 hour days) in order to keep employees, also paying for CDL training and giving hiring bonuses.

Apprenticeships help people find an identity and gives employees an opportunity to be part of something. For some companies focus is on retention of current employees. Bonus programs will be for current employees. Current employees are our best asset.

Electric vehicles (EV) are coming. Volvo has electric buses, now they putting that tech into trucks. Fuel cell vehicles are coming as well. The question was raised if you have to have another shop to work on those due to safety concerns, but the answer was not clear. By 2040 California will be 100% EV sold. 2030 it will be 40% in the country. There will be EV in Wisconsin soon. Once you buy an EV, you have to buy the charging station as well. Range for the battery is 100 or 200 miles. Charging system for 2 trucks in 3 hours-\$150 to \$225k with 156-225 kilowatt energy consumption. Greg stated that at EPD advisory meeting we discussed this- there are definite concerns on how to make this work as there is currently not enough grid.

Instructional Area/Program

Workforce Training and Professional Development - NTC can put together industry
wide trainings that multiple companies can attend. The more people there, the less it
will cost each business. If you have a certain specific skill you want people training on,
we can put together a class for that as well. Please let us know what your needs are for
trainings.

CDL Expansion

Oriving Pad-The old pad was 300x500 and the new pad is 200x500. Currently the pad is gravel, looking at blacktop in school year 22-23. Power was put out there last fall to get trucks plugged in when it gets cold out. CDL is running multiple classes at the same time and they were sharing the old pad with contract training, fire, police, EMT, etc, so the new pad will be very helpful. There are now two different entrances with new access on Taylor Street. Currently working with the city and town of Merrill as Taylor Street is a no truck street.



- Positions (Faculty, full-time & part-time IA's) CDL is currently looking at adding another full-time faculty and full-time instructional assistant. In the last few months they have hired a 3rd full time faculty, Billy Legget, who was an instructional assistant. Hired 2 new full time instructional assistants, interviews tomorrow for a 3rd IA, but still looking for part time IAs. \$24/hour for IA positions and the person can work up to 25 hours/week or 600 hours per academic year. If your company has anyone in mind, please send them our way. Program is very flexible and will work around your schedule.
- Capital Equipment Request: 2022-2023-CDL has asked for 2 additional tractors and is looking to start upgrades. They acquired a brand new 53 foot Great Dane dry van. Doug had a set amount to work with and an individual came forward from Elite Trucking and paid the rest. Last fall Krueger donated a refrigerated box truck. Thank you!
- Enrollment Reports-CDL-Year 21-22 had 6 class A classes with 46 students enrolled, 45 completed and 2 class B classes with 2 students completed and 3 in the process. Diesel is graduating 8 students with Associates Degree and 13 with Technical Diploma. Currently have 10 enrolled for AD and 22 for the TD, waiting list lining up behind that. Cory mentioned the Transportation Career Night that was held March 1st. Finance, parts counter, service writer, body shop, detail, all sections were represented and there was great interaction with kids and parents. There were 75 people in attendance and the estimation is at least 10 will enroll.

Yearly Schedule

- CDL-All divisions work together-School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities &
 Transportation has 3 programs that require CDL. These classes are scheduled first
 and then the rest of the year is filled in with "regular" truck driving sections, while
 trying to meet the needs of the industry.
- Potential Offering Abbreviated School Bus Testing- CDL also doing some school bus
 work as well with local school bus companies. Running quarterly classes to do training
 and testing starting in June. There will be a 12-hour refresher course done in the
 evenings.
- Curriculum modification process- Diesel- there was a program modification in technical skill attainment (TSA). Modifications in the scoring guide. Was broken apart, now it is all together. Took out HVAC, hydraulics and engines from the Technical Diploma. There was previously a reporting issue, it is now a more accurate evaluation. No opposition. Unanimous approval on both issues.
- Certified Diesel apprenticeship program-Eric/Katie/Greg/James- Thank you for piloting this apprenticeship for the state. Apprenticeship has been in Wisconsin for well over 100 years. Industry drives registered apprenticeship and for the first time in Wisconsin and across the nation industry is being driven by a diesel truck. Thank you to the focus group of employers that helped build this apprenticeship: Mike Cannon from Kriete



Truck Center. Dan Kleiser from CSM Companies, Bryan Peskar and Scott Hoffman from Midstate Truck Service, Sara Guild from WATEA. Solicited input throughout the process from industry around the state.

- New Precision Ag Equipment program-One year TD for Diesel plus three additional classes for hydraulics, electronics and planting equipment. Industries are really looking for this.
- **Agriculture & Transportation 4.0**-Where do we need to be in 5-10 years. Faculty will be talking to industry. Platooning, autonomous vehicles, EV all mentioned.
- Farm Technology Days-July 12-14 in Loyal, WI. MTEC truck will be there recruiting.
- **Build your Future**-400-600 high school students October 12th at the farm. Wausau Area Builders Association (WABA) wants to team up with us. Ag, CDL, Utilities and Diesel will be there. This will be for all students, not just tech ed students. We will be reaching out to industry to have them there as well.

Other items

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Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

Next meeting will be held in **October 2022**, more coming out about the date in a future email. **Virtual and face to face is nice**. **Next meeting will be in Merrill—add it to the Doodle poll**.



Diesel/CDL Advisory Committee Summary of Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for NTC Board of Trustees

Date: 4/13/21 Time: 12:00 pm Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Marty Robbins Marathon Cheese Transport, Committee Co-Chair
- Traci Champagne Crystal Freight Systems, LLC
- Marty Draxler Draxler Transport
- Dan Kleiser Wisconsin Kenworth
- Kenny Engen Mid-State Truck Service, Inc.
- Jon Shimel JX Truck Center
- Joe Welter Wausau Supply

NTC Team:

- Greg Cisewski Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation
- Shane Heilmann—Dean, School of Public Safety
- Bobbi Lee Learning Coordinator, School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation
- Paul Strehlow Learning Coordinator, School of Public Safety
- Eric Antonson NTC Instructor
- Doug Behnke NTC Instructor
- James Eckardt NTC Instructor
- Mike Sewell NTC Instructor
- Brad Gast Dean of Workforce Training & Professional Development
- Katie Metko Apprenticeship Manager, B&I and CE
- Gera Peterson Public Safety Administrative Assistant

Other:

- Sara Guild WATEA
- Danika Woods-WTCS
- Owen Smith-DWD-Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards



Summary—Include a brief statement(s) of topics and action items

- NTC Updates: Paul Strehlow, Public Safety Learning Coordinator, shared college updates
 regarding NTC's Wildly Important Goals, 2021-2022 School year information, Budget
 proposals & updates, New Programs for Fall 2021, NTC as a community vaccine clinic,
 announcement of Jeannie Worden as new NTC president, and Student Support information.
- Industry Trends: Committee had a long conversation regarding issues such as, high
 capacity pricing, needing more drivers, needing more trained mechanics and
 technicians, the struggle to get parts for repairs, not being able to track ordered parts,
 keeping more inventory in stock at shops, increased cost of fluids like gas and DEF,
 inability to find tires, disruptions in supply chains, and limited supplies of trucks.
- Workforce Training & Professional Development: Brad Gast, Dean of Workforce Training & Professional Development, discussed the spring catalogue attachment showing huge variety of classes and training events.
 - Brad talked about NTC Connect, which involves three options for participating in classes: in-person, live stream (via Zoom), and on-demand library. Offering this flexibility will be the future model for classes so that everyone can get the training they need.
 - Brad discussed short term industry credentials, which have to do with the
 minimum level of skills and training that a person would need to acquire an entry
 level position in a field. These credentials would have a pathway so that if the
 person needs more training in the future, they can jump back in and get some
 additional credits. There will be 20-25 of these credentials coming out in the next
 year.
- Capital Equipment: CDL has purchased items such as, two Class B crew cab trucks, and a used tractor. They are wrapping two trailers with NTC logos, and would like to purchase another trailer and a school bus in future. Diesel has updated three engines in their lab, and purchased a running engine on a test stand. They would also like to purchase a 2017 or newer vehicle with mitigation auto shift and active suspension.
- Enrollment Reports: CDL and Diesel classes have been running with full rosters. They've only lost a couple students for various reasons. Classes are already full for next year too.
- **Yearly Schedule**: A year-round schedule has been developed for CDL classes. In addition to helping regular truck driving students with planning, this should also help the EPDP,



Diesel, and Gas Utility students to plan for the CDL classes that they need for their program. It also provides the opportunity to train as many students as possible.

- **ELDT February 2022**: Entry Level Driver Training rules will be coming into effect on February 7, 2022. This will involve minimum training standards are met before students are eligible to test. Everyone will now need to get training via a certified training provider. NTC is already providing training in excess of those minimum standards.
- Class B Vehicles & Program: Program trucks will be ready soon (after COVID, they will be able to have three students plus a driver in the back bench seats). Current Class B sections are limited to four students right now due to spacing issues and having only two Class B trucks. This is only a five-week class.
- Part-Time Instructional Assistants: The CDL program needs a lot of part-time instructional assistants to help with students and road driving. Staff asked the committee to help spread the word to anyone who might be interested. HR will also be posting the position soon.
- **Donations**: Staff expressed gratitude for past donations to get their programs started, but they are asking for more donations again to try to keep a decent fleet going. They are asking for donations of any type of vehicle or trailer.
- Exhaust evacuation systems/running trucks indoors: A discussion took place regarding buying expensive exhaust evacuation systems or running trucks indoors. Most of the shops agreed that they tend to just run the trucks indoors. NTC staff thought money could be better spent elsewhere.
- Potential certified apprenticeship program: Sara Guild, from WATEA, and Katie Metko, NTC, talked about identifying companies who can help develop registered apprenticeship programs for diesel technicians.
 - Timeline for events will be as follows: Focus group will start to meet in May. They will determine key tasks and duties. As they move through summer they will look at minimum standards and drafting on the job learning related instruction. They will be working with college representatives. The goal is to have the program ready by end of the year or early 2022.
 - They are hoping to use this committee and other WATEA members to give more input as they go through the process.



- Trying to align the registered apprenticeship program with current degrees.
 Would like people in the RA program to be able to earn credentials through NTC at the same time.
- Asked businesses to let them know if they would like to host an apprentice in the future. It is essential to have businesses participate in making this work. This will help prove to the state that there is a need for this, it has a desired outcome, and it will have long-term support.
- **Diversity in the Diesel Program**: We need to get more diversity in the Diesel program. It typically attracts white males. There have only been a few females over the last few years. They have also started trying to make connections with the Hmong and Hispanic populations in the area, but are still asking others to help spread the word that this is a safe place to come and work.
- Program Modifications discussion Remove CLP Prep from Truck Driving (Class A) Technical Diploma: A discussion ensued regarding wanting to let students obtain their Class A Permit on their own before starting Class A. We don't want to require that students have to take the CLP prep class with us anymore. We want students to have the option to do it themselves because there are so many apps and online options out there already, and then this won't delay the process of getting students enrolled into Class A sections anymore.
 - 1st and 2nd Motions were made by Marty Robbins and Traci Champagne.
 The Committee voted, and Motion Passed to remove the CLP Prep from Truck Driving (Class A) Technical Diploma.
- WATEA Update- Wheels to Work Shuttle: Sara Guild discussed various changes and updates at WATEA. They have their own stand-alone office for the first time! Location is at 617 Forest St in Wausau. They now have meeting spaces for hosting classes and meeting with clients.
 - Wheels to Work program is housed in the new office. Sara is helping to coordinate this program to make sure people who need vehicles or help with vehicle repairs in order to get to their job are able to do so.
 - Community careers employment shuttle service has expanded. They are able to coordinate rides for any new employees who need rides to/from work when they're first starting out. They now have drivers who can help with all shift workers (1st, 2nd and 3rd).
 - WATEA annual meeting will be held on May 11. More info coming soon.
 - Annual WATEA golf outing will be held this summer on July 30. Planning is just beginning for this. Contact Sara for details or questions.



• Next meeting will be scheduled in October 2021. Time will be from 12:00pm-1:30pm. A Poll will be sent out to committee members to determine the best date.



Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/20/22

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Terry McHugh, Chief, Kronenwetter Police Department
- Ben Bliven, Chief, Wausau Police Department
- Mark Westen, Sheriff, Langlade County Sheriff
- Rhae Stertz, Sergeant, WI State Patrol
- Clay Schulz, Chief, Everest Metro Police Department

NTC Team:

- Shane Heilmann, Dean of Public Safety and Community Services
- Paul Strehlow, Associate Dean of Public Safety and Community Services
- Brian Fiene, Criminal Justice Faculty
- Paul Clarke, Criminal Justice Faculty
- Matthew Kecker, Criminal Justice Faculty
- Michelle Shepherd, Administrative Assistant

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 6, 2021. Chief Ben Bliven motioned to approved the prior advisory committee minutes. Sheriff Mark Westen seconded for the approval of the minutes.



College-Wide Initiatives

Shane Heilmann gave an update on college-wide initiatives

- NTC Mission
 - Education 4.0 How we teach, what we teach.
 - o Industry 4.0 Smart Manufacturing, Healthcare, Ag & Transportation.
 - College 4.0 Analyze and improve internal processes and services.
 - NTC 4.0 Organizational Changes.
- COVID Protocols Update on campus protocols
- Student Support Timberwolf Table, The Virtual Care Group, Timberwolf Learning Commons, "It's in our Jeans" Employee Giving Campaign, Student Scholarships

Industry Trends

- Training and Standards proposed High-Risk Vehicle Contact Curriculum Change Matt Kecker provided updates on high-risk vehicle contacts in-service. The State asks anyone attending the training create scenarios to test the training at their departments. The departments are ask to then provide feedback. Some agencies have already adopted the new proposed standard.
- There was discussion of the shortage of qualified candidates for public safety positions throughout the state and nation.

Program Updates

- Potential Summer Jail Officer Academy NTC is considering offering summer jail officer academy in July and August. Multiple departments within our district have expressed interest.
- Part-Time Law Enforcement Academy There is discussion regarding the offering of grant funded part-time law enforcement academies throughout the state. More information will be shared from the state as it is released.
- The School of Public Safety and Community Services acquired the Human Services & Substance Use Disorder Counseling programs this year.
- The School of Public Safety and Community Services is developing a proposal for a new Technical Diploma related to Justice and Community Advocacy. This will be a combined curriculum from criminal justice and human services programs. The consensus of the committee was to move forward with the development of the idea of new Technical Diploma.



Facilities/Equipment

- We are reviewing our current rental and contract pricing for our Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence aligning them with current trends and pricing.
- The Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence is in the process of expanding updating facilities and equipment to the current needs of our students and customers. This includes additional driving areas, faculty space, student learning areas and other general improvements.

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

- Chief Terry McHugh has taken on the leadership role of the advisory committee chair.
- Our next meeting will be taking place in person with a virtual attendance option, at our
 Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence on October 19, 2022, at 12:00 pm.
- Chief Ben Bliven presented a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sheriff Mark Westen agreed to the motion.



WIOA/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26, 2022 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Location:** NTC Wausau (A208) & Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Sheryl Baker Dislocated Worker Program LETC
- Kat Draper FSC WIOA Adult/Youth Team Lead
- Elsa Duranceau North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (NCWWB)
- Cindy Keisling LETC
- Der Lo Forward Service Corporation
- Monica Littlegeorge LETC
- Nicole Rice North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (NCWWB)

NTC Team:

- Nicholas Blanchette Senior Director, Enrollment Strategy, Student Services
- Jeff Cichon Director of Financial Aid
- Liberty Heidmann Project Manager/Career Adviser
- Barb Juliano Instructional Assistant, Marathon County Jail & Marathon County Job Center
- Jacki Knoblock Academic Transitions Advisor
- Kathy Krause AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisor, AE Faculty; Wausau NTC
- Nick Lampone Director of Enrollment
- Kari Lazers Regional Campus Manager
- Shannon Livingston Dean of Student Services
- Anessa Ludwig College Prep Center Assistant
- Becky Michels Regional Campus Manager
- MaiGer Moua Promise Advisor
- Ashlee Neve Career Coach
- Angela Reimer Compliance Coordinator, Program Development
- Brooke Schindler Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education, & General Studies
- Lindsey Zakrzewski Testing & Accommodations Coordinator

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 meeting minutes were approved by all.

Agenda Item 3: College-Wide Initiatives



NTC Mission:

"To provide high-quality, learner and employer focused, educational pathways committed to enriching lives and strengthening the economy."

NTC has developed a strategic plan to emphasize the use of Industry 4.0 as a philosophy to continuously improve the college in three ways: Education 4.0, Industry 4.0, College 4.0.

Education 4.0:

- How we teach.
- What we teach.

We are focusing on increasing accessibility, bringing in new programming, high technology, critical thinking skills and problem solving. These skills are at the top of the list for what employers are seeking, so we are trying to embed that more in all of our curriculum throughout the college. There is also a huge focus on data collection and analyzing to make improvements in everything we do.

Industry 4.0:

- User Experience
- Connect Processes
- High Technology
- A
- Automation
- Data Decision Making

These are things you hear in relation to the economy, happening in the manufacturing world, healthcare fields, agriculture, and transportation. We have been adding those on and layering those pieces as we have entered into the 4.0 mindset. The automization of industries, how robots and AI are being utilized with our manufacturing and healthcare partners. NTC has been working with our partners to help ensure our students are prepared to flourish in all industries that are leveraging more and more data-based decision-making, processes, and business models. Current and future program areas include:

- Smart Manufacturing (2021)
- Healthcare (2022)
- Ag & Transportation (2023)

College 4.0:

Analyze and improve internal processes and services using some of the same principles (user experience, connect processes, high technology, AI, automation, and data-based decision making). NTC has a team dedicated specifically to how our website interacts with those who are using our website and how they can interact with that information. We are trying to streamline and align our processes across the college and make sure they are connected. NTC is transitioning over to a new ERP (Enterprise Resources Planning software) which will hopefully help us better assist our partners and our students.

NTC 4.0 – Organizational Changes

To facilitate the implementation of Industry 4.0 across NTC, a new 'School of' was created:

Academic Excellence/School of Learning Technologies.



Overview of NTC 'Schools of':

- School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation
- School of Business
- School of Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- School of Public Safety & Community Services
- Workforce Training & Professional Development + Apprenticeship

COVID Protocols:

- Social distancing and room capacity limits have been lifted;
- Optional temperature scanning upon entry to the campus;
- Optional hand sanitizing upon entry to the campus;
- Optional clean in and clean out in most classrooms and shared areas;
- Masks are optional.

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 a number of 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

• Nicole: It is a busy time of year as we gear back up for the school year with enrollments in the WIOA program. We are working through some staff changes that are currently happening with our service providers. We still have our active programs going strong. We still have the Rural Healthcare Grant Program, COW Grant (Collaboration of Wisconsin), through H-1B, which is targeting individuals willing to work in Lincoln, Langlade, Wood, and Adams Counties, counties or any of the 30 rural counties specified within the grant, many of which are in the Northwoods. Participants must complete their training in one of seven specific healthcare occupations, ADN (Associate's Degree in Nursing)/registered nurse (RN), home health aide, medical assistant, medical and clinical lab technician, phlebotomist, substance abuse counselor, and social and human services assistant by Summer 2024. We are looking at getting a grant modification to include CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), as it is getting trickier with those two-year programs unless applicants have already started the program. If a student has already started a program, they could still be eligible for aid through the COW grant. We will provide updates if any new occupations are added to the grant.



We also have Our Support to Communities Grant, targeted towards folks who have been affected either directly or indirectly (friend or relative) by substance misuse or are interested in going into most healthcare professions or a profession specifically focused on substance abuse counselors.

Hiring event in May went well. Business services are looking at holding more smaller events in our region. They were very encouraged by the May event with a great turnout with employers and job seekers.

<u>Brooke</u>: We have been hearing a lot from employers that they are looking for employees with the short-term credentials. We have been trying to figure out as an institution how to break things down into smaller consumable pieces to get the employers, the employees they are looking for while keeping students on a pathway to complete a full credential. Are you seeing similar desires from employers and job seekers?

<u>Nicole</u>: As part of the COW grant, Moraine Technical College is doing the Tele-Health Certificate (an online program), which they are launching through the COW grant. We have had folks enrolling, and it has been a mix of people who are adding it to a program they are currently enrolled in, such as Nursing or Medical Technician. It is only open to individuals that are eligible for the grant at this time.

<u>Der</u>: Students are seeking short-term training, as many are trying to figure out if they should go to school or find employment, and short-term credentials allow them to do both. Respiratory Therapists and Nursing have been popular programs, as well as CDL and manufacturing.

We have been busy with referrals from NTC. Things will get busier with the start of the semester. Students that are sent to us right before the start of the semester might not be able to get aid for the fall semester, so it is better if they are able to meet with us a few weeks before.

We have had a bunch of students from NTC reach out to us about the special grants, COW and Support to Communities. There have also been upticks in respiratory therapists and phlebotomy and CDL.

<u>Brooke</u>: Is there any feedback that you can provide to us on how it is going in regards to the referral process between Title II and other Titles?

<u>Der</u>: We have a new position, Career Planner, taking the majority of the eligibility piece to help ease the busyness of the day. It allows us to reach out to the students sooner rather than later. The first thing we do is have students fill out the WIOA application, though if they call before filling out an application, I will sometimes fill out the application while they are on the phone or through Teams via screensharing. Once the application is completed, they will receive a phone call to schedule a time to meet virtually or in person (Wausau) to further discuss interest, eligibility and their next steps.

<u>Cindy</u>: To reiterate what Der said, it is becoming increasingly difficult to process folks and get them through everything they need to get through in time for the beginning of the fall semester. Because there are a number of things they have to do as part of the assessment process and



coordinating the various fund sources, they may be working with multiple career planners. The sooner they can get into our hub, the better we can serve them. Once a student has started their fall classes, they cannot receive tuition assistance for that semester, though they can still receive a support service. It is crucial to have some lead time if they need extra assistance to cover their tuition costs.

Our clients do not seem to have the resources to be out of work for any duration, especially once the pandemic hit. Their plates are full and they are juggling a lot. They have more issues with parents, relatives, children, and spouses that have been affected by COVID. Several clients dropped out to take care of their parents during their training time. The Pandemic put a new spin on things and brought to the surface just how close to the edge many people are. Again, that lead time before the semester is important. We will see if there are fund sources that can cover them and then refer them to the area that can help them.

Jeff: All of our programs have to go through a formula, Clock-to-Credit Hour conversion, to determine program eligibility. Last year, that formula changed. In the past, we could take into consideration outside student effort time. When calculating the number of hours that comprise our programs effective last year, the Department of Education excluded any outside student effort that was part of a program, which meant we had to exclude that in our calculations. Because of that change, it made some of our program courses ineligible for full financial aid, however, it does allow for programs that are part of an associate's degree to be exempt from the calculation. For the purposes of financial aid, typically a program needs to have at least 16 credit hours, and then, if it is not part of a larger program like an associate's degree, then it becomes subject to the formula that we have to put all of the courses within the program through to determine eligibility for financial aid funding. We have 11 programs right now that do not qualify for full credit financial aid in terms of the number of credits that are in the program do not equate fully to the number of credits we can fund with financial aid. The list of programs not eligible for financial aid are: Automotive Technician, Electrical Power Distribution, Fire Science, Gas Utility Construction & Service, Machine Tool Technics, Manufacturing Technician, Medical Assistant, Medical Coding Specialist, Medical Office Specialist, and Surgical Technologist. (List of programs can be found at: https://www.ntc.edu/students/financial-aid/policies

<u>Kat</u>: This is my last week, so I will be done on Friday. There will be a new team lead transitioning in, so I will make sure that they have all the information and calendar invites. I will make sure it will get communicated when all of it is finalized.

<u>Sheryl</u>: I am kind of new to this again. I was here for a long time, but there have been lots of changes since I've been back. I have been learning about all of the different grants and how different things are working. It's been busy and exciting.

Monica: There have been a lot of referrals and a few people have chosen something to go on to school for. There are a few new ones that haven't decided yet. They are running out of time, so hopefully they can decide something soon. Clients need to start the process a few weeks before the semester starts as it varies how long it takes for them to get through the process/paperwork. The amount of time it takes for a person to go through the process varies depending on how prepared/motivated they are and if they know what they want to go to school for. We have the NTC Release of Information Form that we include in our enrollment



packet folder to remind our Career Planners to have clients fill it out to help better streamline the process so if we or NTC has transcripts or any information needed, the information can be shared.

<u>MaiGer</u>: We received a handful of applications. One student met all requirements and will be moving forward with the tuition support aspect of NTC Promise. I will be working on updating our flyer for 2022-2023 for the next application cycle. There is a K-12 Promise as well.

B. Program Information

a. Enrollment Update

Job Center FTEs at the end of fiscal year 2022:

2021: 1.5 FTE2022: 1.0 FTE

o 1-yr change: -0.5 FTE

b. Career Coach Updates

A new Career Coach was added to the team in June, Julia Barwick. She is getting trained and ready to visit high schools in the fall.

Summer camps have been very successful. Tours are available for anyone who is interested in taking a tour. The number of tours scheduled are beginning to pick up very quickly as we get closer to fall.

The fall semester begins on August 29th. The fall start date is a little flexible for students that are only taking online classes. There are some start dates in October for the classes offered in the 8-week format.

Our scholarship website has been updated, https://www.ntc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships. When students are on the website, they will see a link to scholarships offered through the NTC Foundation, and a link for external scholarships. On the page for external scholarships, students will see a list of scholarship opportunities that are for specific programs, as well as general scholarships. The webpage also includes links to other scholarship and funding resources, as well as information on what to do after receiving an external scholarship.

NTC will be hosting an open house on the evening of September 28th.

c. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Opportunities

There are Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities for students that have work experience, life experience, industry credentials, etc., where they could potentially earn credit at NTC for some classes. The key pieces we have internal assessments that we have developed that they would then pursue. Some industry credentials could automatically give them credit because it would be comparable to one of our courses. If they are coming to us with work/life experience, we are asking them to demonstrate that they meet the course competencies through the internal assessments we developed.



I was the CPL Learning Coordinator, but have transitioned into the role of Registrar. Our new CPL Specialist is Kaya Saia. If you are working with students who are interested in testing out of things, Kaya is more than happy to work with them to look at what might be available to them in their program. On our website, we do show on our program pages, which courses in the program have test-out options, and what type of test-out it will be. Students can reach out to Kaya at saia@ntc.edu or 715-803-1796.

d. New Programs (currently offered)

- EMT Firefighter Embedded Technical Diploma (10 credits) Fully embeds into the Fire Science Technical Diploma. What is nice about this technical diploma is that it includes the EMT Technical diploma, so students that are working on the EMT Technical Diploma can also take a couple of firefighting skill type courses to earn this technical diploma.
- Managerial Accounting Certificate (16 credits) This is an entry level accounting certificate
 designed for those who have a future goal of managing a business, department, or product
 production. Courses include Accounting 1, Accounting 2, Cost Analysis, Cost Accounting, Excel
 Level 1, and Math with Business Applications.
- Move to Manufacturing Certificate (4.7 credits) This certificate provides the knowledge and skills to be a successful manufacturing employee.
- Quality Technician Certificate (3 credits) The Quality Technician Certificate is designed to
 prepare learners for entry level positions in the area of quality control and inspection for various
 manufacturing sectors. This certificate fully ladders into the Manufacturing Engineering
 Technology Associate Degree.
- Precision Agriculture Equipment Technician Apprenticeship (9 credits) (Summer 2022) This
 certificate is intended for Diesel program graduates that want training in precision agriculture
 equipment service and repair.

e. New Programs (coming soon)

- Diesel Technician Apprenticeship (Fall 2022) This apprenticeship fully embeds into the
 Diesel Equipment Mechanic Technical Diploma and Diesel Technology Associates Degree.
 Diesel Technician apprentices diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul buses and trucks, or
 maintain and repair any type of diesel engines.
- Liberal Arts Associate of Arts (Fall 2022) The Liberal Arts Associate of Arts degree (AA) prepares students with the necessary academic and practical skills to complete a program of general education study and successfully transfer to a four-year college/university or to the workforce. The Liberal Arts Associate of Arts requires coursework to prepare students to enter into many different areas of study, emphasizing humanities and social sciences. This degree has been fully approved.
- Liberal Arts Associate of Science (Fall 2022) The Liberal Arts Associate of Science degree (AS) prepares students with the necessary academic and practical skills to complete a



program of general education study and successfully transfer to a four-year college/university or to the workforce. The Liberal Arts - Associate of Science requires coursework to prepare students to enter into many different areas of study, emphasizing humanities and social sciences. This degree has been fully approved.

Proposed Programs

- Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 2023) 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.
- Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 2023) This associate degree will help learners gain the necessary customer service, room operations, and dining room and food service operations skills in hospitality.
- Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree (Fall 2023) This Smart Manufacturing Technology Associate Degree will combine foundational coursework in the areas of Electromechanical and Automation Systems with advanced coursework in Industry 4.0 concepts and quality manufacturing.

C. Curriculum/Assessment

a. New HSED 5.09 New Criteria

During this last HSED 5.09 renewal process, we decided to go the route that some of the other technical colleges are taking. We are starting a multiple measure HSED 5.09, which should hopefully benefit a lot of our students. In the past, students only had a couple of options to complete their HSED 5.09, which would have been taking a course or testing out of a subject (GED test, Health test). Students will be able to use GED Ready (practice) test scores, their high school transcripts, Accuplacer scores, TABE test scores, or post-secondary courses that they may have previously completed. The added options will hopefully get students through the program much faster, and, hopefully, transitioning to work or to college.

b. HSED 5.09: Open Educational Resources (OER)

We are in the process of converting our HSED materials to OER (Open Educational Resources). What this means is that this allows us to provide copyright free materials to our students. It has been going in almost a yearly cycle for each subject, as it takes time to create. Science was completed during fiscal year 2022. Health and Social Studies are in progress and should be completed during this fiscal year (2023). Our plan is to have all of our courses set up using OER.

D. Equipment/Facilities

a. Industry 4.0 Tour

A tour of the Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence was given by Tim Fetting, Associate Dean for the School of Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing. This center houses three different programs: Electro-mechanical, Automation, and Apprenticeship (Electricity &



Instrumentation classes). In fall 2023, Smart Manufacturing will be added. The goal is for the college to be able to simulate "lights out manufacturing" processes in order to better prepare students for employment in the fourth Industrial Revolution (a.k.a. Industry 4.0).

E. Focus Discussion Item: Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI) Grant

WAI update: I am currently working with Sara Bartelt regarding ECE (Early Childhood Education) students that have two semesters or less to complete the program, but never completed it. We will reach out to those students to see if we can provide any services that they need in order to finish their degree.

We just recently met with a group to talk about how WAI can provide incentives to the Move to Manufacturing cohort. Nothing has been completely decided as to how that will look, as it is still in the planning process.

We are also talking about developing a food service and culinary cohort. Our next steps are to survey restaurant owners to gauge what the interest would be or if there is a need. One of the big factors of this goes down to what kind of training is needed, how long will the training take and would short-term training be a better fit?

F. Workforce Training and Professional Development Updates

a. Move to Manufacturing

The program is our online training that students can take anywhere they want in the world they have access to a computer and the internet. Once students complete the eight-hour self-paced online training, they are eligible for the 20-hour hands-on skills workshop. The hands-on workshop is offered here on campus in a separate building that replicates a manufacturing facility. There they perform the skills and tasks that they will need to learn in a manufacturing setting, typically for entry-level production work. Once they complete the 20-hours of training, they are then eligible for tours of our employer partners that are involved in Move to Manufacturing.

Currently, there are 14 companies that are signed up between the Wausau, Antigo, and Phillips region. Students are eligible for a guaranteed tour and job interview, so instead of wondering if employers are going to call them once they fill out a job application, they know they are going to meet with the employers face-to-face and the employer will know exactly what their knowledge, skills, and abilities are. It also shows employers that the students that invests their time doing research and completes the program is more likely to stay with the company than someone hired off the street.

In Move to Manufacturing, students learn how to read a tape measure, basic shop math, and how to use precision measurement tools. They are going to feel more confident and comfortable in the workplace that they are being put into and, again, are more likely to stay. Pay for the manufacturing positions range between \$17.00 to \$22.00 per hour, and there is a bonus (\$500.00 minimum) that is paid out after the first 90 days of employment. We have been trying to get people ages 18-24 years old to stay in the community, as for every job hired in manufacturing (a pillar industry), it supports three other jobs in the community.



We have also expanded Move to Manufacturing to Northwoods Technical College district (formerly Indian Head Technical College) in Siren, WI. They just had two instructors complete training and are now looking for their first cohort of participants to go through the program.

Information about Move to Manufacturing and how to register can be found at <u>movetomanufacturing.com</u>. NTC's marketing team just created some testimonial videos, which are available to watch through Move to Manufacturing's YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzkQGBaFiH2K0VaOEVW_yTA.

A version of the online portion of Move to Manufacturing is in the works for incarcerated individuals. Once they get out, hopefully they will continue the program with the hands-on workshop.

We are also working with high school trades instructors. We match their teaching curriculum to our competencies, so as students are building a workbench and learning how to work from blue prints, use tools, and working safely, the instructors are making sure they are learning the competencies required by the program. Students must be 18 years or close to turning 18 years old in order to be eligible for the program. This gives students that do not want to start college right away, the opportunity to have a guaranteed interview for employment along with bonuses, and tuition reimbursement (once hired), should they wish to go to college later on without incurring any debt.

Agenda Item 5: Other items

Handouts/attachments:

- Advisory Committee PowerPoint, Spring 2022
- WIOA Advisory Committee Agenda Summer 2022
- WIOA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Spring 2022
- New/Upcoming Program Information
- CPL (Credit for Prior Learning) flyer
- NTC's Scholarship website (link to page)

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 29th 2022, 11:00am – 12:30pm



Updated: 8/17/22

Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Bunten	Tucona Crowder	Michael Endreas	Tom Felch	Keith Langenhahn	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann
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MONDAY July 11	Annual Organizational Meeting	Χ	Χ		Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
July 21-23	WTC DBA Summer Meeting (NTC)		X			X			X	X
August 16	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	Χ	Χ	Е	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ
September 27	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
October 6-8	WTC DBA Fall Meeting (CVTC + Zoom)									
October 18	Ribbon Cutting: Industry 4.0: Smart Manufacturing Lab									
October 18	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 6	Ribbon Cutting: Studio 7									
December 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Lunch at approx. 12:00 p.m. w/Foundation Board)									
December 10	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)									
2023										
January 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
January 11-13	WTC DBA Legislative Seminar (Madison)									
February 7	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 7	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 20-22	WTC DBA Spring Meeting (Gateway Technical College)									
May 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Tentative: Agriculture Center of Excellence)									
May 20	Graduation (Wausau West Fieldhouse)									
June 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Public Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:15 p.m. Regular Meeting at 1:30pm)									

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 and via Zoom unless otherwise noted.





Merrill, Foto News



Merrill Adult Diploma Academy announces 2022 grads



At the July 2022 MADA graduation ceremony, from left: Lead teacher Mrs. Erin Bailey, Haily Wiesman, Vanya Thorson, Lillianna Karpenske, Kyleigh Reinichen, Ben Bergmann, Eli Presco, Alexia Simmons, Abby Jaecks, Natasha Sollars, Hazel Radtke, Caleb Sell, and school secretary, Kevin Keeffe. Not pictured: Kayla Kell and Damon Frederick.

Submitted photo.

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) and Northcentral Technical College (NTC) are proud to present the 2022 graduates of the Merrill Adult Diploma Academy (MADA).

The graduating class consists of 13 students who have completed their goals and are ready to take the next step in their life journeys. Several of these students already have full-time jobs; some are planning to further their education.

In a ceremony at the AGRA Pavilion in Merrill on July 27, 2022, the students were congratulated by lead teacher Erin Bailey, Merrill; MAPS Superintendent Shannon Murray; School Board President Kevin Blake; MADA board members Ken Neff, Susan Ryman, Brenda Rassmussen, and Gary Roesch; along with many family supporters.

The MADA Charter School is a partnership between MAPS and Northcentral Technical College (NTC) that has served the community since 2007. The primary purposes of MADA are to assist traditional students with high school completion, and to help adult students earn a General Education Diploma (GED). In addition, MADA

offers employability skills and computer training, and provides students assistance in preparing to enter NTC or other college programs.

MADA is fortunate to be part of a cooperative arrangement between the City of Merrill and MAPS.

The school serves the Merrill community and Lincoln County and relocated in 2019 to the lower level of the Merrill City Hall building at 1004 East First Street.

For more information, contact MADA at 715.536.1431 or mada@ mapsedu.org.





Dodgeville Chronicle



Almost \$300,000 in scholarships were awarded to Dodgeville High School seniors during Scholarship Night on Wednesday, May 25th



Gunnar Thomas Gatlin Holum Memorial Jerron Doescher & Emma Blume



Ed Lindner Memorial Chloe Burreson



WI Vietnam Vets Chapter IV Dylan Wasley

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Iowa County Cattlemen's - Samantha Esch Iowa County Jerron Doescher, Nick Portzen Class Farmers Appreciation - Samantha Esch Iowa County Farm Bureau -Samantha Esch Red Cross Making a Difference - Tyler Bradley, Annabel Bradley, Sarah Johnson, Maya Kramer, Max Huehne, Max Konop, Austin Bradley Community First Bank - Samantha Esch Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative - Owen

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> We would like to extend a huge thank you to the many scholarship donors that give so generously to the students of Dodgeville High School. Your support of our students and continuing education is greatly ap-

Mineral Point Bullpen Club improves ball field







<mark>NTC</mark> GRADUATES AND PRESIDENT'S LIST

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The following students were awarded diplomas.

Butternut: Alexia Birchmeier, Christian Ernst, John Lynch, Brianne Radlinger and Seth Steiner.

Park Falls: Kayden Augustine, Morgan Carney, Paige Dragovich, Carl Graceffa, April Harshman, Kale Kielpikowski, Benjamin Lee, Nicholas Mattke, Emil Miller, Hailey Minnema, Tristen Mollman, Sebastian Nelson, Joseph Niece, Zach Poetzl, Michelle Riebe, Michelle Rodriguez, Dylon Szymik, Isaac Szymik, Lillian Wegner and Christopher West.

Phillips: Joseph Adams, Thomas Cotner, Mckenzi Franz, Jackson Grendys, Delton Heizler, Jase Hlavacek, Cassandra Morter, Rebekah Patrick, Jevin Setterman and Nikki Shipley.

The following students were named to the president's list for academic achievement. To qualify a student must be enrolled full time in a post-secondary program and complete courses successfully with a 3.75 GPA or above.

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Morrow and Josiah Morrow.
Ogema: Riley Blomberg, Ethan
Komarek and Tana Ulrich.

Park Falls: Morgan Carney, Eve Folstad, Kale Kielpikowski, Nicholas Mattke, Emil Miller, Sebastian Nelson, Joseph Niece, Lindsey Peterson, Zach Poetzl, Michelle Riebe, Dylon Szymik, Isaac Szymik and Anna Wolfe.

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Prentice: Heather Gladson, Tony Lueck, Ethan Lundborg, Raeanna Lyons and Lindsey Wadzinski.

Rib Lake: Jacob Aiken, Makenna Annala, Tyrek Annala, Kylee Goodrich, Trey Klemann, Jordyn Kutzke, Reagan Reinhardt, Sheila Schneider, Rebekah Strobach and Allison Wolf.





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Move to Manufacturing provides free training

As the manufacturing industry continues to grow, local businesses are teaming up to offer Move to Manufacturing, a free training opportunity designed to quickly grow the workforce. Get the skills and knowledge that you need for employment in manufacturing with the support you need to be successful, all without having to quit your current job.

A great paying career with many advancement opportunities is within your reach by completing the Move to Manufacturing program, which is a partnership between Mastercraft Industries/Holiday Kitchens, Schaffer Manufacturing, E&M Machine, and Arctic Compressor, Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and Northwood Technical College (Northwood Tech). According to data compiled by Lightcast (formerly known as Emsi), a Labor Market Analytics tool that uses data from government sources such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau, out of 11 counties within the Northwood Tech region there is a reported 23,213 employees, which is 75% more compared to the national average of 10,506 employees for an area of this size.

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If you are ready to make the move to manufacturing, you can complete the training program in less than 30 days. It consists of an eight-hour online class, followed by a 20-hour hands-on skills workshop that meets in-person at a variety of times so you can complete the class when it's convenient for you.

Are you ready for your next career move? Make the move to manufacturing by signing up at www.movetomanufacturing.com.





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College notes

Two local students have graduated from UW-Madison, per an Aug. 2 press release from the university.

Jake Ramos of Merrillan graduated from the College of Letters and Science with a bachelor of science degree in philosophy. Shauna O'Keefe of Neillsville graduated from the College of Letters and Science with a master's degree in social work.

About 7,700 students received degrees from UW-Madison on May 13 and 14. There were two live ceremonies: one at the Kohl Center on May 13 for doctoral, MFA and medical students; and one at Camp Randall on May 14 for undergraduate, law and master's students.

Carthage College in Kenosha has named Cole Hanson from Chili to its Dean's List for academic excellence during the spring 2022 semester.

Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5

GPA while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

In an Aug. 3 press release, Northcentral Technical College announced the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2022 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 fall term. Students are listed by their hometown.

Abbotsford: Whitnee Capelle, Seungmin Chae, Jeanne Dunow, Melissa Kunze, Erica Lyon, Montanna Marlett, Hoang Tran, Taygen Viegut

Colby: Lauren Berg, Alexander Engel, Jamie Reynolds, Megan Winter

Curtiss: Kelly Adams, Crystal Nowak

Dorchester: Melissa Mulderink, Susan Warner

Greenwood: Daryl Bright, Morgan Raese, Christian Thomas, Rogan Travis

Loyal: Jennifer Brock,

Brody Miller

Neills ville: Chiaki Friemoth, Brian Guizar-Ortiz, Carrie McFarlane

Owen: Katie Erickson, Erin Rasmussen, Connor Simington

Thorp: Jacob Barth, Jene-

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Unity: Brody Much, Abigail Severson, Rex Shipton, Shanna Smazal

Withee: Autumn Frahm, Cassandra Nicks, Latisha Penney, Marlin Pogodzinski

Camp Victory hosting open house

All are invited to attend the third annual open house at Camp Victory, N9839 Sterling Avenue, Greenwood. The event will take place Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. People are encouraged to visit and enjoy camp tours, food, adult raffles, a silent auction and a kids' raffle.

Complementary brats, hot dogs and ice cream will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be free kids' raffle

a 4-10 pump shotgun, a Remington Model 700 Bolt action rifle (270 caliber) and a Stihl chainsaw. One must be present at the drawing to win. The drawing will take place at 2:30 p.m.

All proceeds will support the camp. Camp Victory offers outdoor activities, retreats and relaxation for veterans with post-traumatic stress. Winding throughout the 295-acre property are four miles of





Local Happenings

Kelly Adams and Crystal Nowak, both of Curtiss and Katie Erickson, Erin Rasmussen, and Connor Simington, all of Owen, were named to the President's List at Northcentral Technical College for the spring 2022 semester. To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

O-W Bridge Club results at the end of competition on August 8 were: first place, Joan Hendricks; second place, Pat Blazer; third place, Harriet Laube.





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Northcentral Technical College announces

Meat Processing Development Funding

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to be recognized as a recipient of funding from Governor Tony Evers to address the future of meat processing in Wisconsin. In January, the Governor announced up to \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to develop the Meat Talent Development Program. NTC will receive \$220,000 to help solve food supply chain challenges through short-term training aimed to rapidly build the workforce in Central Wisconsin.

Funding will be used toward a mobile learning lab that will allow NTC to bring training to students throughout Northcentral Wisconsin. The short-term training aligns with the needs of employers to develop talent in the industry. The training will provide farm-to-table practices that will connect learners from NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence to the Culinary Arts Associate Degree. It also gives students the opportunity to develop

the skills they need to take sustainable meat processing practices back to their communities and help keep food local to address the food supply chain issue.

"A portion of this investment will provide financial support to students in NTC's meat processing programs," said Dr. Jeannie Worden, President of NTC. "We are thankful to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for investing in our students and the agriculture community."

According to EMSI Labor Market Analytics & Economic Data, Northcentral Wisconsin has twice as many jobs in the meat processing industry than the national average and that number is projected to increase 21% over the next 10 years. The industry will also experience high retirement rates because 27% of those employed are age 55 and older.

"Wisconsin's livestock and meat processing industries are vital to the economic success of our state and provide consumers with access to high-quality meat products," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "Governor Evers recognizes the importance of investing in the future of this industry and the workforce that makes that industry so strong. We are excited to be working with universities and technical colleges like NTC to provide more educational opportunities for those interested in working in Wisconsin's meat industry."

AGENDA FOR CI BOARD OF SU

Thursday, August 1 County Board Roc Neillsville,

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

REPORTS: Forestry & Parks
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RESOLUTIONS:

24-8-22 Authorizing Participal Aids Program Fish and 25-8-22 Designating Publifor Clark County

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Birth

A baby boy, Draxton Grant, was born on July 21, 2022, to parents Steven and Heather Schreiner of Mosinee at St. Clare's Hospital in Weston.

The baby boy weighed eight pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long. He joins an older brother, Kingston.

Grandparents are John and Lisa Schreiner of Athens and Vivian Watter and Bob Heise of Elderon.

Great-grandparents are Andrew and Luella Schreiner and Susan and the late Lyle A. Becker of Athens and the late Walter and Elizabeth Tegen of Kennan

Dinner in the Gazebo

Rib Falls Methodist Church will host Dinner in the Park this Friday, Aug. 12.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and go until the end of the Athens Old Timers Concert. The food menu will consist of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, water and assorted desserts.

College notes

Gabriella Janke and Tanner Wagner-Durr of Athens graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison this spring.

Janke earned a bachelor of science degree in health promotion and health equity. Wagner-Durr earned a bachelor of business administration in



Street survey work

An employee of Riverside Land Surveying in Weston on Monday morning surveys Schlegel Street in the village of Athens, in preparation for next summer's Schlegel Street reconstruction project. Schlegel Street is located in front of Athens Elementary School.

finance, investment and banking and business information systems.

Northcentral Technical
College (NTC) in Wausau
has announced the following
students from Athens were
awarded diplomas during
the spring 2022 term: Halle
Albrecht, Mya Becker, Eli
Bunkelman, Irvin Chacon,
Melinda Daniels, Caden
Decker, Jake Denzine, Chase
Ellenbecker, Nicole Ellen-

becker, Sherry Gutknecht, Rebecca Hillman, Hattie Nowacki, Amanda Nowak and Anna Wheatley.

Mariah Zinkowich, an Athens native and Wausau resident, also earned a diploma from NTC this spring.

Northcentral Technical College has announced the following students from Athens were awarded to the President's List for the spring 2022 term: Mya Becker, Chase El-

lenbecker, Dawn Erickson, Sherry Gutknecht, Siarra Hart, Rebecka Hein, Amanda Nowak, Crystal Sebold, Heidi Verpoorten and Anna Wheatley.

To make NTC's President's List, students must be enrolled in a post-secondary program, have earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the fall term.

Book reading event

Miltrim Farms in Athens presents Books in "The Milk Haus" from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Storytime will include a free dairy treat and book for children to take home with them. The suggested age is 10 years old and under and an adult must accompany the children throughout the entire time.

Pre-registration is required by texting Becky at 715-905-0334 or e-mailing her at becky@miltrimfarms.com.

After storytime, there will be free time for children to visit a couple calves, check out some farm equipment (weather permitting), watch robots milk the cows, play with the sand table and run the farm equipment simulator.

Farmers Market

The Athens Farmers Market is held every Tuesday during the summer, from 4-7 p.m., in Athens Veterans Memorial Park.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens card group met on August 4 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall

Three games of Sheepshead were played. Norbert Lee won

the first game and Pat Frank took second place. Aaron Totzke won the second game and Jan Lake placed second. Sally Whaples won the third game and Steve Klockziem took second place. Alvira Henrichs received low score

Newcomers are encouraged to come play Sheepshead every Thursday from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Athens fire hall.

Lions Club meetings

Athens-area residents are welcome to attend the Athens Lions Club's monthly meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, alternating between Balz Inn and Landmark Bar.

Anyone with questions can call Athens Lions Club member Steve Sondelski at 715-218-1496. New members and guests are always welcome at the monthly meetings.

Book Club

The public is welcome to join the Marathon County Athens Branch Library staff and other book lovers for a return of their monthly book club gatherings.

People will discuss author Taylor Jenkins Reid's wildly popular novel, "Malibu Rising" during Book Club at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

People with questions on the August Book Club can call the Athens library at 715-257-7292.

School open houses

Athens elementary and Maple Grove Charter schools and the Athens middle/high school will have their open houses for parents and students from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25.

St. Anthony's Catholic School in Athens will hold its open house for parents and students from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31.









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Seasoned players

The younger teams in the Edgar Seasoned Players Edgar Seasoned Players League all got wins in the swel-tering heat Thursday night at the Edgar Softball Complex as Edgar Lanes, Louie/Werner and Landmark all went down to defeat

and Landmark all went down to defeat.
Edgar Lanes played well for a second straight week, but came up just short on the scoreboard. The Round of Mulligans got the 7-6 win. Scott Lemmer and Mike Roebyn made outstanding div. Boehm made outstanding div-ing, rolling catches in the out-field to end innings leaving the Lanes sitting with bases loaded. Heath again led the Mullies going 3-3. Every Mullie player had a hit except for Chief. Strobes pulled into a first place tie with the Pharm after

their 11-5 victory over Louie/ Werner. Strobes rolled up 15 hits. Korey did most of the damage going 3-3 with two in-the-park homeruns. Heff was also 3-3. There was some dissension on the L/W team. The players in the dugout had a sheephead game going and Sten showed up out of uni-form. Bart reported no other

The Pharm avenged an early The Pharm avenged an early season loss with a 12-0 victory over Landmark. There was a number of questionable calls all going the Pharm's way causing some boos and jeers from the bleachers. Good hitting eventually sealed the deal. John Peterlik had a double off the fence and a homerun. A number of Pharm players were 3-3. For Landmark, Roy was 2-2, Jimmy and Emp had was 2-2, Jimmy and Emp had the other two hits. Six Land-mark players only got one at bat in the five inning game.

Athletic passes

Edgar School District will distribute free athletic passes for all citizens 62 years of age or older residing in the school

district.

Passes are available in the high school office or from ticket sellers at events. Passes will not be accepted for any WIAA tournament events which Ed-



A concert in the park

Solo performer Mattea Joy Baeseman on Thursday performs "Wild World" by Cat Stevens as part of an Edgar Fine Arts Association summer concert serties in Oak Street Park.

gar may host

On campus

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has announced the following Edgar students were spring 2022 graduates: Mispring 2022 graduates: Mi-kaela Christianson, Stephanie Hannemann, Jaxson Kurtzweil, Kassidy Myszka, Jon Raatz and Melinda Urmanski.

The college has also announced its President's List for outstand-ing academic achievement dur-ing the spring 2022 term. The following Edgar students en-

rolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits a minimum of six credits during the fall term: Abigail Bargender, Owen Baumann, Everet Brehm, Gretchen Brewster, Mikaela Chris-tianson, Kendalyn Dahlke, Ashley Erickson, Amande Fischer, Kaden Griesmer, Stephanie Hannemann, Isa-balla Hubproffuse I vidia Stepnanie Hannemann, isa-bella Huehnerfuss, Lydia Huehnerfuss, Kali Kaiser, Jaxson Kurtzweil, Ella Morse, Jon Raatz, Morgan Schnelle, Kira Slack, Melinda Urmanski and Elizabeth Wenzel. UW-Madison has recog-

nized Edgar students who received degrees on May 13 and May 14. They are Ca-mille Gorman, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Consumer Behav-ior and Marketplace Stud-ies, Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies (with distinction); Colton Heil, School of Business, Bache-lor of Business Administration. Business: Finance. In vestment and Banking (with distinction); Samantha Ma-necke, School of Nursing, Bachelor of Science-Nursing, Nursing.

Blood drive

The Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin will hold a blood drive on Mon-day, Aug. 15, 3-7 p.m. at the Edgar Village Hall.

School to start

Edgar Public Schools will begin classes on Thurs-day Sept. 1. All parents of enrolled students have re-ceived a school opening packet of materials in the mail. Any families new to the area should contact ei-ther the elementary office staff (715-352-2727) or the high school (715-352-2352) as soon as possible.

soon as possible.

If you have questions concerning transportation, content Mary Kay Adamski at Fischer Bus Service in Fenwood (715-352-2169). Busing to/from childcare providers, as well as other unique transportation. transportation arrange-ments, can be arranged when completing Returning Registration or you can find the form on the school web-site under the "Parent" tab. Before and after school (6

a.m. – 6 p.m.) child care opportunities can be arranged through Edgar Child Care – 715-352-2000 or mindy.edgarchildcare@gmail.com.

childcare@gmail.com.
The school district has
new staff members this year.
They include Ashley Blenker; special education; Megan Koroch, special education coordinator; Dr. Zynda,
school psychologist; Kamryn
Butt special education; Em-Butt, special education; Emily Morzewski, grade three; Jennifer Pritzl, counselor; Shanna Thorson, grade one; Sara Farber, regular education paraprofessional, Patty Kohel, regular education paraprofessional; Katie Ferparaprofessional; Katie Fer-manich, paraprofessional; Wendy Galbraith, parapro-fessional; Allisyn Lehman, paraprofessional; Jennifer Olmsted, ELL paraprofes-sional; Gina Graveen, grade five intern; Amy Hahn, high school business; Daniel Pra-zuch, high school English; Arielle Mueller, high school special education; and Linda special education; and Linda Mussell, high school special education.

"I am excited to continue "I am excited to continue working with our team of educators and the community of Edgar," said Edgar School District administrator Dr. Cari Guden. "By working together collaboratively, we want to provide the very best for each of your students. We are looking forward to an exciting and educationally innovative school year." tive school year.

Battle of the Badges

The Marathon County Sheriff's Department is hosting an eighth annual Battle of the Badges softball tournament fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18, at the Edgar Soft-

ball Complex.
2021's tournament enabled employees at the sheriff's office to donate \$20,000 to the Wisconsin Fire and EMS Wisconsin Fire and EMS
Memorial in Wisconsin Rapids. The goal for 2022 is to
give a \$20,000 donation to the
Wisconsin Law Enforcement
Museum of Valor. To date,
the softball tournament has
donated \$68,000 to various donated \$68,000 to various organizations since 2014. For more information, send a question to battleofbadgesmarathonco@gmail.com

Free Screening

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United Way will hold a free blood pressure screening every second Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. starting Aug. 8. at Stark's Floral, 109 W. Redwood St, Edgar. For more information, call 715-352-2577.

Family Frenzy

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Friday Family Frenzy on Aug. 12, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event will feature games for children, food and a raffle. A movie under the stars will be shown after dusk in back of the church. Movie-goers should bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Steam show

The 49th annual North Central Wisconsin Antique Steam and Gas Engine Club show will be held Friday through Sunday, Aug. 26-28, at the Kurt Umnus Farm, town of Wien, at 223755 Steam Hill Dr.

The show will feature steam engine plowing, a general store, sawmills, threshing machines, blacksmiths, corn chopping and silo filling.

This year's featured tractor is a 1958 444 Massey Harris tractor owned by Ray Streveler.

Music will be performed in two venues. In an outside tent, the Strat Cats will play from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday. They will be followed by the Fabulous Hellhounds from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Drovers will perform 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will be followed by the Jerry Schmitt Band

from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. On Sunday, Doug Kroening will perform from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Music in the event barn will start Friday with Steve Meisner 5-8 p.m. On Saturday, Curt Pliske and Polka Spirit will perform 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Hocus Polkas is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Sunday, the Tom Kneiss Orchestra will play at a 9 a.m. church service and Neal Zunker will play 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Senior events

St. Stephens ELCA, Edgar, will host a senior events during August in the church basement. The church will host bingo games on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 1-3 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be served. For more information or to request a ride, call Mark at 715-348-5802 or Colleen at 715-571-8277.

Farmers Market

The Edgar Farmer's Market is held every Friday from 2-6 p.m. during the summer st the intersection of Third Ave. and Maple Street.

Summer concerts

The Edgar Fine Arts Association will sponsor Tiny and Shoes, aka Tim Karlen and Steve Schumacher (with concessions by St. John's Youth Group) on Thursday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m. in Oak Street Park.

Concert goers are urged to bring lawn chairs to sit in. The rain location for concerts is in the Edgar Public Schools auditorium.





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Stratford



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College notes

Kaley Dennee, Sarah LaBorde and Tera Wiesman of Stratford graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Mad-ison this spring. Dennee earned a bachelor

of science degree in nursing. LaBorde earned a bachelor of business administration degree in business, finance, investment and banking and

investment and banking and business marketing. Wiesman earned a masters of physician assistant studies degree.

Northcentral Technical College in Wausau has announced the following students from Stratford were awarded diplomas during the spring 2022 term: Kaedyn Dahl, Devin Dennee, Trevor Dennee, Logan Dix, Matt Handrick, Elizabeth Jennings, Mavrick Licciardi, Cody Miller, Kolby Mueller, Dalton Schoenherr and Brooke Dalton Schoenherr and Brooke

Dalton Schoenherr and Brooke Spaeth
Northcentral Technical Collegehas announced the following students from Stratford were awarded to the President's List for the spring 2022 term: Noah Barrett, Hailey Chapel, Delaney Dennee, Logan Dix, Alexis Folz, Tyler Heckel, Darin Heeg, Justin Krzanowski, Cody Miller, Autumn Oertel, Kara Schara, Olivia Spindler and Devin Ulrich.

To make NTC's President's List, students must be enrolled in a post-secondary program, have earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the fall term.

STH 97 construction

James Peterson Sons of Med-ford is the general contractor for the resurfacing and safety



Paving project

American Asphalt workers on Monday morning prepare to blacktop the entrance road to Stratford High School's athletic fields. American Asphalt completed the paving project on Monday, after previously blacktopping the new track at Tigers Stadium. There is a 30-day blacktop curing period on the track before general contractor Fisher Tracks will apply the top rubber coating on it.

improvement project on STH 97 between Reflection Street in the village of Stratford and Northridge Street in Marshfield.

Road construction started on Monday and is estimated to be completed in the middle of November, depending on the

Grab & Go kit

Grab & Go kit

Some things never go out of style, and that includes knotted hemp bracelets!

The Marathon County Public Library (MCPL) will offer free kits to make this bohochic accessory during the month of August.

Kits containing supplies for the craft will be available at all nine MCPL locations. Each kit will contain hemp cord and instructions for making one bracelet us-

ing the sailor knot method of

ing the sailor knot method or knotting. Kits are free and available while supplies last. People wanting more information can contact the MCPL main headquarters in Wausau at 715-261-7230.

Story time Children can bring their favorite stuffed animals for

favorite stuffed animals for story time from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Marathon County Public Library's Stratford Branch, located at 213201 Scholar Street. Attendees can hear camping stories and then leave their stuffed animals at the Stratford library for a summertime sleepover. Children can pick up their stuffed animals on either Thursday, Aug. 18, or Friday, Aug. 19. This event is free.

day, Aug. 19. This event is free. For more information, par-

ents can call the Stratford library at 715-687-4420

School open house Stratford elementary and middle/high schools will hold an open house in their build-

ings for parents and children from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

Book Club

The public is welcome to join the Marathon County Stratford Branch Library staff and fellow readers for a Book Club discussion at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17 of author Ann Patchett's newest collec-tion of essays titled, "These Precious Days."

Precious Days."
Anyone with questions

about the August Book Club can call the Stratford Library at 715-687-4420.

Fitness training

A training session will take place from 8-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Knoll Fitness Center.

Traveling art gallery
The Marathon County Public Library's Little Art Exhibit will be on display at the library's Stratford Branch, located at 213201 Scholar St., from now until this Saturday, Aug. 6. The gallery contains mini works of art created by community members. The Little Art Exhibit is free to at-







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Marathon



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Football skills

The 2022 Marathon football skills competition will be held Saturday, Sept. 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Marathon High School football/baseball field. School football/ baseball held.
All boys and girls ages 6-14
years old are welcome to participate. Awards will be given
to three places in each age
group and gender. Winners
will be recognized at a youth awards ceremony starting at 6:30 p.m.

On campus

Northcentral Technical Col-lege (NTC) has recognized these Marathon students these Marathon students who were awarded diploma during the spring 2022 term: Makayla Folan, Amy Fromm, Matthew Hader, Alana Hoyt, Benjamin Kopetzky, Payton Reidinger, Alexander Reuter, Paige Ross, Stephanie Schoel-zel, Noah Streveler and Megan Marshall

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The college has announced its President's List for out-standing academic achieve-ment for the spring 2022 term. The following Marathon stu-dents enrolled in a post-sec-ondary program, earned a 3.75 ondary program, earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the fall term: Tyler Cliver, Christopher Deedon, Lucas Feck, Dakota Hall, Joshua Heerts, Heidi Henrichs, Alana Hoyt, Cheryl Rainville, Payton Reidinger, Chelsea Riehle, Paige Ross, Addison Sedivy, Kaci Sessions, Jeremy Small, Dorrine Smetak and Kyle Wokatsch. ondary program, earned a 3.75

Dorrine Smetax and Kyle Wo-katsch.

UW-Madison has announced
a local spring 2022 graduate.
She is Ann Seliger, College of
Agricultural and Life Sciences, bachelor of science, Bio-chemistry (with distinction).

Rehel ride

A motorcycle Rebel Ride to A motorcycle Rebet Ride to benefit Special Olympics will be held Friday, Sept. 9, starting at 10:30 a.m. at Weiks' Pub and Grill, Rib Falls. The event will conclude with a raffle and eve-

Tournament winners

On the weekend of July 23, the Marathon 10U baseball team won the Spencer tournament with wins over Auburndale, Spencer and Abbotsford. Members of the team include, left to right, front row: Ty Hammerstrom, Eli Shuda, Blake Miller, Westin Berens, Cody Rhein, and Leighton Kilty; Middle row: Eddie Patten, Eli DeBroux, Jack Chrouser, Jagger Westfall, Knox Laher, Ethan Behnke, and Dylan Freund; back row: Coach Joe Westfall, Coach Ryan DeBroux, Coach Troy Kilty, Coach Andrew Chrouser, Coach Scott Behnke and Coach Jon Shuda

ning festivities at the tavern.

Ginseng festival

The Ginseng Board of Wisconsin will host an International Wisconsin Ginseng Festival Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veterans Park, Marathon City.

Transition day

Marathon High School has scheduled a freshman transischedulet a freshman transi-tion day on Thursday, Sept. 1, starting at 7:55 a.m. Students will take part in large and small group sessions, receive a school tour, get a Chrome-book and have a chance to locate their classrooms.

Sept. 1 is the first day of school for all students.

Fun Days
The Marathon Legion Post
469 and other local civic
groups will host Fun Days

Sept. 2-5 at Veterans Park, Marathon City. A list of activities has been

announced

on Friday, Sept. 2, the car-nival opens at 6 p.m. A Mara-thon Venture Academy five kilometer run and walk will take place at 6:30 p.m. pre-ceded by an children's one kilometer event at 6 p.m. Neal Zunker will entertain from 7-11 p.m.

Activities on Saturday, Sept. Activities on Saturday, Sept. 3, start with a Legion baseball breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Marathon High School cafeteria. A men's and women's golf tournament will be held at Pine Valley Golf Course starting at 8:30 a.m. The Marathon Fire Department will host an open house at its fire station from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Ginseng Board of Wisconsin will have an integrational deliberation an international deliberation

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At noon, a football skills competition will be held at Marathon High School. The carnival opens at 1 p.m. A kiddie parade will be held at 1:15 p.m. Youth, football skills and golf awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks will be set off at Marathon Area Elementary, School thon Area Elementary School at dusk. The band Hyde will perform from 8 p.m. to mid-

night. On Sunday, Sept. 4, a chicken dinner will be served at the intersection of Fourth Street and Chestnut Street. A Legends auto show will be on disends auto show will be on dis-play from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Main Street parade will start at 1 p.m. The carnival opens at 2 p.m. The Hocus Polkas Band will perform from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be com-munity games and raffling at 7 p.m. Jerry Schmitt will per-form from 8 a.m. to midnight. A bean bag tournament will be held on Monday, Sept. 5, at 10a.m. The carnival opens at noon.

Welcome back

Welcome back

St. Mary's School, Marathon, has scheduled a "welcome come back" day on
Tuesday, Aug. 30. On this day,
students can drop off supplies, meet teachers and take
pictures. The first day of
school is Thursday, Sept. 1.

History chats

This August, Marathon County Historical Society "History Chats" will feature some of the villages from Marathon County, All History Chats programs are at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday, and are Fine every fundaday, and are livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook Live. They will also be available to view after-wards as recorded programs on the society's YouTube wards as recorded programs on the society's YouTube channel, Facebook page and on Wausau's public access channel 980. These programs are presented in cooperation with the Marathon County Public Library.

May 11, Fenwood: Ben Clark continues the trip across the county to the Village of Fenwood, to learn about its unique history.

about its unique history.

■ Aug. 18, Elderon: To start the month of village histo-ries, Gary Gisselman takes everyone to the eastern part of the county to learn about

■ Aug. 25, Spencer: This week Ben Clark takes us to the Village of Spencer to learn more about it.

The Marathon County Historical Society is located in the Woodson History Center at 410 McIndoe Street, Wayneau Fishbitt and office ter at 410 McIndoe Street, Wausau. Exhibit and office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Satur-day and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Admission is free. The research library is open from Pescarch Horary is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday. Tours of the Yawkey House Museum are available Tuesday – Sunday. Call for times and prices.

For more information, call

15-842-5750, email info@mar-athoncountyhistory.org, or visit www.marathoncounty-history.org.

Housing study

The Village of Marathon

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City is one of eight communities in central Wisconsin participating in a housing study conducted by the North Central Regional Planning Commission to address shortages in the housing market. The projected is slated for completion by December 2022. The results of the survey will be used by regional municipalities in planning for residential development.

The online survey can be located at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRXD8VJ

Governments involved in the study include Marathon County and the villages of Kronenwetter, Maine, Marathon City, Rothschild, and Weston, cities of Schofield and Wausau, and Town of Rib Mountain.

Data collection over spring and summer 2022 found that the area is growing, but also aging, with more people living alone and staying longer in their homes as they age compared to the past. There is an abundance of middle-class housing, but the supply is constrained due to the lack of lowincome housing and higher-end housing. This was determined by comparing households' income to rent and purchase prices in the area. Therefore, housing of all types and prices is needed to address regional demand, with up to 2,000 units needed by 2025 and another 1,100 needed by 2030.

Fun Days run

Marathon Venture Academy has announced it will sponsor the 15th annual Marathon Fun Days run and walk on Friday, Sept. 2. A one kilometer children's race will start at 6 p.m. followed by a five kilometer race for adults at 6:30 p.m.

The run/walk is a 3.1 mile course which starts at the Fun Days grounds on Fourth Street. Participants will receive a t-shirt. Go to the following address for registration information: https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Marathon/MarathonFunDays5K10KR un?remMeAttempt=#MarathonPride



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Northcentral Technical College announces meat processing funding

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) pleased to be recognized as a recipient of funding from Governor Tony Evers to address the future of meat processing in Wisconsin. In January, the Governor announced up to \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to develop the Meat Talent Development Program.

NTC will receive \$220,000 to help solve food supply chain challenges through short-term training aimed to rapidly build the workforce in Central Wisconsin.

Funding will be used toward a mobile learning lab that will allow NTC to bring training to students throughout Northcentral Wisconsin. The short-term training aligns with the needs of employers to develop talent in the industry. The training will provide farm-to-table practices that will connect learners from NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence to the Culinary Arts Associate Degree. It also gives students the opportunity to develop the skills they need to take sustainable meat processing practices back to their communities and help keep food local to address the food supply chain issue.

"A portion of this investment will provide financial support to students in NTC's meat processing programs," said Dr. Jeannie Worden, President of NTC. "We are thankful to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for investing in our students and the agriculture community."

According to EMSI Labor Market Analytics & Economic Data, Northcentral Wisconsin has twice as many jobs in the meat processing industry than the national average and that number is projected to increase 21% over the next 10 years. The industry will also experience high retirement rates because 27% of those employed are age 55 and older.

"Wisconsin's livestock and meat processing industries are vital to the economic success of our state and provide consumers with access to high-quality meat products," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "Governor Evers recognizes the importance of investing in the future of this industry and the workforce that makes that industry so strong. We are excited to be working with universities and technical colleges like NTC to provide more educational opportunities for those interested in working in Wisconsin's meat industry."



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NTC hosted Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Romanski, WTCS Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Director Betsy Leonard, as well as local stakeholders to address the local need to develop talent in the meat processing industry. Pictured (left to right): Dr. Greg Cisewski, Dean of NTC's School of Agricultural Science, Utilities and Transportation; Dr. Jeannie Worden, NTC President; Keith Langenhahn, Member of NTC's Board of Trustees; Randy Romanski, Secretary of Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection; Dr. Darren Ackley, NTC's Vice President of Learning; Dr. Brad Gast, NTC's Dean of Workforce Training + Professional Development; Dr. Brandy Breuckman, NTC's Dean of Business + Director of Learning Innovation; Betsy Leonard, Wisconsin Technical College System's Education Director of Agriculture + Natural Resources.



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Area College Notes

North Central Technical College

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2022 term:

Mosinee, Wis.: Garrison Allen, Zackary Allen, Brent Block, Rylee Buska-Hack, Ethan Chaney, Kelly Dahlke, Danielle Danczyk, Reilly Davis, Alyssa Dunn, Patti Fennig, Kortney Goetsch, Jayson Goetz, Joshua Hallas, Gabriel Kohnert, Ernest Kress, Justice Kuhn, Adrian Kulp, Caitlyn Lassa, Daniel Mathews, Korrina Mohr, Amber Ruzga, Colin Schlagel, Ysurf Shariff, Dan Singkofer, Lydia Stucki, Amanda Van Ert, Michelle Weinberg, Logan Wenninger, Madison Winter, Kassandra Wizner, Keegan Zyduck.

Northcentral Technical College (http://www.ntc.edu/) is north central Wisconsin's premier twoyear college of choice and is a resource for all District residents. It provides individuals, organizations and businesses with quality skills training in a wide range of programs designed to build a competitive, technologically advanced workforce in today's rapidly changing global environment.

NTC has six convenient campus locations in Wausau, Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, and Wittenberg, as well as a Public Safety Center of Excellence in Merrill, a Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo and an Agriculture Center of Excellence just north of the Wausau Campus in the Village of Maine. The Wausau Campus also features a Center for Health Sciences, Center for Business & Industry, Information Technology & Entrepreneurial Center (iTEC), STEM Center, Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center of Excellence, SPOONS restaurant, Studio Max Salon + Spa and a Center for Geriatric Education.





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Internships aren't just for college students anymore

Michelle Stangler

Correspondent



Thompson



Lewandowski

Most internships are typically designed for college students, ready to experience a taste of the real working world. For Jescey Thompson and Mary Lewandowki, they were able to sample that opportunity while still in high school.

Thompson and Lewandowski, both active their respective FFA chapters and communities, not surprisingly, jumped at the chance to

join other students this summer in an internship as a means to explore the agricultural industry where they hope to launch careers one day.

The perfect job

Mary Lewandowski of Bevent is serving as the Communications and Events intern for Marathon County Partnership for Progressive Agriculture, a role she has relished since the day after her high school graduation.

So far she's taught Wisconsin agriculture through summer school pro-

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Waupaca, Wisconsin State Farmer



Intern

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grams and the organization's "On The Moo-ve" program which allows children experience milking via an interactive cow model. In addition, she helps coordinate education activities during the Wisconsin Valley Fair.

"It was the perfect job for me to experience firsthand," she said, "as this is the career I want to go into."

Lewandowski learned of the opportunity through a scholarship. She connected with the executive coordinator and is now able to balance the internship while taking online summer classes through Northcentral Technical College. In fall, she hopes to continue earning her Associates degree in Dairy Sci-

ence and Agri-business and transfer to UW-Stevens Point for a degree in organizational leadership.

The fifth generation dairy farmer plans to remain involved in agriculture through membership in different through organizations. She credits her time in FFA and experiences on the farm for leading her on her current path. She hoped to instill those valuable lessons to the farm's next generation.

Lewandowski says the internship has taught her to balance her schedule while setting priorities. It's also prepared her in becoming a more effective advocate for agriculture.

"I see myself an advocate that promotes the importance of Wisconsin agriculture and is able to connect with the public through truthful education and meaningful opportunities," she said. "By exposing others to the diversity of agriculture, we can change someone's perspective and even their lives."

Jescey Thompson

New experience every day

Jescey Thompson is all about seizing opportunities.

The Ettrick teen is the summer intern at the University of Wisconsin Extension-Jackson County. While each day is different, his tasks vary from helping in the alfalfa plot to teaching students about plant anatomy in the community garden. He's even aided the 4-H educator in planning events.

"I am taking every opportunity to experience something new each day," said Thompson. "Not only will the community learn and benefit from our (Extension) studies, but I am learning the process, too."

When his agriculture instructor forwarded the internship posting to him, Thompson initially thought it wouldn't hurt to apply although it was meant for high school graduates or college students. Taking advantage of the opportunity has allowed him to continue his passion in agriculture advocacy.

"I have a passion for working with youth and adults in the community while teaching them about agriculture," said Thompson

Thompson also serves on the Jackson County Farm Bureau Board of Directors as the Agriculture Promotions and Education chair along with serving as the Ag in the Classroom coordinator. He credits these positions in showing how the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation organization and Extension play a role in advocacy efforts.

"By exposing others to the diversity of agriculture, we can change someone's perspective and even their lives," said Thompson.

Internships are a way for students to become exposed to wide array of jobs in the field of agriculture. Thompson says he wants to continue learning. "Ever since I was little, agriculture advocacy has been in my blood."

Growing up on a small dairy farm fed Thomp-

son's interest and today he owns a herd of show cattle with his brother and father, Jacob and Travis Thompson.

The Trempealeau County teen will return to the classroom this fall, but once he graduates from high school he plans to attend college and pursue a career in agriculture via policy, lobbying or reporting.

Through internship opportunities, many up and coming generations may be inspired to remain in agriculture. As companies and organizations invest in young people, many ideas shared and tend to benefit for both sides.

As the summer wanes, the days of high school or college students' internships will soon be draw to a close, sending them back to the classroom where they will be able to use those summer experiences again and again.



Baldwin Bulletin



Move to manufacturing provides free training for entry-level employment

As the manufacturing industry continues to grow, local businesses are teaming up to offer Move to Manufacturing, a free training opportunity designed to quickly grow the workforce. Get the skills and knowledge that you need for employment in manufacturing with the support you need to be successful, all without having to quit your current job.

A great paying career with many advancement opportunities is within

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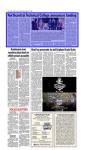
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Are you ready for your next career move? Make the move to manufacturing by signing up at www.movetomanufacturing.com.



Antigo Daily Journal



Northcentral Technical College announces funding

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Northcentral Technical College hosted Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski, Wisconsin Technical College System Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Director Betsy Leonard, as well as local stakeholders to address the local need to develop talent in the meat processing industry. From left, are Greg Cisewski, dean of NTC's School of Agricultural Science, Utilities and Transportation; Jeannie Worden, NTC president; Keith Langenhahn, member of NTC's board of trustees; Romanski; Darren Ackley, NTC's vice president of learning; Brad Gast, NTC's dean of workforce training and professional development; Brandy Breuckman, NTC's dean of business and director of learning innovation; and Leonard.

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COLLEGE NEWS

UW-Stevens Point

Officials at UW-Stevens Point conferred degrees on 1,100 graduates for the spring 2022 semester.

Antigo: Montana Grabowsky, bachelor of science, management, marketing; Austin Kirsch, bachelor of science, health and wellness management; Matthew Matucheski, bachelor of science, history and social studies education, magna cum laude honors; Jesse Robinson, bachelor of science, biology.

Deerbrook: Jessica Slowik, bachelor of science, health science—pre-athletic training.

Gleason: Luke Pfingsten, bachelor of science, accounting, cum laude; Deanta Saunders, bachelor of science, elementary education, cum laude,

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) officials announce the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2022 term.

Antigo: Alison Boldig, Connie Diedrick, Gabriela Duchac, Rebecca Duchac, Tyler Eades, Rachel Fredericksen, Trent Geurts, George Harker, Gracie Hitz, David Illikainen, Bryce Karl, Korbin Krueger, Doua Lor, Lisa Menting, Dustin Scherer, Wyatt Schielke, Jacob Schmidt, Matthew Schultz, Stephenie Smith, Sean Straw, Courtney Thiel, Jerome Thompson, Leo Waldvogel, Kristin Wiedenhoeft. Melissa Wilhelm.

Birnamwood: Kayce Cherek, Kalvin Fischer, Jacob Groshek, Richard Olson Jr., Shawna Raab, Wyatt Schoepke, Hunter Schroepfer.

Bryant: Julianna Bauknecht, Paris Wanta.

Eland: Tyler Schmidt. Pickerel: May Mischler.

Wittenberg: Heather Buntrock, Liliana Doak, Christian Hartleben, Mary Stoinski, Trent Yenter, Bryce Zoromski.

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) officials announce the president's list for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2022 term. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 GPA or better and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the fall term

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Antigo: Jeff Barnes, Alison Boldig, Collin Boodry, Lance Burkhart, Kathrin Clay, Rebecca Duchac, Tyler Eades, Jessy Evanson, Brandin Fischer, Rachel Fredericksen, Cassidy Greisinger, Laura Hendrickson, Kylie Higgins, David Illikainen, Bryce Karl, Rebecca Kegler, Kurtis Koeppel, Dixie Pontefract, Kristopher Post, Marissa Rustick, Dustin

Scherer, Jacob Schmidt, Meghan Schroeder, Lindsey Steger, Sean Straw, Courtney Thiel, Erik Vasquez, Andrew Volkmann, Ashley Weaver, Kristin Wiedenhoeft, Melissa Wilhelm.

Birnamwood: Jacquelynn Bell, Kayce Cherek, Macey Fischer, Benjamin Gilkenson, Magen Malueg, Dakota Marien, Corin Martens, Richard Olson, Jayda Resch, Cheyann Schairer, Michelle Suess, Erotica Wanta.

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Deerbrook: Zachary

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Eland: Austin Hitz, Rachele Wamboldt.

Elcho: Rita Manka, Hope Wheeler.

Gleason: Cali Brown, Andrew Headings, Stephanie Landwehr, Betsy Rell.

Pickerel: Emily Bastle, Michelle Urick.

Wabeno: Kristen Fronek. Wittenberg: Heather Buntrock, Liliana Doak, Austin Frederick, Evelyn Kizewski, Tracy Levandoski, Joshua Stoinski, Mary Stoinski, Danee Walker.





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College Updates

The following students graduated from Northcentral Technical College following the 2022 spring semester: Javier Rocha, Seungmin Chae, Fatima Chavez, Ivan Cruz, Jayda Friedenfels, Suzanne Kampmeyer, Melissa Kunze, Taygen Viegut and Kazlyn Weber.

COLBY

College Updates

Madelyn Kaiser received a bachelor's of science-education degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison when she graduated this spring.

Emily Gurtner graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Steven's Point this spring. She completed her degree in math - teaching and received Summa Cum Laude honors.

The following students graduated from Northcentral Technical College: Alexanndrya Barnickle, Lauren Berg, Elaine Hediger, Laisha Hernandez, Taylor Johnson, Amanda Patterson and Kerstin Schuh.

CURTISS

College Update

Kelly Adams and Marisol Garcia graduated from Northcentral Technical College after the 2022 spring semester.

DORCHESTER

College Updates

Louella Derrico and Abbey Paddock graduated from the University of Steven's Point following the 2022 spring semester. Derrico received a bachelor of music, music education and a choral music teaching certificate, as well as Magna Cum Laude honors. Paddock completed her bachelor of arts degree, majoring in music.

The following students graduated from Northcentral Technical College this past spring: Tucker Broeske, Noemi Fuentes and Melissa Mulderink.

Dominic Crowder was named to the MIAA academic honor roll at Trine University. To be recognized, student-athletes must reach a 3.5 grade-point average for the academic year and earn a varsity letter in an MIAA-sponsored sport.

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College Updates

The following students received diplomas following the spring 2022 semester at Northcentral Technical College: Brody Much, Abigail Severson, Rex Shipton and Matthew Sockness.





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NTC announces spring 2022 President's List for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) announces the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2022 term. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the fall term.

Gilman: Delta Alger, Tracy Gabryel, Brooklyn Krizan, Sarah Olson

Medford: Kristen Brandner, Logan Bucki, Mara Buskerud, Ashley Carlson, Jordaan Clark, Sarah Curran, Kelly Dahl, Michael Dassow, Kristianna Fogo, Jamie Fuse, Madison Gruny, Morgan Hartl, Melanie Heier, Danette Holtman, Paula Johnson, Kimberly Kraschnewski, Sheila Krueger, Olivia Krug, Jillian Mahner, Ethan Marthaler, Summer Marthaler, Lauren Pelnis, Lydia Pernsteiner, Jennifer Pester, Brooke Rudolph, Rynn Ruesch, Madlyn Spencer, Elijah Strebig, Alicia Venzke, Carter Waldhart, Karlee Westrich, Ashley Wolfert

Rib Lake: Jacob Aiken, Makenna Annala, Tyrek Annala, Kylee Goodrich, Trey Klemann, Jordyn Kutzke, Reagan Reinhardt, Sheila Schneider, Rebekah Strobach, Allison Wolf

Stetsonville: Lauryn Anderson, Melanie Fisher, Katie Kreklau

Westboro: Tammy Johnson, Emma Winter



Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News



NTC receives \$220K for meat processing work

Northcentral Technical College will receive \$220,000 from the

American Rescue Plan Act to help solve food supply chain challenges

HAVE AN EVENT TO SHARE?

There are two ways to submit calendar notices:

Go to the form on our website at http://www.newmedia-wi.com/content/community-calendar and ill it out to send to us.

Send your information by email to news@newmedia-wi.com and put "Community Calendar" in the subject line.

through short-term training aimed to rapidly build the workforce in Central Wisconsin.

Funding will be used toward a mobile learning lab that will allow NTC to bring training to students throughout north central Wisconsin. The short-term training aligns with the needs of employers to develop talent in the industry. The training will provide farm-to-table practices that will connect learners from NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence to the culinary arts associate degree. It also gives students the opportunity to develop the skills they need to take sustainable meat processing practices back to their communities and help keep food local to address the food supply chain issue.

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Northcentral Technical College receives \$340,000+ Retool Machine Tool Grant

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to be recognized as the recipient of a \$340,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant designed to build the machine tool workforce in central Wisconsin over the next three years. The Retool Project focuses on machine tool technician training and careers, diversity and accessibility. The grant was written in collaboration with the Hmong American Center, Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) with support from Lange Machine & Tool Company, JARP Industries, and North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

Funds will support community outreach of machine tool training and careers through NTC's Advanced Manufacturing Mobile Lab and the Emerging Technologies (STEM) Mobile Lab, which will be showcased during K-12 and community events. NTC's mobile labs and STEM-centric activities will introduce prospective students to equipment, experiences, and processes to increase awareness and

understanding of machine tool technician education and career opportunities.

Additionally, NTC will retool curriculum to develop a new CNC Machining Technician Certificate, and will update and refresh the existing Basic Machining, Machine Tool Operation and Machine Tool Technics technical diplomas.

NTC's collaboration with the local Hmong American Center and employer partners will give students the opportunity to job shadow professionals in the field and provide internships. Employer partners will also host business tours, serve as panelists and guest speakers in the classroom, identify mentors and identify potential funders for scholarships to support students.

The Retool Machine Tool Grant is made possible through the NSF, Division of Undergraduate Education, Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program which seeks to improve the education of technicians in science and engineering. It is awarded under the federal award identification number 2201611.



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Tuesday Night Smear

The results of the Tuesday Night Smear played at Moon Lake are as follows:

AUGUST 16, 2022 1st Place: Dick Kurschner.

2nd Place: Tim Sollman. 3rd Place (tie): Tom Bonkrude & Pat Masloski.

Low (tie): George Sollman, Merlin Richter, Betty Semerad.

Everyone is welcome, starting time is 6:30 p.m. for the winter months at Moon Lake Tayern.

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Northcentral Technical College Seeking Wood Science Instructor

POSTED ON AUGUST 26, 2022

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is seeking a knowledgeable, energetic, professional full-time faculty member to teach in its Associate Degree Wood Science Program. This unique two year program is taught out of NTC's beautiful one-of-a-kind 27,000 square foot Wood Technology Center of Excellence. This bright and modern facility houses state of the art equipment, used for both the Associate Degree program, as well as several certificates and Continuing Education classes. Due to the unique learning environment, businesses send students from around the country to NTC for this exceptional training. Located in Antigo, Wisconsin, the area offers many lakes and expansive forested areas featuring numerous outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, golfing, camping, skiing, snowshoeing, and biking. With a population of around 7,700, the city of Antigo has a small town feel, yet is large enough to meet your daily needs with multiple dining and retail businesses, and it is only 40 minutes from Wausau.

The successful candidate will teach the current and next generation of highly skilled workers in the secondary woods manufacturing industry, with an emphasis in the hardwood segment. The individual should be comfortable teaching a diverse set of Program course topics within this department, in a variety of formats, and using multiple forms of technology for instruction. The successful candidate will also work with businesses and organizations from around the country, and be the primary point of contact for the Program.

PLEASE NOTE: Industry professionals are encouraged to apply, our Academic Excellence team will assist you with the teaching skills you will need to be a success! <u>Apply for this exciting opportunity at your earliest convenience</u>. Although there is a posting deadline, all application submissions will be reviewed as they are received, and <u>NTC</u> will reach out to candidates selected for interviews prior to the position close date.

NTC is a customer-focused, accessible provider of innovative life-long learning. The College seeks teamoriented, student-focused individuals who have a deep value of education to facilitate learning. NTC staff serves in alignment with the College's mission, vision, core values, and operating principles, and Board of Trustee's Executive Limitations and Productivity and Quality Measures. As a member of a learning team, faculty report to a designated dean and participate in program, school, interschool, and College-wide team activities. Faculty provide instruction, expertise, and leadership within their program and content area. Faculty are expected to remain current in their area of expertise and in the field of education through professional growth and continuous learning activities. Faculty contribute to the College community as exemplified by committee involvement, participation in leadership activities, academic advisement of students, and sponsorship of student activities. Faculty members are also encouraged to be involved in the NTC College through various service opportunities in community organizations or through other community activities.

Duties & Responsibilities

NTC Faculty will serve their learners and the College in the following ways:

 Facilitate learning through classroom activities, distance learning experiences, workforce development, out-of-classroom activities, and the mentoring of students and peers.

- Support and maintain collaborative relationships with business & industry, community based organizations, and K-16 partners.
- Assess and evaluate student performance in alignment with the College assessment plan in a timely manner.
- Conduct assigned classes for the scheduled length of time.
- Submit final grades by the scheduled due date identified on the academic calendar.
- Post and maintain office hours.
- Maintain accurate records of student attendance and achievement for up to one semester after the semester end, unless requested for a longer period of time.
- Furnish written evaluations as requested by students.
- Coordinate instructional support services to meet individual student accommodation and modification needs.
 - Coordinate instructional material and timely distribution of such to regional campuses.
 - Assist in student academic advising.
 - o Utilize and engage in professional day activities and team time as designated.
 - Maintain course outcome summaries, learning plans, Performance Assessment Tasks (PATs), syllabi, and online Learning Management System template in the approved College format and time parameter.
 - Actively select and use appropriate learning materials and resources including textbooks, library resources, equipment and supplies to enhance learning.
 - Assist in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating a new or modified course/certificate/program. Identify areas in need of improvement. Stay current and focused on learner needs.
 - Collaborate with the program team in identifying, developing, implementing and evaluating strategic goals and objectives (Team Action Plans, Instructional Vitality Process).
 - Assist in identifying, planning, and delivering continuing education and Business and Industry workshops and seminars.
 - Participate in the budgeting and procurement process.
 - Keep professionally up-to-date in area of content expertise and in the teaching profession.
 - o Participate in institutional, advisory and program team and committee meetings.
 - Actively support diverse learners.
 - o Attend the College's in-service sessions, and commencements and other activities as directed.
 - Assist in the orientation of new full-time, part-time, adjunct faculty, and all other employees within their content areas.
 - Maintain professional certifications, licensures, and requirements.
 - o Assist in student recruitment and Student Services activities.
 - Attend College Open Houses (on-campus and off-campus, set-up and take down) to assist with student recruitment.
 - o Assist with dual credit and other articulation/transfer agreements.
 - Assist with coordination of grant development and management as directed.
 - o Maintain documentation as required by accreditation, program, or clinical sites.
 - o Assist, participate, support, and carry out the duties as assigned.

While the ideal candidate will have experience running many of the pieces of equipment included in the Program, as well as experience in many of the course topics listed below, training and professional development would be available to ensure a solid understanding of all aspects of the Program.

Equipment includes:

- CNC Router
- CNC Moulder
- Optimizing Ripsaws
- Dry Kiln
- Vacuum Kiln
- Wood-Mizer Portable Saw Mill
- Strength Properties Tester

Course topics could include:

- Wood Manufacturing Processes
- Wood Science and Technology
- Hardwood Grading
- Fundamentals of Furniture Making
- Wood Adhesives Application
- Wood Drying Science
- Wood Industry Global Markets
- Sustainable Biomass and Energy
- Design Innovation in Wood Products

Required Faculty Qualifications:

- Must have a minimum of two years (4,000 hours) full-time or equivalent demonstrated relevant wood industry occupational experience, one of which must be within the last five years.
- Bachelor's degree in Wood Science and Technology or related field, or an Associate's degree with the agreement to obtain a Bachelor's degree upon hire.
- Willing/able to meet Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requirements, accreditation standards, and/or licensing standards where applicable.
- Experience in teaching and working with diverse populations preferred.

REQUIRED Expertise, Attitude and Abilities:

Expertise: An educational philosophy which places the primary emphasis on student learning in the design, delivery, and evaluation of learning. Expertise in content areas being taught. A solid understanding of how the education and business worlds interface. Commitment to the use of new learning technologies. Excellent communication skills including oral, written and presentation skills.

Attitude: An uncompromising commitment to learning through the College's mission, vision and values. A positive and proactive approach. Flexibility, a willingness to change. Open-mindedness, fairness, the ability to see multiple perspectives. A willingness to take risks. A willingness to accept responsibility for professional and personal growth. Strong support for diversity.

Ability: Success and commitment as a team member, fostering consensus and collaboration in and out of the classroom. The ability to manage projects, set and achieve specific objectives and measure results. Proficiency in use of technology, computers and software.

The duties and responsibilities listed are intended to describe the essential functions of persons assigned to this position. They are not intended as an exhaustive list of all job duties, responsibilities, and requirements.

Physical Demands

Working Activity:

6 to 8 hours: Performing repetitive movements, grasping and working indoors 4 to 5 hours: Standing and walking

1 to 3 hours: Balancing, bending, driving, kneeling, pulling, pushing, reaching, sitting, twisting and working in temperature extremes

Less than 1 hour: Climbing, crawling, working at heights and working outdoors

Lifting and Carrying:

Less than 10 pounds: 10-15 repetition(s) per hour 10 to 20 pounds: 10-15 repetition(s) per hour

20-50 pounds: 1-10 repetition(s) per hour

50-100 pounds: Less than 1 repetition per hour

More than 100 pounds with help: Less than 1 repetition per hour

Additional Physical Requirements:

Vision: Adequate with aid to read instructions, labels, documents, computer screens, and differentiate between colors.

Hearing: Adequate with aid to understand oral requests, telephone conversation, and PA systems.

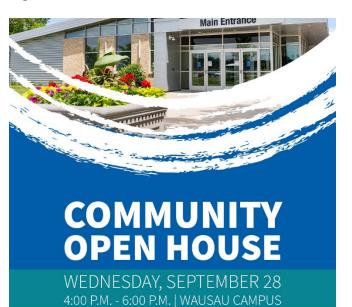
Required Employee Program Safety Training:

Bloodborne Pathogen, emergency action plan, emergency eye wash, emergency procedures, ergonomics (office/workplace), hazardous waste, medical waste and slips, trips & falls.

Click here to apply or contact NTC Human Resources at 715-803-1483 or hr@ntc.edu.

Wausau Pilot & Review NTC to host open house

August 24, 2022



WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College will host its Community Open House from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 28 at 1000 W. Campus Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

The open house gives attendees the opportunity to meet with faculty and explore 190+ program options. Visitors also can tour NTC's state-of-the-art labs and Timberwolf Suites, NTC's partnership for student housing.

High school students and their parents, as well as returning adults, are encouraged to attend to learn about getting started at NTC, paying for college, campus life and more. A financial aid resource room will also be available for free, professional help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Attendees can also apply to the college at no cost during this event, which is a savings of \$30.

For more information about this event, visit www.ntc.edu/openhouse, call 715-803-1645 or email admissions@ntc.edu.

Wausau Pilot & Review

NTC receives \$340K grant to build machine tool workforce

August 18, 2022

WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College is the recipient of a \$340,000 National Science Foundation grant designed to build the machine tool workforce in central Wisconsin over the next three years, NTC announced this week.

The Retool Project focuses on machine tool technician training and careers, diversity and accessibility. The grant was written in collaboration with the Hmong American Center; Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance, with support from Lange Machine & Tool Co.; JARP Industries and North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

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Wisconsin technical college receives \$220K from governor



Northcentral Technical College has received \$220,000 from Gov. Tony Evers to help improve meat processing in Wisconsin. The governor originally announced a \$5 million American Rescue Plan Act to help fund the development of a Meat Talent Development Program.

"Wisconsin's livestock and meat processing industries are vital to the economic success of our state and provide consumers with access to high-quality meat products," said Secretary Randy Romanski with the state's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. "Gov. Evers recognizes the importance of investing in the future of this industry and the workforce that makes that industry so strong. We are excited to be working with universities and technical colleges like NTC to provide more educational opportunities for those interested in working in Wisconsin's meat industry."

The college aims to help address evolving food chain challenges by providing rapid training and workforce development in Central Wisconsin. The funds will provide a mobile learning lab which will bring training to students throughout Northcentral Wisconsin. Traings will include farm-to-table practices to connect learners from NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence to learners from culinary arts degrees at the college.

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Back in January, the Wisconsin DATCP announced the \$5 million for meat talent development assistance. Wisconsin currently has 500 state and federally inspected meat plants.

MEAT+POULTRY

Wisconsin technical school receives talent development funding

WAUSAU, WIS. – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) recently announced that it received \$220,000 from the state of Wisconsin to help develop the Meat Talent Development Program.

The college plans to use the funds for a mobile learning lab that will bring training to students in North Central Wisconsin.

"A portion of this investment will provide financial support to students in NTC's meat processing programs," said Jeannie Worden, president of NTC. "We are thankful to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for investing in our students and the agriculture community."

NTC added that the short-term training supports the need of employers to develop workers in the meat industry. The training will provide farm-to-table practices that will align with NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence to the Culinary Arts Associate Degree.

In <u>January</u>, Wisconsin announced it would provide \$5 million to develop more meat processing capabilities.

According to Lightcast (formerly known as EMSI) Labor Market Analytics & Economic Data, North Central Wisconsin has twice as many jobs in the meat processing industry than the national average and that number is projected to increase 21% over the next 10 years. High retirement rates are expected soon because 27% of those employed are age 55 and older.

Wausau Pilot & Review

NTC receives funding for meat processing development program



Northcentral Technical College will help address the local need to develop talent in the meat processing industry. Pictured are Greg Cisewski, dean of NTC's School of Agricultural Science, Utilities and Transportation; from left; Jeannie Worden, NTC president; Keith Langenhahn, member of NTC's Board; Randy Romanski, secretary of Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection; Darren Ackley, NTC's vice president of learning; Brad Gast, NTC's dean of workforce training and professional development; Brandy Breuckman, NTC's dean of business and director of learning innovation; Betsy Leonard, Wisconsin Technical College System's education director of agriculture and natural resources. Photo courtesy NTC.

WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College has recently received funding from Gov. Tony Evers to address the future of meat processing in Wisconsin, NTC announced this week. The college will receive \$220,000 to help solve food supply chain challenges through short-term training aimed to rapidly build the workforce in central Wisconsin.

In January, the governor announced up to \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to develop the meat talent development program.

Funding will go toward a mobile learning lab that will allow NTC to train students throughout northcentral Wisconsin. The training will provide farm-to-table practices that will connect learners from NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence to the Culinary Arts Associate Degree. It also gives students the opportunity to develop the skills they need to take sustainable meat processing practices back to their communities and help keep food local to address the food supply chain issue.

According to EMSI Labor Market Analytics & Economic Data, northcentral Wisconsin has twice as many jobs in the meat processing industry than the national average and that number is projected to increase 21 percent over the next 10 years. The industry will also experience high retirement rates because 27 percent of those employed are 55 and older.

"Wisconsin's livestock and meat processing industries are vital to the economic success of our state and provide consumers with access to high-quality meat products," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski in a news release. "Governor Evers recognizes the importance of investing in the future of this industry and the workforce that makes that industry so strong. We are excited to be working with universities and technical colleges like NTC to provide more educational opportunities for those interested in working in Wisconsin's meat industry."

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WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College has announced the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2022 term:

Abbotsford: Javier Rocha, Seungmin Chae, Fatima Chavez, Ivan Cruz, Jayda Friedenfels, Suzanne Kampmeyer, Melissa Kunze, Taygen Viegut, Kazlyn Weber

Alva, Oklahoma: Rozlynn Murrow

Aniwa: Kevin Bessert, Kathryn Cross, Tori Storrm, Gary Wilton

Antigo: Alison Boldig, Connie Diedrick, Gabriela Duchac, Rebecca Duchac, Tyler Eades, Rachel Fredericksen, Trent Geurts, George Harker, Gracie Hitz, David Illikainen, Bryce Karl, Korbin Krueger, Doua Lor, Lisa Menting, Dustin Scherer, Wyatt Schielke, Jacob Schmidt, Matthew Schultz, Stephenie Smith, Sean Straw, Courtney Thiel, Jerome Thompson, Leo Waldvogel, Kristin Wiedenhoeft, Melissa Wilhelm

Appleton: Danielle Arroyo, Elizabeth Cachu Castro, Lindsay Fickbohm, Teonna Henderson, Celine Konetzke, Houalai Thao

Arcola, Mississippi: Dionna Morris

Arpin: Katie Hartwig, Deanna Heinichen

Athens: Halle Albrecht, Mya Becker, Eli Bunkelman, Irvin Chacon, Melinda Daniels, Caden Decker, Jake Denzine, Chase Ellenbecker, Nicole Ellenbecker, Sherry Gutknecht, Rebecca Hillman, Hattie Nowacki, Amanda Nowak, Anna Wheatley

Bancroft: Cassandra Degroff, Cauy Huntington, Lily Trzebiatowski, Sheldon Wade

Beaver Dam: Lee Smith

Birnamwood: Kayce Cherek, Kalvin Fischer, Jacob Groshek, Richard Olson, Jr., Shawna Raab,

Wyatt Schoepke, Hunter Schroepfer

Bowler: Cheyenne Kroening, Serena Rasmussen

Bryant: Julianna Bauknecht, Paris Wanta

Burlington: Mandalyn Herring

Butternut: Alexia Birchmeier, Christian Ernst, John Lynch, Brianne Radlinger, Seth Steiner

Calumet, Michigan: Julia Anderson

Cambridge: Sydney Smith

Caroline: Anna Kersten

Cary, North Carolina: Matthew Carss

Cheyenne Wells, Colorado: Julie Erker

Chili: Teagan Friedemann

Chilton: Brianna Nenahlo

Chippewa Falls: Nicole Patzoldt

Colby: Alexanndrya Barnickle, Lauren Berg, Elaine Hediger, Laisha Hernandez, Taylor Johnson, Amanda

Patterson, Kerstin Schuh

Cottage Grove, Minnesota: Kaytlyn Burnett

Crystal Falls, Michigan: Tabytha Andreski

Curtiss: Kelly Adams, Marisol Garcia

De Pere: Brianna Patz

Deerbrook: Zachary Blahnik, Denise Burkhart, Hanna Butler, Kelly Kamin, Hailey Nicholson, Brandon Schreiber

Dorchester: Tucker Broeske, Noemi Fuentes, Melissa Mulderink

Eagle River: Brett Peterson, Catherine Schmidt

Edgar: Mikaela Christianson, Stephanie Hannemann, Jaxson Kurtzweil, Kassidy Myszka, Jon Raatz, Melinda

Urmanski

Eland: Tyler Schmidt

Elcho: Rita Manka, Cortney Rustick, Hope Wheeler

Exeland: Andrew Chafer

Fenwood: Caylee Weiler

Fifield: Caleb Kleinschmidt

Fort Wainwright, Arkansas: Noelle DuBois

Fountain City: Michael Breza

Friendship: Taylor Hiller

Gilman: Sarah Olson

Gleason: Travis Beyer, Shannon Staskiewicz

Glidden: Kip Collis, Jacob Mertig

Granton: Heather Mendoza

Green Bay: Sean Moureau

Gresham: Jacob Bratz

Hartland: Kevin Bodway

Hatley: Paul Alexander, Tristan Carlson, Andrew Ganski, Cole Jehn, Austin Kluck, Paige Norrbom, Evan

Trzebiatowski, Richard Wanta

Hays, Kansas: Angeline Bryant

Hixton: Justin Jelinek

Irma: Trinity Evans

Iron Mountain, Michigan: Joelynn Musgrove

Jackson: Kyle Newberg

Janesville: Aaron Loftus

Junction City: McKenna Dassow, Julia Radke

Kennan: Parker Lien, Thomas Monteith, Angela Morrow

Kronenwetter: Adriana Berg, Melissa Dorshak, Joshua Elson, Megan Kern, John Kupczak, Nicholas Kupczak,

Lilly Nowinsky, Andrew Rozmenoski, Simon Schultz, See Thao

Ladysmith: McKenna Sharb

Las Animas, Colorado: Joslin Martin

Lawndale, North Carolina: Jason Davis

Loyal: Luke Landini, Brody Miller

Madison: Rebekah Henson, Jordan Jefferson

Manitowoc: Catherine Bosch

Marathon: Makayla Folan, Amy Fromm, Matthew Hader, Alana Hoyt, Benjamin Kopetzky, Payton Reidinger,

Alexander Reuter, Paige Ross, Stephanie Schoelzel, Noah Streveler, Megan Marshall

Marinette: Crystal Hamilton

Marquette, Michigan: Kesha Woodson-Maddox

Marshfield: Maegan Boss, Ashley Murdaugh, Alyssa Portz, Laura Pozega, Tyler Rollins, Autumn Schneider

Medford: Matinee Boonprasert Fagan, Clay Bowe, Shaniah Brandt, Michael Christensen, Emily Cypher, Kelly Dahl, Jeremy Dassow, Crystal Ecklund, Jamie Fuse, Kayla Garbisch, Wendy Hall, Morgan Hartl, Melanie Heier, Heather Kahan, Tammy Koontz, Sheila Krueger, Jillian Mahner, Summer Marthaler, Ashley Mcbride, Hannah Mosentine, Reilly Nutting, Lydia Pernsteiner, Brittney Radlinger, Michael Routhieaux, Providence Searer,

Wyatt Sherfield, Sierra Ulrich

Menasha: Angela Leino, Jacquelyn White

Menominee, Michigan: Taylor Drust

Mercer: Kaylee Cassiani, Bailey Thompson

Merrill: Amy Goetsch, Dylan Alft, Trevor Asmundsen, Olivia Baumann, Jennifer Berreth, Sydney Brandenburg, Elizabeth Breaman, Gracie Brown, Kayla Burrow, Autumn Detert, Brooke Foss, Devin Frick, Ellie Gerbig, Nicole

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Sarah Schoerner, Benjamin Tabor, Mckenzie Wienke

Milladore: Nicholas Hardinger

Mosinee: Garrison Allen, Zackary Allen, Brent Block, Rylee Buska-Hack, Ethan Chaney, Kelly Dahlke, Danielle Danczyk, Reilly Davis, Alyssa Dunn, Patti Fennig, Kortney Goetsch, Jayson Goetz, Joshua Hallas, Gabriel Kohnert, Ernest Kress, Justice Kuhn, Adrian Kulp, Caitlyn Lassa, Daniel Mathews, Korrina Mohr, Amber Ruzga, Colin Schlagel, Ysurf Shariff, Dan Singkofer, Lydia Stucki, Amanda Van Ert, Michelle Weinberg, Logan Wenninger, Madison Winter, Kassandra Wizner, Keegan Zyduck

Neenah: Sarah Gerrits, David Kopsi, Corinne Mussatti, Amanda Osterberg

Neillsville: Brian Guizar-Ortiz

Nekoosa: Kallee Dhein, Paul McGinnis, Lee Rokke

Ogema: Ashley Aull, Ethan Komarek, Tana Ulrich

Oklahoma, Oklahoma: Angela Everson

Oshkosh: Carley Joachim

Owatonna, Minnesota: Sarah Kummer

Owen: Erin Rasmussen, Becky Seidel, Connor Simington

Park Falls: Kayden Augustine, Morgan Carney, Paige Dragovich, Carl Graceffa, April Harshman, Kale Kielpikowski, Benjamin Lee, Nicholas Mattke, Emil Miller, Hailey Minnema, Tristen Mollman, Sebastian Nelson, Joseph Niece, Zach Poetzl, Michelle Riebe, Michelle Rodriguez, Dylon Szymik, Isaac Szymik, Lillian Wegner, Christopher West

Phillips: Joseph Adams, Thomas Cotner, Mckenzi Franz, Jackson Grendys, Delton Heizler, Jase Hlavacek, Cassandra Morter, Rebekah Patrick, Jevin Setterman, Nikki Shipley

Pickerel: May Mischler

Pine River: Kaylie Roder

Plover: Faith Kluck, Melanie McCluskey

Poynette: Timothy Zaemisch

Prentice: Heather Gladson, Ethan Lundborg, Raeanna Lyons, Deborah Schoessow

Rhinelander: Michele Anderson, David Kelley, Austin Kochan, Nicholas Riemer, Kyle Wickersham

Rib Lake: Jacob Aiken, Tyrek Annala, Makenna Annala, Trey Klemann, Jordyn Kutzke, Jaylen Leonhard, Desirae Weissmiller, Allison Wolf

Ringle: Mikayla Davis, Jordan Faber, Whitney Hoffmann, Katelynn Krampien, Dominic Krause, Austin Landowski, Chelsea Pontzloff

Rosholt: Julianne Brzezinski, Adam Charnecke, Dustin Groshek, Linda Kurszewski, Anna Lorbiecki, Brooke Wierzba

Rothschild: Tiffany Blake, Stephen Britton, Alexander Burmeister, Jonathan Carroll, Kristy Chula, Cailin Hargraves, Nichol Perry, Rana Jean Pinsonneault, Aidan Smith, Cain Wojcik, Macha Yang, Paige Ziarnik

San Antonio, Texas: Desha Stewart

Sauk Rapids, Minnesota: Gloria Hartfiel

Schofield: Haley Behnke, Ashley Block, Isaiah Erosa, Noel Gervais, Dylan Green, Mitchell Kieffer, Karson Knetter, Theresa Larocque, Hannah Laska, Meng Lee, Candice McCabe, Johnathon Petts, Kristin Porath, Janet Rohde, Christopher Seel, Cameron Skabroud, Steve Smith, Teresa Tesch, Kabao Vang, Mai Vang, Stephanie Wanta, Brandon Weyer, Brittany Wiensch, Daia Xiong, Larissa Ziegel-Siler

Seymour: Darren Wild

Shawano: Rachel Koeppen, Jocelyn Miller, Jacklynn Schroeder, Nicholas Uttecht, Tanner Uttecht

Shawnee, Oklahoma: Chelsea Wade

Sheboygan: Houa Vang

Sioux Center, Iowa: Hannah Culpepper

Siren: Colleen Hughes, Violet Trenter

Sobieski: Lilyann Tomashek

South Milwaukee: Raquisha Turner

Spencer: Malachai Anderson, Jessica Becker, Dylan Bohlinger, Devon Langreck, Shaelee Neitzel, Lizbet Olguin

Cano

Stetsonville: Katie Kreklau

Stevens Point: Nicole Bakovka, Casey Bielen, Heather Caruso, Jordan Chojnacki, Deanna Didreckson, Allison Faulks, Jonathan Frederickson, Kevin King, Shannon Kitowski, Brieanne Kluck, Kira Kreft, Alyssa Lee, Kendra Lynn, Amber Proulx, Sadie Rick, Marshall Sallet, Sydney Taitt, Kendra Trzebiatowski, Sara Wynne

Stoughton: Laken Oler

Stratford: Kaedyn Dahl, Devin Dennee, Trevor Dennee, Logan Dix, Matt Handrick, Elizabeth Jennings, Mavrick Licciardi, Cody Miller, Kolby Mueller, Dalton Schoenherr, Brooke Spaeth

Stratton, Colorado: Josephine Hornung

Sturgeon Bay: Nanette Anschutz

Thompsons Station, Tennessee: Anna Golovyrina

Thorp: Kari Leech, Shalom Wicks

Tigerton: Austin Hoffmann

Tomah: Megan Franklin

Tomahawk: Alexis Crossman, Hannah Davis, Marine Gache, Antoine Jeandin, Keaton Jed, Logan Skubal, Nicole

Strassman

Tony: Zoe Groothousen

Towanda, Kansas: Kayla Griffin

Turtle Lake: Madison Munson

Two Rivers: Amy Miller

Ulysses, Kansas: Natalie Wilson

Unity: Brody Much, Abigail Severson, Rex Shipton, Matthew Sockness

Vesper: Matthew Gillette

Watertown: Nicole Renkas

Wausau: Bradlyn Anderson, Naomi Angelo, Mollie Augustine, Carly Bandock, Robby Barbier, William Bessette, Korrin Black, Alex Bodenheimer, Chase Borchardt, Nate Brill, Devin Buerger, Desirae Butts, Ashley Carpentier, Karen Cather, Leah Chapman, Julie Chodur, Autumn Clark, Hannah Dingle, Chloe Drake, Savannah Ducommun, Mason Elliott, Seth Ficke, Chase Frankel, Alyssa Froom, Tony Gamboa, Kassidy Garvey, James Gee, Miranda Golberg, Melissa Good, Ashley Graveen, Jessica Griffin, Jackson Grimm, Adam Hahn, Lillian Haimerl, Markel Happli, Wyatt Hase, Raymond Hatzenbeller, Andrew Heinzen, Laura Herbst, Jordan Higginbotham, Hunter Hintze, Ashtin Holz, Corrine Hutmaker, Dara Hynes, Samantha Jackson, Sarah Janis, Zachary Johnson, William Jupp, Ty Kell, Kaelee Kent, Dylan Kislow, Lily Kloos, Cecilia Klopotek, Adam Knospe, Samuel Krahn, Alexandra Kreger-Albrecht, Brandon Lang, Ian Lang, Cody Lang, Michael Larrabee, Bridget Lee, Matthew Lemmer, Molly Lewandowski, Jacob Lex, Hosing Lo, Brandon Lor, Susan Lor, Logan Ludwig, Mariah Macleod, Lynn Madden, Tabitha Mayer, Kyle McBath, Caleb McEvoy, Isaac McQuay, Trista Melichar, Joseph Meyer, Marissa Monpas, Tong Moua, James Moua, Brad Newhouse, Lisa Niesen, Brandon Nilles, Hunter Notinokey, Chloe Nylund, Nathan Olsen, Jared Olson, Kolton Owen, Nicole Parker, Brenden Pehlke, Fernanda Pintor Cuellar, Jack Piskula, Sarah Poggi, Riley Prytz, Erin Radke, Brittney Radtke, Mahlia Richardt, Logan Rosenow, Kaitlin Royce, Marcia Ruhr, Pedro Sanchez, Emilie Schneck, Gladys Sell, Wyatt Sether, Carson Sillars, Ethan Sites-Parker, Laura Sliwicki, Karlee Spiegel, Ryan St. Onge, Matthew Stanke, Dustin Steger, Lauren Steidl, Lauren Steidl, Curtis Steppert, Jared Stoiber, Wenqi Sun, Elisabeth Svoke, Hunter Swan, Abigail Talg, Angel Texale, Gao Zoua Pa Thao, Kayli Thao, Sonny Thao, Pla Thao, Krysten Thompson, Adrianna Truax, Emily Tuley, Minfang Utterback, Nancy Vang, Yeng Vang, Brian Vecchio, Madison Voelker, Heather Voigt, Arianna Welch, James Whitehead, John Williams, Madeline Wimmer, Chue Xiong, Anika Xiong, Mai Xiong, Changyeng Xiong, Mai Xiong, Pajntaub Xiong, Yeeleng Yang, Kristin Yang, Ann Yang, Ethan Young, Katherine Young, Breann Zenner, Mariah Zinkowich, Molly Zipperer

West Bend: Nicholas Jorgensen

Westboro: Andrea Graumann

Weston: Makayla Anderson, Tammy Baker, Jenna Belanger, Jack Bruner, Maxim Bungert, Tyra Chlebowski, Taylor Cigel, Derek Dallmann, Amanda Duncan, Agustin Fernandez, Amy Gauger, Isadora Gaytan, Dylan Gramling, Kelly Her, Tyler Larson, Gavin Lawless, Tessa Lund, Susannah McElveen, Samantha Neumann, Tim Oelke, Kierra Olson, Ashley Pintor, Diego Sanchez, Jacob Stankowski, Krystal Walls, Kevin Wirkus, Nusoua Xiong, Sierra Zeller, Trever Zunker

White Lake: Hailey Wilson

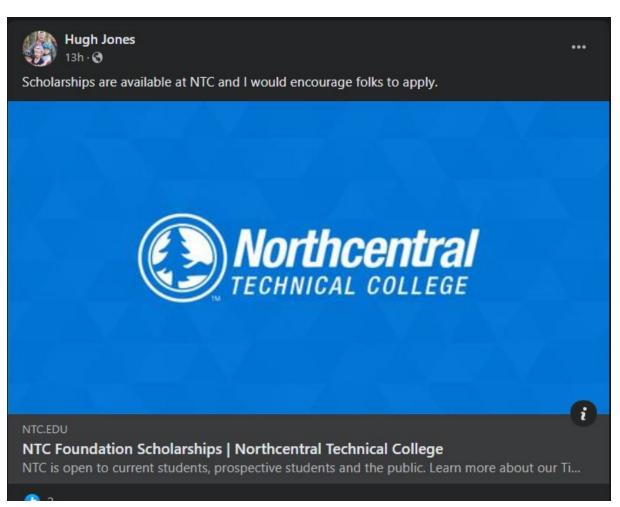
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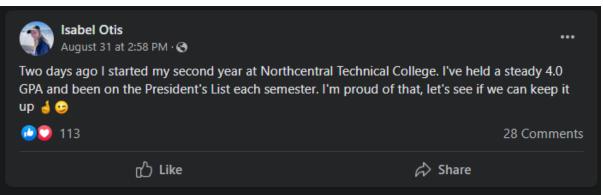
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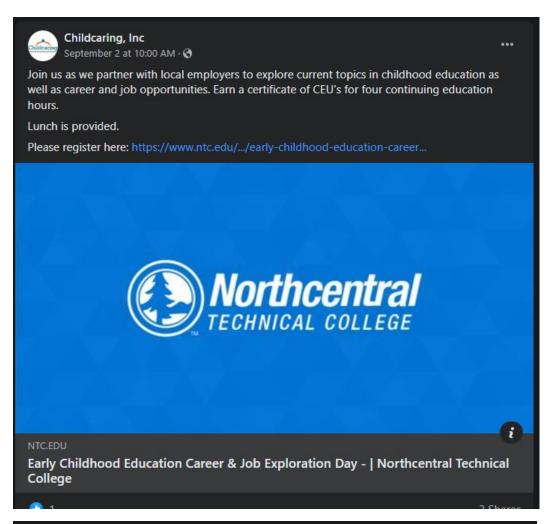
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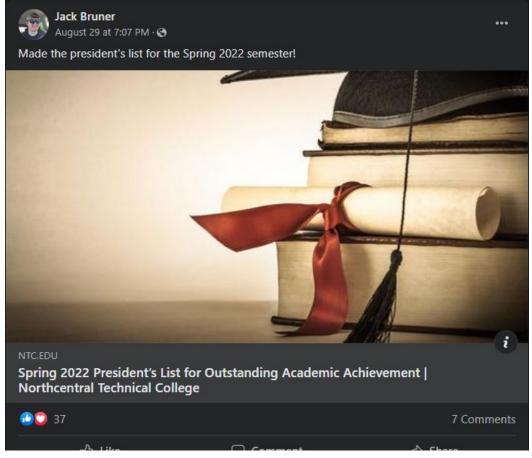
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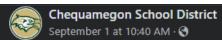
Woodruff: Tyler Sharp











Are you between the ages of 11 and 15 and looking to move into the roll of babysitter? Northcentral Technical College will hold certification seminars through the end of the year to get you educated and trained to start caring for others. A variety of dates and locations are available based on your determination and ease of access. Get more information at http://www.ntc.edu/.../emergenc.../babysitting-certification.



Registration: \$60

This American Red Cross Babysitting Certification course will prepare youth to be safe, effective, and responsible babysitters. The training is designed to provide universal skills in areas that every babysitter should know, including basic care for infants and children, basic First Aid, child behavior and appropriate activities, emergency protocols, and more



LEARN MORE AND REGISTER BY VISITING

SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2022

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Merrill Campus

SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 2022

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Wausau Campus

www.ntc.edu/academics-training/courses/emergency-medical-services/babysitting-certification



Wisconsin Workforce Development Association

August 23 at 3:15 PM · 🕙

Congratulation to the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and applicant Northcentral Technical College on a successful National Science Foundation grant application! The 'Retool Project' the funds will address machine tool technician training and careers along with diversity and accessibility. According to the announcement, grant funds will also give students the opportunity to job shadow professionals in the field, provide internship and mentorship opportunities, business tours and classroom speakers, and identify potential scholarships.

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better employee.

Here is another round of professional development offered for FREE from Northcentral Technical College. Contact Wendy Storlie using the flyer below.



Northcentral Life Skills Workshops

Attend in-person or via Zoom

In-Person Workshops held at NTC in Antigo, Room T124

Life Skills (often called Soft Skills) are essential for long-term success in the work place. Research shows that 75-80% of long-term job success is linked to strong life skills. This series of workshops will focus on increasing "The tools in your tool bett" for handling difficult situations, getting along with others and being a

COST: FREE

Registration Required.
Deadline for Registration is
Tuesday 5:00pm

Contact Wendy Storlie storlie@ntc.edu or 715-348-7737

Presenting the Best You!

September 7, 2022 ~ 9:00-11:00am

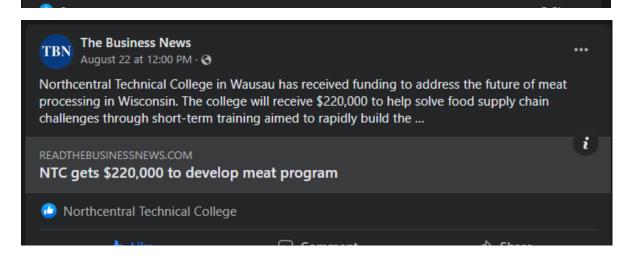
"Life Happens"

Staying Focused to Reach your Goals September 14, 2022 ~ 9:00-11:00am

"Oh, I'm Stressed" Dealing with Good and Bad Stress

September 21, 2022 ~ 9:00-11:00am







Our seniors! First day of school. Baldwin Wallace University. Northcentral Technical College is the 29th and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point starts September 6th.







Wausau School District August 17 at 5:00 PM · ❖

Day #1 of the WIRED Conference is in the books!

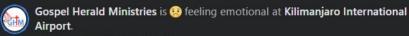
Wausau School District Educators continue to collaborate with DC Everest and Mosinee School Districts to host the 2022 Wisconsin River Educator Conference.

Dr. Paula Kluth, consultant, author, advocate, and independent scholar was the Keynote speaker and kicked off the conference today.

This conference, which runs through Thursday, is FREE and is centrally located with in-person attendance in Wausau at Northcentral Technical College!

#WausauSchools





August 3 · Usa River, Tanzania · 🔇

Dani, is one of our biggest success stories to date.

He was orphaned and abandoned at a very young age of just 5 yrs, but fast forward 17 yrs later he gets a sponsorship and admission at Northcentral Technical College in Wisconsin, US to study for a Degree in Radiology . This is a big inspiration for others especially our children who were in similar situation to always believe that their past doesn't define their future..

All the Best Dani, you have truly inspired us, we will very much miss you here in Tanzania, and we Pray for safe Journey and for the best in your studies while you are there was a support of the best in your studies.





NTC Receives Grant for Machine Tool Programming and Outreach Published on 08/22/2022 under News

Northcentral Technical College received \$340,000 grant to help grow the machine tool workforce in North Central Wisconsin.

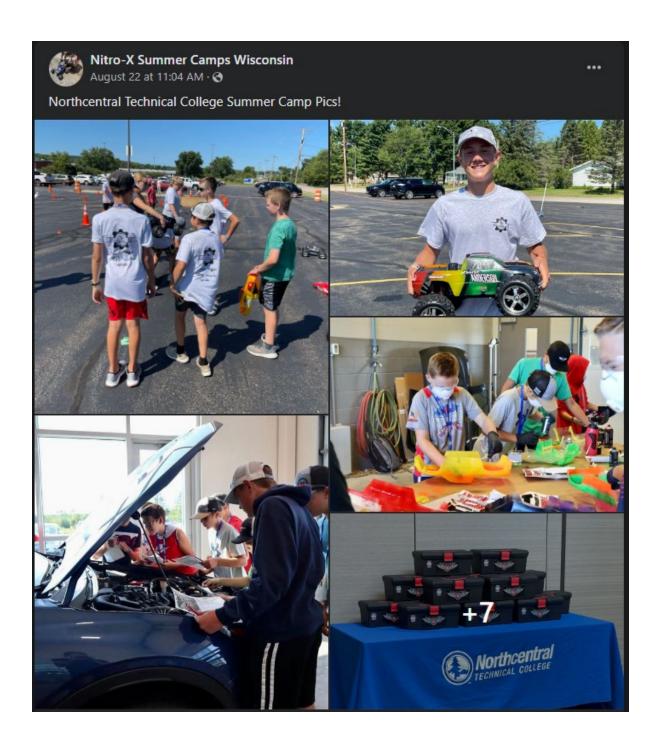
Known as the 'Retool Project' the funds will address machine tool technician training and careers along with diversity and accessibility. The funds come from the National Science Foundation and will address several areas.

This includes supporting NTC's Advanced Manufacturing Mobile Lab and the Emergency Technology Mobile Lab. These traveling classrooms introduce prospective students to equipment and experiences to bring awareness and understanding of education and career opportunities. The mobile labs are showcased at school and community events.

A second aspect of the grant will go towards 'retooling' NTC curriculum by updating current diplomas and creating new certificates.

According to the announcement, grant funds will also give students the opportunity to job shadow professionals in the field, provide internship and mentorship opportunities, business tours and classroom speakers, and identify potential scholarships.

NTC wrote the grant application with several partners including the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance, and the Hmong American Center.





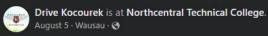




COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: Thanks to Northcentral Technical College for hosting our Club Members throughout the summer. Recently Club Members explored many aspects of the Wausau campus and envisioned opportunities for their futures through hands-on experiences.

Northcentral Technical College plays a vital role in our community and economy is a leading champion of young people. #GreatFuturesStartHere





It's Race Day!! ** All the kids did an awesome job racing their Nitro-X cars around the track today. The winner was awarded a new Bluetooth speaker courtesy of Kocourek Auto, and all the kids were gifted tool boxes with plenty of tools to get them started.

Thank you to Matt and Karissa with Northcentral Technical College, all the kids and their families, Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers Assoc, and all the other sponsors who made this event possible. More... See more



