

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)
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CALL TO ORDER

- A. Compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Public Comment

Public Comment periods are not considered to be public hearings or a forum for public debate. No person may speak more than once to an issue or for a period longer than three (3) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak during this period must complete the sign-in form at the meeting location no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The total amount of time devoted to public comment at any given meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- A. Student Representative Update – Caitlin Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2025, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- A. [Approval of Tax Levy 2025-2026](#) – Chet Strebe

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:
 - a. [Annual Purchasing List – Fiscal Year 2024-2025](#)
 - b. [Designation of Assistant, Associate and Deputy Directors](#)
 - c. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
 - d. [Personnel Changes](#)

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- A. Program Health – Darren Ackley + Emily Stuckenbruck

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
- a. [K-16 Annual Report](#) – Sarah Dillon + Lauren Foley
 - b. [Board Dashboard: 2024-2025 Year-End Report](#)– Katie Felch
 - c. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report
- a. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2025
- C. Information
- a. Save the Date: NTC Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony – Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grand Theater
 - 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)(e)(g) for the purpose of:
- a. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase and sale of public properties
 - b. Conferring with Legal Counsel

OPEN SESSION

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

MEETING ADJOURN

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

Mission: Northcentral Technical College enriches our communities by providing high quality learner and employer focused educational pathways that transform lives.

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

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

TOPIC: Tax Levy 2025-2026

POLICY 1.1 – Presidential Expectations – The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

INTERPRETATION: To avoid violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics NTC will follow §38.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes, "District Tax Levy; revenue limit; property tax relief aid. (1) Annually by October 31, or within 10 days after receipt of the equalized valuations from the department of revenue, whichever is later, the district board may levy a tax on the full value of the taxable property of the district for the purposes of making capital improvements, acquiring equipment, operating and maintaining the schools of the district, and paying principal and interest on valid bonds or notes now or hereafter outstanding as provided in s. 67.035." Under §38.16(3)(be) Wis. Stats., "no district board may increase its revenue in the 2014-15 school year or in any school year thereafter by a percentage that exceeds the district's valuation factor, except as provided in pars. (bg) and (br)." Under §38.16(3)(bg)(1) Wis. Stats., "[t]he limit otherwise applicable to a district board under this subsection is increased by an amount equal to the amount of any refunded or rescinded property taxes paid by the district board in the year of the levy as determined by the department under §74.41." For tax years beginning in 2019, §79.096 Wis. Stats. reduces the District's operational levy authority by "an amount equal to the property taxes levied on the items of personal property described under §70.111(27)(b) for the property tax assessments as of January 1, 2017." And, for tax years beginning in 2025, §79.0965 Wis. Stats. reduces the District's operational levy authority by "an amount equal to the property taxes levied on the items of personal property described under §70.111(28)(a) for the property tax assessments as of January 1, 2023." And In May of each year, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) shall certify payment to the District in an amount equal to the levy reduction and the Department of Administration (DOA) shall remit such payments to the District.

DATA/RESULTS: The District Board sets the official property mill rate for fiscal 2025-2026 at the October meeting based on the District's valuation factor as provided by the DOR in accordance with §38.16 Wis. Stats. In June 2025, the Board approved the 2025-2026 operating budget of \$62,821,978 with an operational mill rate of 0.44822, a debt mill rate of 0.63000, and a total mill rate of 1.07822. Today's proposed total mill rate of 1.02744 is below the Board-approved budgeted mill rate.

The DOR's equalized property valuations for the NTC District increased by 10.7%, with a total mill rate decrease of 4.7%. Under §79.096 Wis. Stats., the District will remove \$427,659 for certain personal property value from the 2025-2026 operational levy, to be received directly from the DOA in May 2026.

Total state operating revenue is the sum of the operating tax levy, property tax relief aid, and personal property tax aid. Overall, the 2025-2026 District operational levy will increase by \$46,714 and the operational mill rate will decrease to 0.39744 from last year's 0.43812. The District's share of State of Wisconsin Property Tax Relief Aid will remain the same at \$14,630,553, with no additional property tax levy shift to State of Wisconsin Property Tax Relief Aid. Further decreases include a change in personal property tax aid of \$2,676 and prior and current year refunded/rescinded property taxes of \$3,229. These operating tax levy decreases will be offset by the Net New Construction levy increase of \$347,830, calculated using the DOR's valuation factor of 1.33203% for the District.

The 2025-26 District debt levy will equal or exceed District debt payments for the fiscal year.

	<u>2024-2025</u>		<u>2025-2026</u>		<u>Mill Rate % Change</u>
	<u>Levy Amount</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Levy</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>	
Operations	\$11,358,894	0.43812	\$11,405,607	0.39744 (<i>less than budget</i>)	-9.286%
Debt Service	\$16,592,863	0.64000	\$18,079,589	0.63000 (<i>less than budget</i>)	-1.563%
Total Levy	\$27,951,757	1.07812	\$29,485,196	1.02744 (<i>less than budget</i>)	-4.701%
Property Tax on \$100,000 home	\$ 107.81		\$ 102.74	Decrease	\$ (5.07)

AGENDA CATEGORY:

✓ Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

The Northcentral Technical College District Board approves the reduced total tax levy mill rate of 1.02744 for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

Signed Dr. Gianni Worden

Dated October 21, 2025

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

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

TOPIC: Annual Purchasing List – Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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INTERPRETATION: To avoid violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics NTC will follow the Wisconsin Technical College System Administrative Rule TCS 6.05(2)(h), "Require an annual review, based on a report that aggregates multiple purchases of similar goods, supplies, and services of all procurements to determine if a more competitive procurement process should be used in succeeding years. The district board shall take formal action on this report, and such action shall be reflected in the district board's proceedings."

DATA/RESULTS: This is the annual requirement for review of purchases. The attached list is provided for 2024-2025 review. The list is a summary of purchases of similar goods, supplies or services by vendors not selected through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The list does not include utility purchases or postage which does not require the competitive bid process as these are sole source providers and NTC cannot get the service elsewhere. Purchases estimated to be over \$50,000 are competitively bid based on the WTCS Financial Accounting Manual Procurement requirements. The purchases on this list will be analyzed and competitive bids obtained if expenses warrant such during 2025-2026.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

✓ Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

Accept the purchasing report for fiscal year 2024-2025.

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

Signed: 

Dated: October 21, 2025

Northcentral Technical College
Purchasing Report by Vendor
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Marathon Feed & Grain, LLC	\$157,928.64	The RFI/IFB 25-00000-01 for Nutritionist and Feed was completed and awarded to begin July 1, 2025. The process required additional time to complete due to numerous inquiries from potential suppliers and the complexity of developing specifications for commodities with fluctuating market pricing.
River Country Co-op	\$68,303.72	Prior year spend was below the bid threshold. Looking at competitive processes for next fiscal year, if spend will continue to be as high.

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

TOPIC: Designation of Assistant, Associate and Deputy Directors

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INTERPRETATION: To avoid *violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 19.41 through 19.59 **Wisconsin’s Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees** “...Annually the board is required to designate public officials and employees holding a position “designated as assistant, associate or deputy district director of a technical college.”

DATA/RESULTS: The following resolution has been prepared for board consideration:

RESOLVED, that for the purposes of Wisconsin’s Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees, subch. III of ch. 19, the Northcentral Technical College District Board has designated the following positions deputy, associate, or assistant district directors and indicated its understanding that the current occupants of those positions and their successors to those positions are state public officials to whom Wisconsin’s Ethics Code applies and officials required to file a Statement of Economic Interests: President, Vice President of Student Services, Marketing + Regional Campuses, Vice President for Learning + Provost, Vice President of Strategic Planning + Government Relations, Vice President of Business + Technology, and Vice President of Human Resources, Facilities + Risk Management.

Persons in the positions listed above are: Jeannie Worden, Sarah Dillon, Darren Ackley, Katrina Felch, Chet Strebe and Cher Vink.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion is included with consent agenda.

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

Signed: Dr. Jeannie Worden

Dated: October 21, 2025

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

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

F1-F7 Revenue: \$11,168,813.37

F1-F7 Expense: \$17,304,140.56

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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Signed: 

Dated: October 21, 2025

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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TOPIC: Personnel Changes

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

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

New Hires:

- Dean Bloomquist – Instructional Assistant, CDL (LTE)
- Jeremy Christensen – Faculty, Communications (LTE)
- Andrew Nelson – Manager, Institutional Research
- Kimberly Platta – Faculty, CNA
- Cole Ruechel – Faculty, EMS

Resignations:

- Elizabeth Hillebrand – Veterinarian
- Kaela Kramer – Career Coach
- Kyle Lech – Faculty, Fire
- MaiGer Moua – Advisor, Student Success
- Brent Olson – Associate Dean, Public Safety & Community Services
- Candace Weininger – Faculty, Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Retirements:

- Susan Clark – Administrative Assistant, Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing
- Susan Kukulka – Administrative Assistant, Alternative High School
- Marc Martindale – Faculty, Apprenticeship Electrical

Separations:

- Daniel Slocum – Custodian, General
- Mai Yang – Custodian, General

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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

Signed Dr. Janis Worden Dated 10/21/2025



K-16 Annual Report

2024-25



Annual Report to High Schools
Wisconsin Statute 38.12(8),(c).

Message from the President

At Northcentral Technical College (NTC), we are proud to work with our K–12 partners in education to ensure that students throughout the NTC district have pathways for success.

I am pleased to share the 2024-25 Annual Report, which highlights current collaborative partnerships between K–12, NTC and our four-year college partners. We are proud to partner with four-year colleges like UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout and many others to expand educational options for local students by creating a seamless transition from high school to NTC to bachelor’s degree and beyond. We continue to seek opportunities to create multiple pathways for students whether they want to continue their education with one of our 40+ partner colleges, or stay and thrive in our local community. We are also supporting industry needs by preparing learners for the future through a deep focus on AI and providing preparedness training for employers at our Community Safety Simulation Center. Our District community is fortunate to have great K-12 systems, strong higher education systems in NTC and UWSP, progressive and stable employers and a community that is philanthropic, engaged and committed.

We are committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities led by outstanding faculty in state-of-the-art facilities, including our newest learning spaces: the Sawmill at the Wood Technology Center of Excellence, the Engineering + Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence featuring the Industry 4.0 Smart Manufacturing Lab, the Center for Simulation + Innovation in Health with immersive reality technology, the Agriculture Center of Excellence with advanced robotics and precision agriculture and the Butcher Block supporting Pasture to Plate Butchery. For those who prefer the full college experience, we are proud to offer Timberwolf Suites, a student housing option located adjacent to the NTC Wausau campus. This is a great opportunity for students pursuing their Associate of Arts or Science Degree through our University Transfer Degree program, which is offered both in Wausau and at our regional campus locations.

Working collaboratively, we are creating educational pathways and workplace opportunities that keep our students, and our talent, local. Thank you for your continued partnership.



Dr. Jeannie Worden,
President

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*Data in the 2024-25 K–16 Annual Report is collected from Workday reports.

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Highlights

NTC had an impactful year partnering with area school districts to provide meaningful experiences for students. The College hosted several events, such as STEM FEST, a collaboration with Michigan Tech, that brought 300+ hands-on science and technology experiments to more than 4,500 students and community members.

Summer camps continued to grow in popularity across NTC's District, reaching more than 300 participants and giving students the opportunity to connect with faculty and explore careers in health, graphics, STEM, machine tool, welding and more.

NTC also responded to unique community needs through K-12 partnerships. By partnering with Colby High School, a new EMR/Fire Academy was developed, providing students with early exposure to careers in emergency services.

NTC also successfully launched a new student information system, Workday, to bring academic planning and registration tools together in one seamless platform.

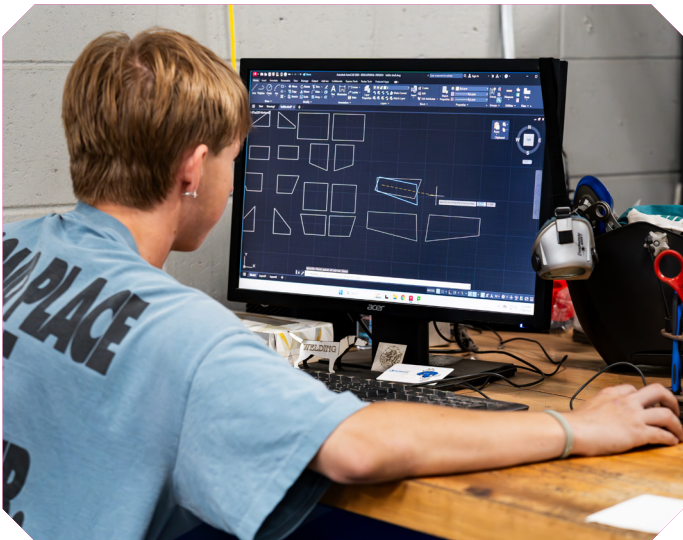


Dual Credit

NTC’s Dual Credit program continued to provide high school students with a valuable head start by allowing them to earn both high school and college credit concurrently. These technical college courses were taught in the high schools by NTC-certified high school instructors, ensuring quality and consistency. Best of all, there was no cost to the student or the school for the college credit—making this an accessible and impactful opportunity for students to advance their education and career goals.

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HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT TEACHERS
PARTICIPATED IN PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING WITH NTC FACULTY MENTORS
IN 2024-25



\$2,952,484
SAVED IN TUITION

2024-25 DUAL CREDIT COURSE ENROLLMENTS			
HIGH SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	# CREDITS ATTEMPTED	TUITION VALUE ON CREDITS EARNED
Abbotsford High Sch	125	650	\$80,472.00
Antigo Senior High School	238	1580	\$206,880.10
Athens High School	49	232	\$29,003.45
Bowler High School	23	86	\$12,573.75
Chequamegon High School	123	642	\$87,848.60
Colby High School	178	876	\$108,804.85
DC Everest High School	499	2339	\$322,390.95
Edgar High School	108	687	\$100,590.00
Faith Christian Academy	12	90	\$14,585.55
Loyal High School	103	801	\$112,325.50
Marathon High School	81	399	\$60,856.95
Medford High School	224	1046	\$141,664.25
Menominee Indian High School	29	61	\$4,861.85
Merrill High School	331	1565	\$202,521.20
Mosinee High School	314	2531	\$350,388.50
Newman Catholic High School	1	3	\$502.95
Northland Lutheran High School	69	426	\$63,204.05
Phillips High School	85	630	\$80,974.95
Prentice High School	65	325	\$44,594.90
Rib Lake High School	103	507	\$78,795.50
Rosholt High School	25	98	\$11,903.15
Rural Virtual Academy	173	1057	\$148,537.90
Spencer High School	118	668	\$83,992.65
Stratford High School	159	906	\$141,664.25
Tigerton High School	4	4	\$670.60
Wausau Area Virtual Education (WAVE)	23	69	\$10,561.95
Wausau East High School	232	961	\$110,313.70
Wausau West High School	504	1938	\$244,098.40
White Lake High School	14	42	\$5,364.80
Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School	118	627	\$91,536.90
TOTAL	4130	21846	\$2,952,484

**Credits Attempted includes students receiving an AU (Audit) Grade. Students receiving an AU grade participated in the class but may have withdrawn, completed the class with a D or F grade, or opted not to receive credit. The AU grade is reflected on the student's record to track participation but does not negatively impact cumulative GPA. **Tuition value based on 2024-25 cost per credit of \$167.65 based on actual credits earned.*

Start College Now

Through Start College Now, high school students enrolled in postsecondary courses at NTC with financial support provided by their K–12 district. This program gave students a head start on their college education and reduced future college costs. Completed courses can be applied toward a degree at any Wisconsin Technical College and may also transfer to public or private four-year universities, making it a valuable and flexible option for students planning for their academic futures.

Most Popular Start College Now Courses:

- Nursing Assistant
- Intro to Psychology
- Welding Safety
- General Anatomy and Physiology

“When you share the words Start College Now with a student, it has the impact power of forceful encouragement guided by a gentle hand. This program offers opportunity and matches students to a sparked path of interest. I’ve walked alongside hundreds and hundreds of students during my years as an educator and witnessed the many programs used to frame forward scope, Start College Now’s design gives students awareness and determination to guide their next step of learning.”

Betsy Neufeld, Antigo Senior High School, School Counselor

2024-25 START COLLEGE NOW ENROLLMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL	# ENROLLED	# OF COURSES
Abbotsford High School	25	13
Antigo Senior High School	138	47
Athens High School	22	20
Bowler High School	15	14
Bridges Virtual Academy	16	16
Chequamegon High School	135	25
Colby High School	19	5
DC Everest High School	18	16
DCE IDEA	10	6
Edgar High School	15	8
Loyal High School	2	2
Marathon High School	5	3
Medford High School	11	6
Merrill High School	13	7
Mosinee High School	25	18
Phillips High School	73	23
Prentice High School	30	17
Rib Lake High School	72	32
Rural Virtual Academy	14	14
Spencer High School	12	2
Stratford High School	13	11
Wausau Area Virutal Academy (WAVE)	1	1
Wausau East High School	25	17
Wausau West High School	22	11
White Lake High School	12	7
Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School	1	1
TOTAL	744	342

**Reflects course enrollments, not individual students. Students enrolled in multiple courses are counted for each course taken.*

K-12 Events

Throughout the year NTC hosted large-scale events, group tours, summer camps and career exploration activities to meet the needs of our local K-12 school districts and community partners. After a successful first year, NTC continued to host the Preview event in the fall and spring. This signature recruitment event gave high school students the opportunity to engage with NTC staff and faculty, participate in hands-on-activities, and learn about the programs that interest them.

In the fall, NTC and the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) hosted the Heavy Metal Tour, where over 2,400 eighth graders visited local manufacturing businesses and an NTC campus in Wausau, Antigo or Phillips.

In the spring, NTC welcomed over 3,000 sixth and seventh graders along with 1,450 community members to the Wausau campus during a two-day STEM Fest in collaboration with Michigan Tech.

+13,200

STUDENTS VISITED NTC THROUGH
A CAMPUS EVENT IN 2024-25

+300

STUDENTS ATTENDED A
SUMMER PROGRAM IN 2024-25



“I thought the tour was very well-rounded. Both instructors gave excellent information about every department. The students left with excitement about the future. We can’t thank you all enough for going above and beyond for our high school students.”

C Nowak, Teacher, Athens School District

Academies + Distance Learning

Academies

NTC academies continued to expand, providing high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit and jump-start their career pathways. Welding academies remained a strong and growing presence across the district, with students working toward a Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Technical Diploma in Antigo, Wausau and Phillips. This year, the first Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/ Fire Academy was launched in Colby. The Health Academy was also offered for the second year in Medford. These academies allowed students to gain hands-on experience while engaging with NTC faculty and earning valuable credentials before graduation.

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE WELDING, HEALTH AND EMR/FIRE ACADEMIES

“The Welding Academy helped me build hands-on skills and confidence in a high demand trade, giving me a clear path toward a stable and rewarding career. It also connected me with real world opportunities I wouldn’t have had otherwise. Jesse was an amazing instructor, and we all had a great year.”

Chelsea Kubiacyk, Antigo Senior High School, Antigo Welding Academy

Distance Learning

NTC’s Distance Learning classes gave high school students the opportunity to earn college-level credit without leaving their school. Courses were taught live via Zoom by NTC instructors and were made possible through collaborative agreements with K–12 districts and networks such as CWETN, NWECS and ERVING. This flexible model allowed students to explore career pathways and, in some cases, complete full credentials—such as the Early Childhood Licensing Basic Ages 0–2 Certificate—before graduating from high school.

Most Popular Distance Learning Classes:

- Intro to Psychology
- Oral/Interpersonal Communication
- Intro to Sociology

2024-25 DISTANCE LEARNING PARTICIPANTS BY SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL	# ENROLLED	# OF COURSES
Athens High School	42	5
Colby High School	3	2
Edgar High School	36	2
Marathon High School	25	6
Stratford High School	100	2
Out of District	274	16
TOTAL	480	33

**Reflects course enrollments, not individual students. Students enrolled in multiple courses are counted for each course taken.*

“My experience with NTC and the Welding Academy has been nothing short of exceptionally satisfying. There is always someone on campus or one quick phone call away who is more than willing to help with whatever I may have needed.”

Lane Abraham, Phillips High School, Phillips Welding Academy

Youth Apprenticeship

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) is a rigorous one- or two-year elective statewide program for high school juniors and seniors. Designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience, YA combined academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on-the-job training. Made possible through a grant from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), this hands on approach helped students build valuable workplace skills, gain industry insight and make meaningful connections in their chosen career fields—all while still in high school.

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TOTAL YA ENROLLMENTS IN DISTRICT

NUMBER OF 2024-25 NTC PARTNERSHIP YOUTH APPRENTICES BY HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL	# OF APPRENTICES
Abbotsford High School	6
Antigo Senior High School	18
Athens High School	18
Bowler High School	10
Chequamegon High School	10
Colby High School	17
DC Everest High School	77
DC IDEA	2
Edgar High School	19
Faith Christian Academy	3
Marathon High School	5
Medford High School	46
Mosinee High School	85
Newman Catholic High School	2
Northland Lutheran High School	4
Phillips High School	3
Prentice High School	7
Spencer High School	20
Stratford High School	20
Wausau East High School	18
Wausau West High School	39
White Lake High School	1
Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School	72
TOTAL	502

NUMBER OF YOUTH APPRENTICES BY PROGRAM AREA	
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	40
Architecture & Construction	38
Business Administration	20
Education	26
Finance	23
Health	101
Hospitality, Lodging, Tourism	69
Information Technology	5
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	3
Manufacturing	63
Marketing	59
Science, Technology, Engineering, Math	5
Transportation, Distribution, Logistics	50
TOTAL	502

326
 BUSINESSES IN 41 COMMUNITIES
 WORKED WITH 502 YOUTH
 APPRENTICES IN
 13 PROGRAM AREAS



Youth Apprenticeship Employer Partners

ABBOTSFORD

- Abbotsford Transitional Health - Dycora
- AbbyBank
- Ascendance Truck Center
- Bartnik Trucking
- Borealis

ANIWA

- Adam's Auto
- Echo Acre Farms
- Melody Mill

ANTIGO

- Aspirus Langlade Hospital
- Brickners Of Antigo
- Culver's
- Eastview Medical and Rehab Center
- Evergreen Terrace
- Fuller Sales and Service
- Hands with Heart
- Joint & Spine
- Karls Transport
- Kwik Trip
- Lakeside Pharmacy
- Quinlan's Equipment Inc.
- Southside Tire
- TJ Maxx
- Volm Companies

ATHENS

- Athens Area Credit Union
- Athens School District
- Athens Veterinary Service Inc.
- Deercreek Holsteins LLC
- Dollar General
- JAGS Fabrication Inc.
- Kenneth Schug Excavating & Trucking LLC
- M&M Bakery
- Peter Trucking LLC
- S.D. Ellenbecker Inc.
- Switlick & Son's Inc
- Trinity Child Care

BIRNAMWOOD

- Chet & Emil's
- Diane's Soft Serve LLC
- Dollar General
- Fraaza Overhead Door
- H&N Construction
- Matsche Farms Inc.
- Medo Dairy Goats
- Olson Dairy Farms Inc.
- Schairer Farms

BIRNAMWOOD

- Sippls Concrete Pumping LLC
- Tomson Dairy Farm

BOWLER

- North Star Mohican Casino

BRYANT

- Schroepfer Farms

COLBY

- Colby A&W
- Colby Chrysler
- Colby Senior Care
- Colonial Center
- Forward Financial
- Fourmens Farm Home
- Kelley Supply Inc.
- Loos Machine & Automation Inc.
- Smith Brothers' Meats
- Subway
- The Coffee Coop II LLC
- The Waterford at Colby

CURTISS

- Berry Farms

DORCHESTER

- Brandon's Farm Service LLC
- Clark Co Line Dairy

EDGAR

- B&D Fabricators
- Bauman Nursery & Landscaping LLC
- Chad's Auto Repair
- Cropping Central
- Edgar Building Supply
- Edgar Child Care Center
- Edgar Family Restaurant
- Edgar School District
- ELM Repair
- Membrane Process & Controls Inc.
- The Edgar Grind

ELAND

- Apex Fire Protection
- Nowinsky Acquisitions LLC
- Potrykus Construction LLC
- Straight Home Bar and Grill

GRESHAM

- Gresham Auto Body LLC

HATLEY

- Lisa's Sweet Shop Bakery and Catering Inc.
- Silver Branch Farm
- Subway

KENNAN

- Ericson Forest Products

KRONENWETTER

- Curb Appeal Solutions
- Kronenwetter Vet Clinic
- Yardbarber
- JX Truck Inc

MARATHON

- Elite Electrical Contractors LLC
- KPS Tool & Die Inc.
- Little Lion's Childcare Center
- Marathon Feed Inc.
- Pizza Market

MARSHFIELD

- Bauer Welding
- Central Stainless Inc.
- Custom Fabrication And Repair
- Dunkin Donuts
- G&D Wood Products Inc.
- Innovative Machine Specialists Inc.
- McMillan Electric
- Prairie Run Dental
- Staab Construction
- Walmart
- Weiler Fuels & Convenience Stores

MATTOON

- Rose Mary Manor Assisted Living

MEDFORD

- 64 North Bar & Grill
- AbbyBank
- AME Zippie Lube and Auto Repair LLC
- Aspirus Care and Rehab
- Aspirus Country Gardens Assisted Living Complex
- California Dreams Hot Rod & Custom Shop
- Culver's
- Current Flow Electric LLC
- Damm Financial Tax & Accounting
- Ernest Construction LLC
- Forward Financial
- James Peterson Sons Inc
- J-Rose Holsteins
- Kohn Farms
- Kramer Plumbing & Heating
- Kwik Trip
- Marilyn's
- Maurices
- Medford Community Learning Center

MEDFORD

- Medford Cooperative
- Medford School District
- Mid-States Equipment Inc.
- Neubauer Plumbing and Heating
- Nicolet National Bank
- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Prevail Bank
- Rand's Trucking
- Sandbox Child Care
- Schmidtfranz Automotive Repair LLC
- Taylor Credit Union
- Uncommon Ground
- WLC Building Systems LLC

MERRILL

- Helene's Hilltop Orchard
- In the Lite Electric
- Park City Aviation LLC
- VanderGeest Dairy Cattle Inc.

MINOCQUA

- Walmart

MOSINEE

- Acorn Hill Senior Living Community
- Arow Global
- Cobblestone Hotel & Suites
- Crystal Training Institute
- Doyle's Moon Saloon LLC
- Gorski's
- Hog Creek Bar & Grill
- Jr's Tackle and Bait Shop
- Knowlton House Distillery
- Kwik Trip
- Lee's Piggly Wiggly
- Locals Coffee
- McDonald's
- Mosinee Cafe
- Mosinee Fire District
- Mullins Cheese
- PAW Health Network
- Pit Stop Bar & Grill
- Quast Consulting and Testing
- R & J Auto Repair And Towing
- Swiderski Equipment Inc.
- Thanig Farms
- Transport Refrigeration
- Valley Community Credit Union

NEENAH

- Miron Construction

PARK FALLS

- McDonald's
- Park Falls Building and Hardware
- Park Manor
- Super One Foods
- WeatherShield Mfg. Inc.

PHILLIPS

- Northern Comfort Systems Specialists
- Phillips Fire Department

PRENTICE

- BC Auto Repair
- Prentice Market & Deli
- Prentice School District
- Village of Prentice

RIB LAKE

- Bobbie Bones Repair LLC
- Rib Lake Health Services

RINGLE

- KG Dairy
- Ostrowski Landscaping & Lawn Care LLC

ROTHSCHILD

- Arby's Restaurant
- Clean Slate Coffee House
- CoVantage Credit Union
- Culver's
- Foundation Finance
- Krueger Wholesale Florist Inc.
- Lang Equipment LLC
- Patriot Auto Repair LLC
- Sawmill Adventure Park and Golf Course
- Starbucks

SCHOFIELD

- Bug Drywallers LLC
- Goal-Line Golf and Hockey
- Greenheck
- Intercity State Bank
- Kwik Trip
- Lightning Auto Care Center
- McDonald's
- Menke GMC
- Ryan Manufacturing
- Target
- The Tanning Studio

SHAWANO

- The Cottages
- Walmart

SPENCER

- Alpha Process & Installation
- Bear Creek Canvas
- Cabinet Creations Plus
- Dan's Outdoor Furniture
- Elusive Hill Dairy
- Kilty Services LLC
- McNeely Insurance Agency
- Mid Wisconsin Concrete and Excavating
- Rookie Rockets Learning Care Center

STETSONVILLE

- Kevin Paul Farms
- Stetson Forest Products Inc.
- Wolf Brothers Sawmill Inc.

STEVENSON POINT

- Aspirus Hospital
- Walgreens

STRATFORD

- A&B Process System
- Bill's Service Center
- Damon's Auto
- Harmony Ho Dairy
- Stratford Homes Limited Partnership
- Trimpac LLC
- VitaCare Living Stratford
- Briggs Family Farm

UNITY

- Harmony Holsteins

WAUSAU

- Anderes Plumbing LLC
- Ascendance Truck Center
- Aspirus Hospital
- Azura Memory Care
- Benedictine Living Community Of Wausau
- Best Buy
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brickners of Wausau
- Buckle Inc.
- Children's Imaginarium
- Crossmark
- Culver's
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Diversified Inc.
- Fore-Front Mechanical Inc.
- G2M (Growing Great Minds - Wausau School District)

WAUSAU

- Great Lakes Cheese
- Green Bay Packaging
- KMN Inc. DBA: Little Caesars
- Land Art Inc.
- Larry Meyer Construction
- Little Lambs Daycare
- Londerville Steel Ent.
- Lucys Lounge LLC dba The Barbershop
- Malbrit Mechanical Inc.
- Midwest Communications Inc. WRIG Inc.
- Newton Electric Corp.
- North Central Health Care
- Northcentral Technical College
- Olive Garden
- Olson Auto Body & Paint LLC
- Olsons Tire and Auto
- Peoples State Bank
- Plato's Closet
- Primrose Retirement Communities
- REI Engineering Inc.
- Rogan's Shoes
- Shepherd & Schaller Sporting
- Stainless Specialists Inc.
- Stewart Ave Collision and Repair
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Samuels Group
- The UPS Store
- Trinity Lutheran Church & School Childcare Center
- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Wausau Homes
- Wausau on Water
- Wausau School District
- West Side Auto

WESTON

- Arby's
- Auto Select
- Caribou Coffee
- Complete Control Solutions
- CTECH Manufacturing
- DC Everest
- Denyon Homes Inc.
- Greenheck Turner Community Center
- Key to Life Childcare Center
- Kwik Trip
- Marshfield Medical Center
- Peoples State Bank
- PGA Inc.

WESTON

- Precision Replacement Parts
- Pride TLC
- Renne's Health & Rehab Center
- Stine Eye Center LLC
- Woodson YMCA

WHITE LAKE

- Wolf River Roots

WITTENBERG

- Applewood Lane Alpaca
- Bushman Associates
- Dan Nueske Farm
- Davis Enterprise
- Dollar General
- Dombeck Custom Cabinets
- Gwidt Pharmacy
- Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
- Homme Home Of Wittenberg
- McDonald's
- Nueskes Applewood Smoked Meats
- Paul Ostrowski Cement & Masonry
- Real Men Real Style
- Smith's Pride Farms
- Smith's Pride Registered Holsteins
- Subway
- Top Brass Inc.
- William & Kristy Nueske
- Wittenberg Family Restaurant
- Wittenberg Sentry Foods

Career Coaches



Career Coaches supported Academic and Career Planning initiatives in local school districts by facilitating career and college exploration, delivering classroom presentations and offering individualized support to students and their families.

During this reporting period, Career Coaches regularly visited schools to meet with students, led career exploration activities, participated in parent-teacher conferences and assisted with financial aid awareness events. Whether in person, virtually or over the phone, the team provided year-round support to prospective students.

Key areas of support included:

- Helping students match programs with their career interests
- Assisting with college applications
- Providing financial aid and scholarship information
- Showcasing additional opportunities such as University Transfer and continuing education options

CAREER COACHES HELPED MORE THAN

1,068

STUDENTS WITH APPOINTMENTS,
TOURS AND WALK-INS

CAREER COACHES HELPED MORE THAN

6,662

ADMISSIONS CALLS IN 2024-25

CAREER COACHES HELPED MORE THAN

1,094

STUDENTS AT OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Credit for Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) allowed students to earn credit for what they already knew. Through CPL, NTC awarded course credit for knowledge and skills gained from various previous experiences—including education, work, volunteering, military service, independent study, corporate training and other life experiences—when equivalent to NTC coursework.

Benefits:

- Access to 400+ test-out options
- Accelerate degree completion
- Save on tuition costs
- Earn up to **75% of credits** toward a program

CPL Options:

- Military service
- National exams:
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - College-level Examination Program (CLEP)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Project Lead the Way
- Transfer credit
- Test-out options:
 - Standardized tests
 - Skill demonstrations
 - Portfolios
 - Industry-recognized certifications
- Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING 2024-25		
TYPE OF CPL	# OF STUDENTS AWARDED	# OF CREDITS AWARDED
Advanced Placement	37	221
College-level Examination Program (CLEP)	1	12
Military	16	96
Project Lead the Way	12	27
Test-outs	264	543
Transfer Credits	643	7125
Youth Apprenticeship	39	90
TOTAL	1012	8114

Financial Support

NTC continued to provide resources and financial support to help students transition from high school to college.

FAFSA Completion Help Events

FAFSA Completion Help Events were organized to assist high school seniors, prospective college students and current college students with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

During this reporting period, NTC hosted five FAFSA completion events at regional campuses. These events supported 64 students and their families with FAFSA planning and application assistance.

New This Year: Expanded College Goal Wisconsin Host Sites

For the first time, two high schools volunteered to serve as host sites for a College Goal Wisconsin event: Antigo Senior High School and Chequamegon High School.

Each event began with a brief presentation offering tips for successfully completing the FAFSA. Following the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and receive individualized assistance in completing their FAFSA applications.

NTC FAFSA COMPLETION HELP EVENTS IN 2024-2025	
CAMPUS	# OF STUDENTS SERVED
Antigo	2
Chequamegon	38
Medford	12
Phillips	3
Spencer	7
Wittenberg	2
Total	64

NTC Promise Scholarship Program

Due to the generosity of the NTC Foundation, the NTC Promise provided free college tuition for eligible high school graduates within the NTC district.

SINCE 2020, THE NTC PROMISE HAS:

SUPPORTED
100
SCHOLARS

PROVIDED WRAP-AROUND SERVICES TO
266
STUDENTS

We were pleased to welcome 11 new NTC Promise Scholars who began their journey in the program during the Fall 2025 semester.

NTC Foundation Scholarships

2025 NTC FOUNDATION SPRING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL	TOTAL # OF SCHOLARSHIPS	TOTAL \$ SCHOLARSHIPS
Abbotsford High School	3	\$2,500.00
Antigo Senior High School	3	\$1,500.00
Athens High School	4	\$2,500.00
Bowler High School	4	\$4,000.00
Chequamegon High School	9	\$6,650.00
Colby High School	3	\$2,450.00
DC Everest High School	6	\$4,952.00
Edgar High School	4	\$3,000.00
Home School	1	\$500.00
Loyal High School	3	\$1,500.00
Marathon High School	5	\$3,850.00
Medford High School	15	\$10,100.00
Merrill High School	9	\$9,000.00
Mosinee High School	10	\$8,950.00
Northland Lutheran High School	5	\$3,250.00
NTC Alternative High School	7	\$4,750.00
Phillips High School	5	\$2,440.00
Rib Lake High School	6	\$3,175.00
Rosholt High School	4	\$2,000.00
Rural Virtual Academy	5	\$2,500.00
Spencer High School	4	\$2,175.00
Stratford High School	5	\$4,250.00
Wausau Area Virtual Education (WAVE)	1	\$1,000.00
Wausau East High School	11	\$8,950.00
Wausau West High School	19	\$15,150.00
Wittenberg Birnamwood High School	15	\$8,850.00
Out of District	31	\$20,700.00
TOTALS*	197	\$140,642.00

*Totals do not include Technical Excellence/Academic Excellence Scholarships or NTC Promise Scholarships.

Technical Excellence Scholarship

Technical Excellence Scholarships (TES) were awarded by the State of Wisconsin to high school seniors who had the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The scholarships are only for use within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied toward tuition. Students wishing to be considered for TES need to meet eligibility criteria set by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) and will need to be nominated by their school. Technical Excellence Scholarships (TES) were awarded to **38 students for a total of \$83,250.**

Academic Excellence Scholarship

Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) were awarded to Wisconsin high school seniors who had the highest grade point average in each public and private high school throughout the State of Wisconsin. The number of scholarships that each school is eligible for is based on total student enrollment. The value of the scholarship is \$2,250 per year, to be applied toward tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the other half is matched by the institution. Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) were awarded to 2 students for a total of \$2,250.

IN 2024-25 THE NTC FOUNDATION
AWARDED A TOTAL OF

\$140,642
TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Starting a Career

Career Services at NTC provided a variety of services and tools that helped students explore their chosen career and support them as they sought employment. Students received one-on-one help with resumes and cover letters, mock interviews and job shadows with local employers.

NTC graduates continued to be well-poised to meet the ever-changing needs of current and future employers because they have been exposed to the latest technology in their fields and learning concepts including data analysis, critical thinking, flexibility, accountability, artificial intelligence and interdisciplinary learning.

ACCORDING TO GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FROM 2022-24 GRADUATES:

44 PROGRAMS HAVE
100%
JOB PLACEMENT

97%
ARE SATISFIED OR VERY SATISFIED
WITH THEIR NTC EDUCATION

95%
ARE SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY
BY WORKING IN WISCONSIN

ON AVERAGE, GRADUATES EARN
\$52,439
ANNUALLY

In August 2022, NTC began offering the University Transfer Associate Degree. The University Transfer program serves students who wish to earn an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree and/or who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university. The program provides students with an excellent foundation for continuing in higher education. Students in our rural communities especially benefit from the increased access to courses that will set them up for success in their future. Ensuring access to courses in rural communities is crucial for bridging educational gaps and equal opportunity, regardless of geographic location.

Through articulation agreements available for any program, students can complete their associate degree at NTC and have opportunities to transfer their credits to a bachelor degree program with junior status. NTC has focused on 2 + 2 articulation agreements with regionally accredited four-year partner institutions that offer flexibility in class delivery options, affordable tuition and a record of high graduation and employment. NTC's advising and transfer teams assist students in determining where to complete their bachelor's degree, review college transfer guides and help students choose additional courses that can be completed at NTC and help to connect students to the transfer staff at their preferred four-year institution.

NTC is proud to note some of our key transfer partners:

- Michigan Technological University
- Northern Michigan University
- Purdue University Global
- University of WI – Eau Claire
- University of WI – Green Bay
- University of WI – La Crosse
- University of WI – Madison
- University of WI – Milwaukee
- University of WI – Oshkosh
- University of WI – Stevens Point
- University of WI – Stout
- University of WI – Whitewater
- Upper Iowa University
- Western Governors University

UWSP Partnership

Throughout this past year, a joint team from NTC and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) have worked collaboratively on a seamless partnership to deliver mutually beneficial degree options for students through a co-location plan. Advisors from both institutions will be co-located, making transfers and program selection smoother and more personalized. We are excited to welcome UWSP to campus beginning fall of 2026.

Students will have clearer, more seamless pathways from associate degree programs at NTC to bachelor's degrees at UWSP. 26 existing programs already articulate from NTC to UWSP, with more being developed in health sciences, business, and other high-demand fields. We are excited to enhance our partnership with UWSP to expand local baccalaureate completion options for students.

Alternative High School

The Northcentral Technical College Alternative High School offers a personalized educational pathway for students at risk of not completing their high school education. The program is dedicated to equipping students for their future, whether that involves entering the workforce or pursuing further education. By providing support for job-seeking students and acknowledging work experience as academic credit, NTC Alternative High School recognizes the diverse abilities of its students. Additionally, the program actively engages students in post-secondary opportunities that align with their educational aspirations. This comprehensive approach ensures students have the autonomy to choose their journey to graduation, all while being fully prepared for the next chapter of their lives.

Situated on NTC's Wausau Campus, NTC Alternative High School provides its students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a collegiate environment, complete with access to all the resources available to NTC students. This exposure, coupled with the option to enroll in post-secondary courses, sets our program apart from traditional alternative high schools. NTC Alt High employs both a credit-recovery and a competency-based approach, allowing students multiple pathways to demonstrate proficiency and achieve their high school diploma. Our guiding principles are encapsulated in the acronym PRIDE—Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Empathy—which encompasses our vision of the optimal learning environment and a benchmark for our success. These core values foster a culture that not only supports academic achievement but also personal growth and community engagement.

In the 2024-25 academic year, students at NTC Alternative High School achieved remarkable milestones:

- They earned a total of 105 post-secondary credits
- One student earned an Emergency Medical Technician technical diploma
- The program celebrated 113 high school graduates
- Over half of these graduates, 57.5%, also earned post-secondary credits in addition to their high school diploma
- The program supported students from 6 different high schools in the area

These statistics highlight not only the success of our students but also the efficacy of the supportive and enriching educational environment NTC's Alternative High School program offers.

**2024-25 ALTERNATIVE HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS EARNED A TOTAL OF**

105

POST-SECONDARY CREDITS

Looking Forward

As we look to the future, NTC is committed to providing educational pathways that give every student an opportunity to succeed.

Our current Guaranteed Admission campaign shares with students how we firmly believe in their ability to find success at NTC with our dedicated student resources. In a landscape of education that is constantly evolving, we are meeting students wherever they are. Starting in the fall of 2026, we are proud to announce our expanded partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP). This includes co-location at the NTC Wausau campus to continue serving our community collaboratively. This partnership will strengthen student choice and expand our pathways for bachelors' completion. 26 NTC programs are already articulated to UWSP and additional pathways will be explored and expanded.

We also look forward to newly offering Dental Therapy in fall of 2026, which allows dental hygienists to earn another associate degree and practice higher-level dental functions under the direction of a dentist. NTC will be the first technical college in Wisconsin to offer this innovative degree.

Through strong collaboration with our K-12 education partners, we are pleased to expand learning opportunities for high school students:

- Youth Apprenticeship programming
- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Fire Academy
- Specialized mobile classroom training

We also recognize the need to expand our school safety training for K-12 staff in response to the changing world we live in. The Community Safety Simulation Center (CSSC) is designed to prepare individuals to address emerging security threats through immersive scenarios and classroom instruction.



By working together, we can keep talent local, strengthen our workforce and ensure that north central Wisconsin continues to be a place where students, families and employers thrive. Our community truly has it all with excellent K-12 schools, innovative businesses, generous philanthropic partners and exceptional higher education institutions.

Through a shared commitment to learner success, our collective efforts provide options for students to thrive in and out of the classroom – and the future is bright.

New Programs in 2025:

- Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma
- Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Certificate
- Bovine AI Breeding Certificate
- Floor Installation Technician Certificate
- Wood Industry: Mill Technology Certificate
- Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate
- Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate
- Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship
- Carpentry Apprenticeship

Antigo:

- **Antigo, East Campus**
Wood Technology
Center of Excellence
312 Forrest Avenue
Antigo, WI 54409
715.623.7601

Medford:

- **Medford, West Campus**
1001 Progressive Avenue
Medford, WI 54451
715.748.3603

Merrill:

- **Public Safety Center of Excellence**
1603 Champagne Street
Merrill, WI 54452
715.348.7205
- **Community Safety Simulation Center**
1505 Champagne Street
Merrill, WI 54452
- **CDL Training Center**
1200 W Taylor Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Spencer:

- **Spencer, Southwest Campus**
808 N. Pacific Street
Spencer, WI 54479
715.659.5120

Wausau:

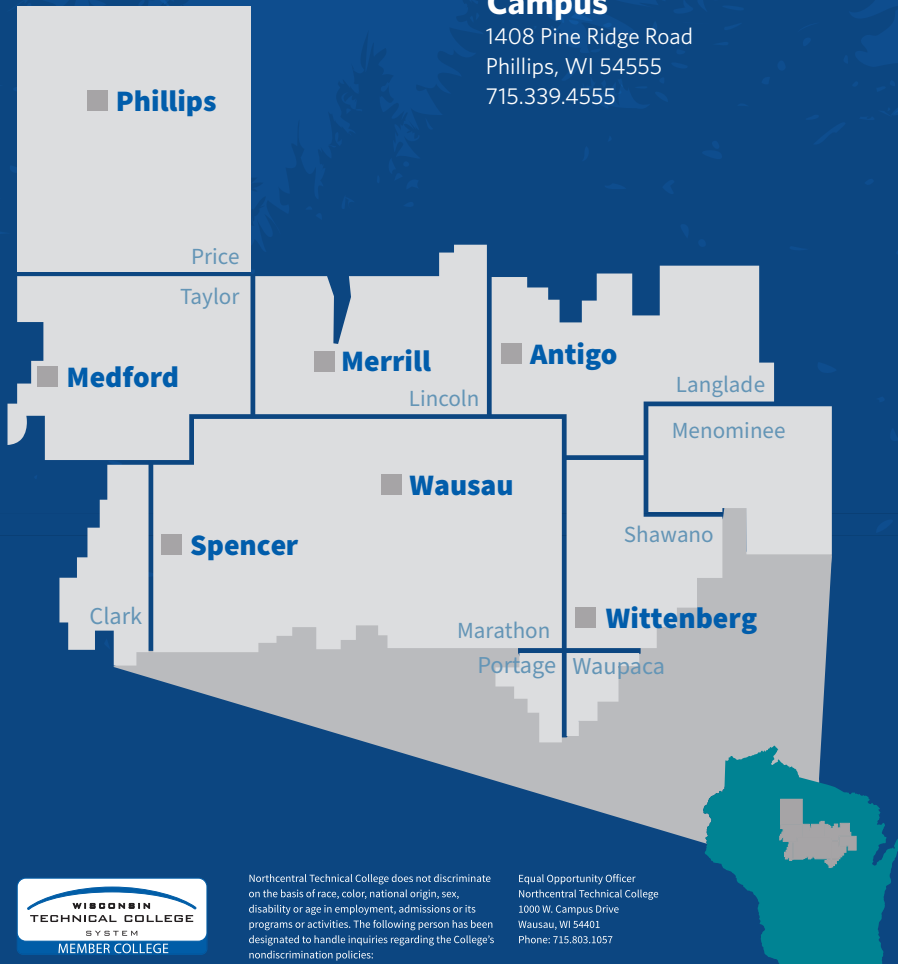
- **Wausau, Central Campus**
1000 W. Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
715.675.3331
- **Agriculture Center of Excellence**
6625 County Road K
Wausau, WI 54401
715.675.3331
- **Diesel Technology Center**
3353 Geischen Dr
Wausau, WI 54401
715.675.3331

Phillips:

- **Phillips, North Campus**
1408 Pine Ridge Road
Phillips, WI 54555
715.339.4555

Wittenberg:

- **Wittenberg, Southeast Campus**
402 N. Genesee Street, Suite 3
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715.253.3500





Northcentral
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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BOARD DASHBOARD

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Expand comprehensive support to ensure learner success.

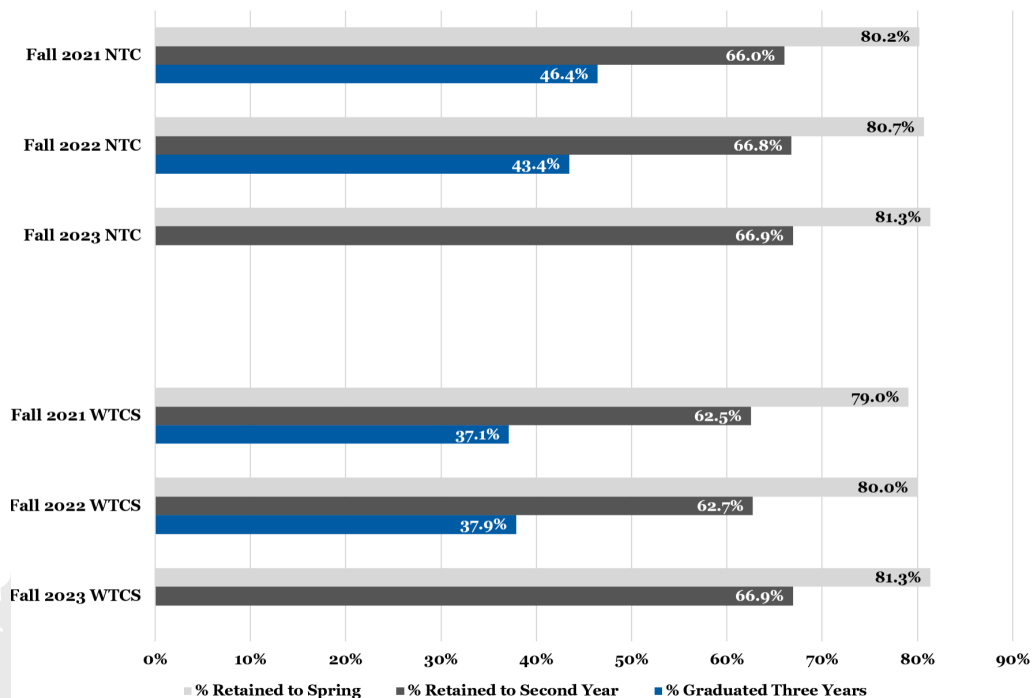
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Foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology.

STUDENT PERSISTENCE

WTCS Measures of Student Persistence



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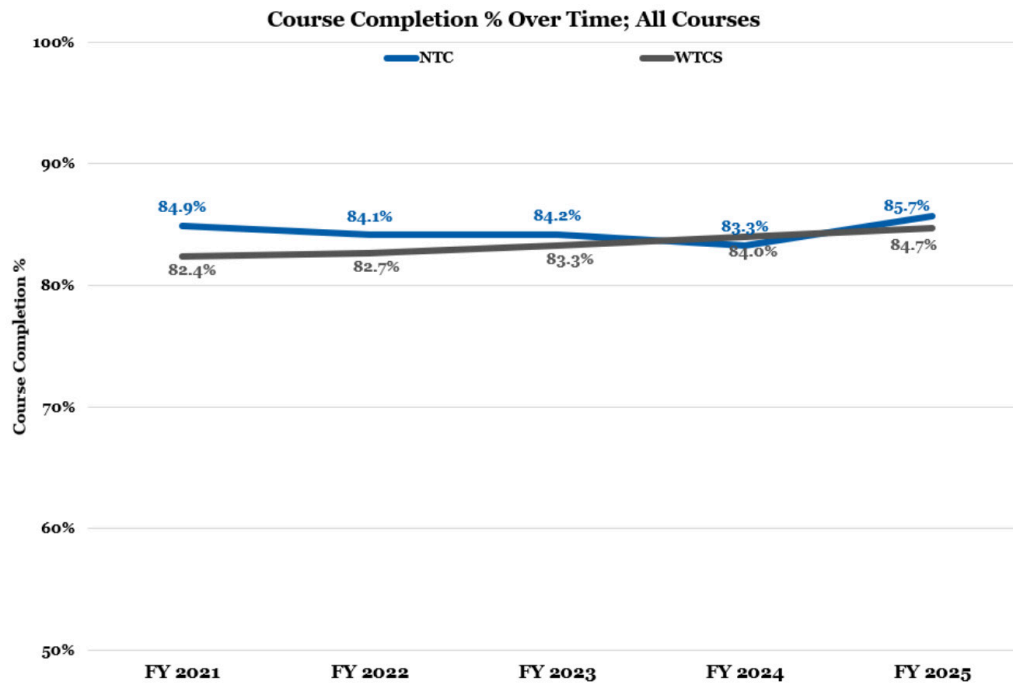
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COURSE COMPLETION



Note: Fiscal Year (FY) includes summer, fall, and spring terms, i.e. FY 2025 includes summer 2024, fall 2024, and spring 2025 semesters

ENROLLMENT

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Unduplicated Headcount	16,078	18,686	19,545	19,279	18,911
FTE	2,756	2,692	2,645	2,742	2,642

Unduplicated Headcount: A student is counted once per academic year

FTE: The total number of credits earned for the year divided by 30, this is the standard WTCS formula

Duplicated Headcount: A student is counted once per term for each class they are enrolled.

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Build on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs and strengthen the community while building the NTC brand.

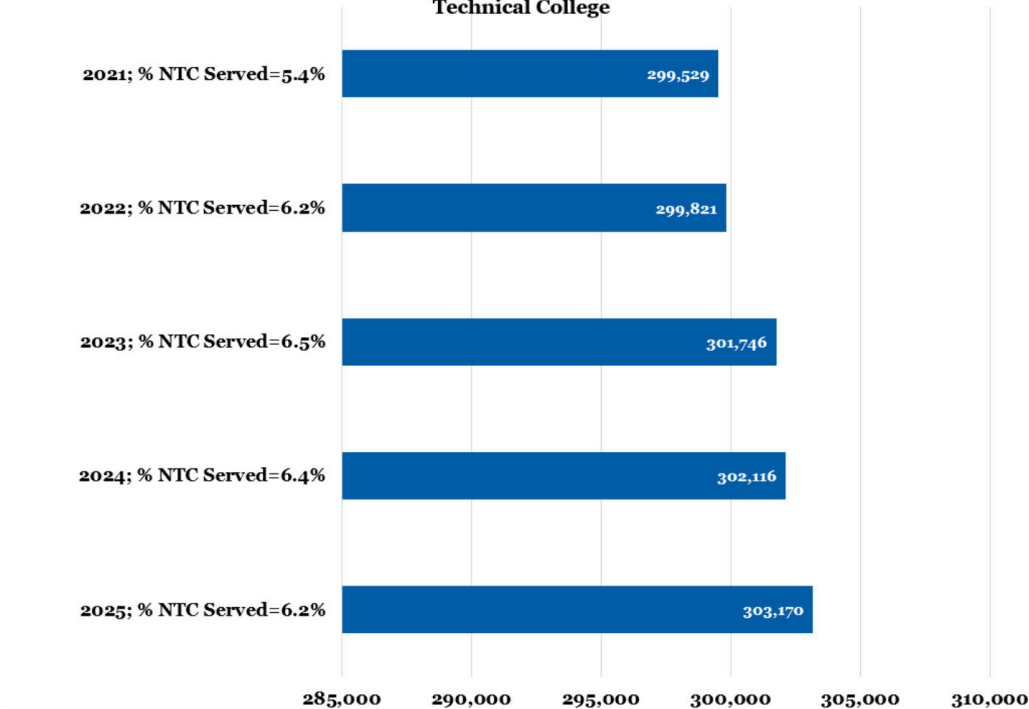
K12 IMPACT

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Students that Attempted Dual Credit	3,445	3,890	3,846	4,299	4,329
Dual Credits Earned	12,760	14,752	15,953	16,269	17,998
Total Tuition Dollars Saved	\$1,986,732	\$2,316,064	\$2,609,113	\$2,660,795	\$3,017,365

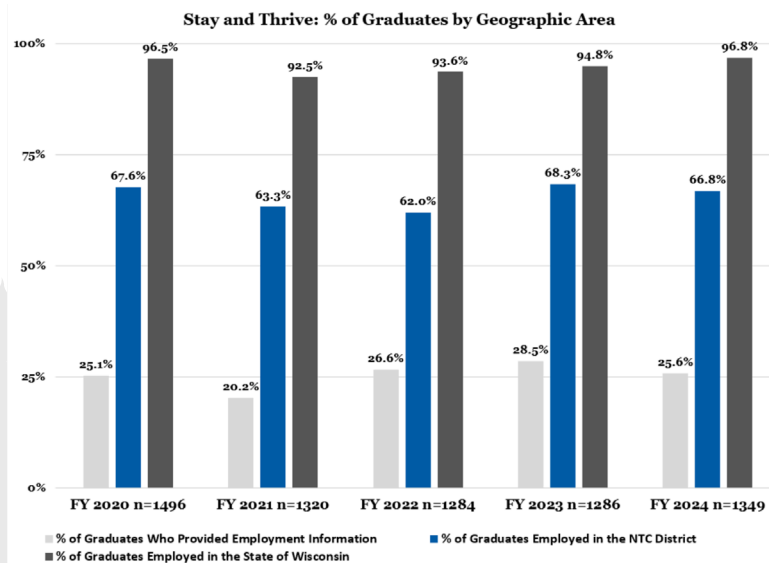
Note: Tuition Dollars Saved=Number of credits earned multiplied by per credit tuition charge for NTC for respective academic year. For FY 2025; $17,998 \times 167.65 = \$3,017,365$

COMMUNITY IMPACT

District Population Estimate and Percent Population Served by Northcentral Technical College



STAY AND THRIVE



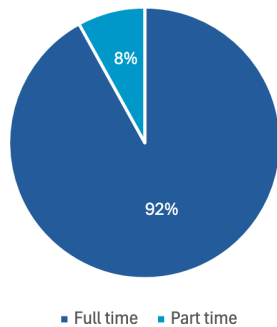
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Effectively use resources to enhance future stability.

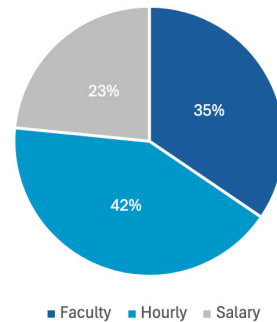
BUDGET SOURCE OF FUNDS

	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Actual	FY2026 Budget
Local Government	23.33%	22.84%	23.18%	24.34%	24.68%
State Aids	52.91%	52.56%	50.51%	51.19%	50.93%
Statutory Program Fees	21.34%	21.12%	21.07%	20.73%	21.24%
Material Fees	1.08%	1.08%	1.16%	1.10%	1.22%
Other Student Fees/Charges	0.26%	0.30%	0.32%	0.22%	0.25%
Institutional Revenue	1.06%	2.09%	3.76%	2.40%	1.67%
Federal Revenue	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%

ALL EMPLOYEES BY CATEGORY



ALL EMPLOYEES BY STATUS



AVERAGE EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE

Employee Type	Employee Count	Average Years of Service
Faculty	146	9.3
Hourly	178	6.8
Salary	99	9.5
Full time	389	8.4
Part time	34	6.9
Total	423	8.3

OVERALL EMPLOYEE
AVERAGE
8.3 YEARS

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average years of service for employees in higher education, categorized as “education, training, and library occupations,” is around 5.3 years. For all industries, the median number of years that wage and salary workers had been with their current employer was 3.9 years in January 2024.

WIOA/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3rd, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: A168

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Liberty Heidmann – Director, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
- Robert Bauer – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Patricia Noland – Director, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Nicky Lindman – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Tiaree McDonald – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Colt Nicklaus – FSC – WIOA Team Lead
- Connie Heidemann – Director, McLit

NTC Team:

- Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of General Studies
- Sara Bartelt – Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Kellie Bales – Adult Education Faculty
- Matt Hoenecke – Academic Transitions Advisor
- Ben Bliese – Coordinator, Career & Employer Services
- Jeffrey Cichon – Director, Financial Aid
- Barb Juliano – Instructional Assistant, Marathon County Jail & Marathon County Job Center
- Kathy Krause – AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisor, AE Faculty; Wausau NTC
- Jerry Xiong – College Prep Center Assistant

Agenda Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

Brooke Schindler – Dean of General Studies at Northcentral Technical College, welcomed everyone to the WIOA meeting and thanked them for attending.

Agenda Item 2: Update & Highlights from Last Meeting

The group was given a few minutes to review the minutes from Fall 2024 November 12th, 2024.

The meeting minutes were approved by all.



WIOA Advisory
Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 3: College-Wide Initiatives

Brooke Schindler – Dean of General Studies presented College-Wide Initiative & Updates to the Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item 4: Instructional Area/Program

A. Industry Trends

Connie: McLit recently underwent changes in its programming as a result of new leadership taking charge. One notable addition to their offerings is a Financial Literacy course, which has been implemented successfully and has received positive results from the students participating in it.

Bob: Another Workforce Advancement Initiative (WAI) grant has been recently introduced, aiming to support workforce development efforts. Additionally, the WIOA Adult Dislocated Worker Program has experienced a slight increase in both foot traffic and the number of referrals, indicating growing community awareness and engagement.

Patti: Many Workforce Development Areas (WDAs) are currently experiencing a high number of staff vacancies. Despite these challenges, the program has managed to serve a total of 2,244 cases so far this program year, with 1,340 cases currently open and 904 that have been successfully closed. The Career Pathways Grant awarded to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) has made a significant impact, having served just under 1,000 individuals across the state.

Nikki: The recent Open House event hosted by Northcentral Technical College was a success. However, some concerns were raised regarding the waiting period students face when trying to meet with academic advisors in order to register for classes on time. Would like to see more if other options are available or what specific steps students can take to help registration process faster to avoid potential delays.

Libby: A suggestion to create an overview of some of the NTC programs and services would be beneficial for clients. Which could help provide clearer information, making it easier for clients to know what's available to them and to make more informed decisions about their educational and career paths.

Colt: More than half of the adult and dislocated workers participating in the program receive training in the healthcare sector, which remains the most popular and heavily funded area for workforce development. Following healthcare, the next most common fields for training investments are Manufacturing and Transportation, reflecting the demand for skilled workers in these industries. Additionally, the program continues to maintain a waitlist for the WIOA Adult services, and it is anticipated that this waitlist will likely extend into the upcoming program year.

B. Program Information**a. Financial Aid Updates**

Jeffrey Cichon –Director of Financial Aid provided updates and answered questions related to financial aid to the Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item 5: Other Items – NTC Tour

Brooke Schindler – Dean of General Studies gathered the Advisory Committee members to go on a Pasture to Plate Butchery tour at Northcentral Technical College.

The Pasture to Plate Butchery certificate program features a new 1,300sq ft. cold lab and mobile harvesting unit. The 12 credit curriculum combines classroom instruction, hands-on training, and field experiences from ethical livestock handling and humanely inspected slaughter to meat fabrication, sausage crafting, HACCP principles, and retail operations.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 11th, 2025

Dental Therapy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/08/2025

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: CHS 4011

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/84288023525>

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Matt Crespin - Executive Director, Children's Alliance of Wisconsin
- Dr. Russell Dunkel - Wisconsin State Dental Director & Chief Dental Officer, WI Dept of Health Services
- Paula Rew - Office Manager, MPC Endodontics
- Dr. Thomas Treweek - Dentist, Athens Dental Clinic
- Dr. Helen Tsao - Endodontist, MPC Endodontics
- Karen Turner - MDI Hygienist & Trainer, Bridge Community Health Clinic
- Dr. Thomas Wheeler- Dental Director, Peter Christiansen Dental Clinic

NTC Team:

- Dr. Darren Ackley - Provost and VP, Learning
- Laura Ahonen - Associate Dean, Allied Health & Human Services
- Dr. William Akey - Program Director, Dental Therapy
- Leah Attoms - Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Deb Koziel - Program Director, Dental (DH, DA and EFDA)
- Jordyn Olson - Advisor, Student Success
- Dr. Angela Roesler - Dean, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Jennifer Sawvell - Manager, Dental Clinic

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Dental Therapy Program Director, Dr. William Akey, at 12:32pm. Dr. Akey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Update and Highlights from Last Meeting

Dr. Akey called for any changes to the minutes from the fall 2024 meeting (10.11.24). There were no changes made to the minutes from this meeting.

College-Wide Initiatives

A Power Point of College-Wide Initiatives was reviewed by Associate Dean of Allied Health and Human Services, Laura Ahonen. She discussed 6 new programs starting at NTC this fall: Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Diploma; . Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma; Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma; Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate; Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate; and Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship. She also shared an update on Agriculture 4.0, the integration of advanced digital technologies into farming, and how NTC is bringing Agriculture 4.0 to the classroom with Drones & Simulators, Sustainable Practices, and Future Pathways. Additionally, she discussed the importance of Program Health, a data-informed process to evaluate the ongoing demand, quality, and sustainability of academic programs. Laura asked Dr. Roesler to speak to the

group about the Community Safety Simulation Center (CSSC), a stop the threat initiative that is a partnership with Pennsylvania School Safety Institute-PennSSI (sponsored by Church Mutual), which is now open and ready to serve our local communities. Additionally, Laura spoke about AI at NTC and how our technical college is advancing a mission-driven AI strategy through instructional innovation, operational efficiency, and workforce readiness. Dr. Roesler added that NTC is leading the initiative with AI and we have a large team working towards making it as useful and practical as possible in day-to-day life. Together, these initiatives prepare learners and organizations for success in an AI-driven future.

Student Support

These resources are available to our students

- Access to free mental health services through **TimelyCare** (timelycare.com/ntc)
- **Academic Advisors** can help students with planning their academic progress and referral to needed resources.
- Non-academic student needs can be addressed through our **Student Resource Coordinator**.
- **Timberwolf Table**, NTC's food pantry for students
- **Timberwolf Learning Commons**, with library, tutors and coaches available
- **Student Scholarships**
- **Student Life** offers a number of programs, both in-person and remote, to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax, and have fun.

Workforce Training and Professional Development

There was also an update given on happenings in Workforce Training in Professional Development. Flyers will be sent out with the meeting minutes on the current community offerings in this area of NTC.

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

Handshake

NTC uses Handshake to connect students with employers

- Handshake is a leading career network for college students and recent graduates.
- Connects students with employers offering internships, part-time, and full-time job opportunities.
 - Access to Diverse Talent Pool:
 - Streamlined Recruiting Process:
 - Analytics and Reporting:
- How to Get Started
 - **Step 1:** Create an account on Handshake.
 - **Step 2:** Complete your employer profile.
 - **Step 3:** Post jobs and start connecting with students.



For more information contact Ben Bliese at bliese@ntc.edu

Spring 2026 Advisory Committee Summit

This spring NTC is hosting an exciting opportunity for advisory committee members to gather together from throughout the college for a Summit. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

- April 15th, 2026; 7:30am-11:30am
 - Networking & Breakfast
 - Learning at NTC- Followed by Choice of 3 Tour Options



Industry Trends

Dr. Akey, Dental Therapy Program Director, introduced the following topics and proposed questions to the committee regarding them:

1. Overview of current and emerging issues impacting oral healthcare delivery in Wisconsin
 - a. The committee discussed recent developments, including Delta Dental's acquisition of Cherry Tree Dental, considering potential benefits and drawbacks of this change.
2. Dental Therapists in practice in Wisconsin; early outcomes and industry feedback
 - a. The committee noted that one Dental Therapist is currently practicing in Shawano. Additionally, a small but growing number of job postings for Dental Therapists have begun to appear across the state.

Program Updates

The following Program Updates were shared:

- Associate Dean of Allied Health and Human Services, Laura Ahonen, shared an update on Student Interest and program enrollment updates.
 - Student Interest Forms: 68 forms submitted as of today
 - Enrollment: If we achieve "initial accreditation" status from CODA in February, enrollment in courses will begin in April 2026
 - Dr. Akey, Dental Therapy Program Director, shared an update on the DT Minor Sites.
 - Students will go to the following sites for Community Clinics:
 - Bridge
 - Peter Christensen
 - Noble Clinics
 - Family Health Center
 - Menominee Tribal Clinic
 - We are exploring other associations as well.
- *If you are interested in becoming a minor site, please let us know.*

- Student Recruitment Events
 - We will host a series of Dental Therapy Engagement Sessions for interested students
 - Sept. 23, Nov. 23 and Feb 23
 - We will provide monthly updates as well.

Program Modifications

- Pediatric Dentistry
 - Was 2 credits
 - Now 3 credits
- Community Clinic II
 - Was 4 credits
 - Now 3 credits

Facilities/Equipment

- Capital Equipment and Recent Purchases
- Update on NTC Community Dental Clinic remodel and building addition
 - Flooring fully in, cabinets and shelves are being put in
 - 15 NOMADS
 - 58 functioning dental chairs

Other Items

- DT Faculty Licensure
 - Wisconsin currently does not have a licensure pathway for Dental Therapists who received their education and experience outside of Minnesota.
 - We have requested to be placed on the DEB agenda to consider establishing such a pathway. This could be through special consideration or a recognition route, such as a Dental Faculty License. The goal is to allow highly qualified and historically significant Dental Therapy practitioners to contribute to the advancement and delivery of dental therapy education in Wisconsin.
- Adjunct (part-time) Faculty opportunities
 - August 20th & 21st 6:00am, adjunct recruitment event
 - Looking for adjuncts for everything, teaching, labs, clinicals, etc.
- CODA Accreditation Site Visit Preparation
 - DT program mission statement review

The mission of the Dental Therapy program at Northcentral Technical College is to train culturally competent oral healthcare professionals who will enhance the dental care workforce, with a focus on serving the underserved communities of Wisconsin.

- Advisory Committee role during the site visit
 - The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide a mutual exchange of information for improving the program, recruiting qualified students and meeting employment needs of the community.
 - Institution personnel participates in the meetings as non-voting members to receive advice and assistance.
- Review of curriculum alignment with CODA competencies
 - Refer to “Curriculum Map with CODA Competencies” document

Upcoming Meetings

- The date for the CODA Site Visitor Meeting with DT Advisory Committee is:
Wednesday, Sept 3, 2025 from 12pm to 1pm (Lunch for in-person attendees)
Zoom option available
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The date for the Spring 2026 Advisory Committee Summit is Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 7:30am-11:30am. More information on the Spring Advisory Committee Summit will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.
- **Spring 2026 Dental Therapy Program Advisory Committee:** The committee agreed to hold a program-specific meeting in Spring 2026. The confirmed date and time will be shared with members as soon as this is finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33pm.

Marketing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/10/2025

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Sal Cuomo – Marco, Technology Advisor; Advisory Committee Chairperson
- Jacqui McElroy – SC Swiderski; Director of Business Development
- Jessica Meadows – County Materials; Communications Manager

NTC Team:

- Dr. Amy Gajewski – Faculty, Marketing/Digital Marketing
- Dianne Carroll – Faculty Success Manager
- Dr. Jason Schenzel – Dean, School of Business & IT
- Valerie Becker – Administrative Assistant, School of Business
- Kendra Barens – Faculty, Student Success Advisor

Industry Discussion

Ai in Marketing

Sal Cuomo - AI is beginning to influence strategic account development, though Sal's company is still in early stages and do not have automation fully in place quite yet. There are AI offerings through Salesforce but there is lack of clarity on fully integrating this. His company records meetings via AI, which helps with referencing material from previous meetings.

Jacqi McElroy – They are using AI more for efficiency and less on the creative side. They are using Copilot internally for things like meeting notes and file access. Marketing is experimenting with use of AI but they are still in early stages. They've tried AI video creation but mainly as a springboard for manual projects. Their Accounting department is moving forward with AI (e.g., coding invoices).

Jessica Meadows - Emphasized AI's usefulness depends on the quality of data loaded and she prefers Copilot for controlled proprietary content over ChatGPT. They run new marketing materials through Copilot to ensure consistent branding and a checkpoint for copyright information. One of the challenges is constantly feeding data into Copilot to keep it up to date. They tend to avoid using tools, like ChatGPT that are global and widespread, but they do use AI in Photoshop, search engine optimization, and proofreading which have increased efficiencies.

Jason Schenzel - Discussed the growing use of AI in marketing, especially in video creation. He's created videos using DL3 through Google Gemini but pointed out challenges in manipulating AI-generated content to get the desired final product.

CRM, Marketing, and Industry Tools

Jacqi McElroy - Their leasing system (AppFolio) uses AI to keep listings updated. Noted that students often learn more about AI tools than industry professionals.

Jessica Meadows - They are transitioning to HubSpot and plan to learn more about its AI capabilities.

Dr. Amy Gajewski - Students have limited access to paid subscriptions like Salesforce, HubSpot, Hootsuite, Google Analytics, etc., so she leverages free trials and videos to use for assignments, however, we do provide Canva subscriptions to students. CRM is taught in a dedicated one-credit course. We do use Meta Business Suite

and other industry-relevant platforms where possible. Amy noted some students gained jobs due to certifications in tools like Google Analytics and Hootsuite.

Instructional Area/Program

AI in Education

Dianne Carroll – We have been embedding AI into coursework with an emphasis on critical thinking and validation of AI outputs and are focused on balancing technology training with teaching the right tools.

Dr. Amy Gajewski – AI has been integrated into the marketing curriculum earlier than most other schools in the state. There's been a rapid evolution of AI tools since last year, making it challenging to decide which ones are most useful for students. Amy encourages students to use AI tools (ChatGPT, Copilot, Yoodli, Perplexity) for marketing projects, presentations, and sales simulations. She stressed importance of teaching students *why* tools are used, not just how. Activities have been designed around AI prompting to improve student skills. Students get the opportunity to compare and evaluate their peers' AI-generated campaigns/taglines and their *self-created* campaigns/taglines and give feedback on effectiveness. Amy stresses the importance of storytelling behind AI and how storytelling in an authentic brand-voice is more important now than ever because AI lacks an emotional pull. LinkedIn Learning certifications and free tools are incorporated into courses since most industry software is subscription-based.

Kendra Berens: From an advising perspective, AI use is limited but could help streamline processes in the future. We also want to ensure students don't rely too heavily on AI for completing their programs.

Enrollment Update

Amy Gajewski – The Digital Marketing program began in 2014 and was one of the first in the state; however, there's been a recent shift in more students leaning toward Marketing instead of Digital Marketing. We're working on retention and increasing applications, especially for dual-credit high school classes. She shared enrollment and graduation data from the 2024-2025 academic year:

- 2024 FTE: Digital Marketing 29.33, Marketing 17.60.
- 2024 graduates: 27 Digital Marketing, 6 Marketing.
- Typical student demographic: single working moms who prefer flexible online learning. Many students attend from across the country and discover the program through ChatGPT searches.

College-Wide Initiatives

Dr. Jason Schenzel reviewed the Fall 2025 College-wide initiatives presentation with the committee.

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

The next meeting will NTC's college-wide Advisory Committee Summit: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:30am-11:30am

Supply Chain Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/18/2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Tim Daanen – President, B&D Warehouse
- Kevin Muraski – Production Scheduling Manager, Wausau Coated
- Tom Janssen – Supply Chain Manager, AROW Global Corp
- Marty Robbins – Director of Fleet Operations, Marathon Cheese Corp.

NTC Team:

- Erin McNally – Learning Manager, School of Business
- Kurt Swanson – Faculty, Supply Chain Management & Leadership Development
- Kendra Barnes – Student Success Advisor
- Jason Schenzel – Dean, School of Business & IT
- Valerie Becker – Administrative Assistant, School of Business

Industry Discussion

AI in Supply Chain

Marty Robbins – Uses AI at a basic level (job descriptions, letters, proofreading, research).

Kevin Muraski – Uses AI for reviews, job descriptions, and research. Their IT team introduced managers to AI tools; emphasized caution with sensitive data.

Tim Daanen – Is actively experimenting with AI including company data and spreadsheets. Envisions automating repetitive tasks, potentially cutting some job functions by 50%. Believes AI will push people to rely more on face-to-face networking due to skepticism about “fake” outputs. Tim praised an AI training he attended at NTC lead by Josh Stutting. He believes that schools should let students use AI but emphasize critical thinking alongside it.

Tom Janssen – Their HR is using AI to analyze resumes and detect patterns, otherwise limited AI use within operations.

Kurt Swanson – Reinforced that AI is here to stay; students must learn it as a tool/partner, not just a shortcut. Integration into curriculum should help students free up time for higher-level, human-focused tasks.

Hiring, Networking & Soft Skills

Tim Daanen – Emphasized networking as the most effective hiring tool and gave an example where he filled a position through connections without posting the job.

Jason Schenzel – Reinforced the importance of human connection in hiring and education and warned against over-reliance on technology; critical thinking and creativity remain essential.

Tom Janssen – They are aggressively hiring to meet demand, but due to losing 80–90% of new hires within two weeks, HR is using AI on resumes to spot patterns and to improve fit. Tom praised NTC’s Supply Chain Management program’s impact on employees with one current employee completing the program and another employee enrolling. He’s seeing direct benefits from the program in workforce skills.

Kevin Muraski – Has been experiencing a shortage of the *right* people for skilled roles.

Marty Robbins – Stressed importance of soft skills and emotional intelligence training for students.

Industry Trends & Challenges

Marty Robbins – Noted the following trends in supply chain management:

- **Food Industry:** Major mergers acquisitions, and consolidations (e.g., Kraft Heinz divestitures).
- **Regulatory Pressures:** Lawsuits and emissions regulations in flux (California & East Coast leading changes).
- **Transportation:** Excess capacity means shippers retain pricing leverage; carriers face stagnant rates. Some small/medium carriers and brokers are closing due to inability to compete.

Kevin Muraski – Business is strong for their company overall, but they do have concerns about tariffs impacting stability. Workforce shortages persist in skilled roles.

Tim Daanen: Warehouse construction is complete, but he is still filling capacity (40–43k sq. ft. available). Tariffs have created uncertainty, with some customers halting imports. Interest rate cuts may help, and he anticipates growth picking up in 2026. Networking remains the most powerful tool for hiring and business development.

Tom Janssen – They are experiencing rapid growth due to competitors exiting the market and from taking on two additional window lines from John Deer. They purchased land behind their current site and are planning a 40-50k sq ft expansion but are also arranging short-term assembly/floor space with Crystal Finishing. They are experiencing some severe supplier performance issues such as late shipments, poor communication, even shutdowns due to lack of materials. They have carriers offering very low rates; so they're consolidating freight with reliable carriers/suppliers during the growth push.

Instruction Area/Program(s)

Program Update

Kurt Swanson – No major curriculum modifications for the program this year. Kurt is currently focusing on integrating SAP University Alliances resources into coursework, with positive early results.

- **NSF ExLent Grant:** This grant, awarded last year, provides real-world simulation (SAP), internships, and funding opportunities. Student engagement activities shifted from 6 events per semester to 6 per year to accommodate working adults. Last spring Tom Janssen did a webinar on supplier partnerships that was well received by students and a site visit to the Walmart Distribution Center in Menominee, WI is scheduled for September 19th. Kurt is open to hosting more tours and webinars from committee partners if interested.

Tim Daanen – Suggested partnerships with CWIMA (Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Association) to strengthen student networking opportunities.

Enrollment Update

Erin McNally – Erin Shared the following enrollment updates:

- **2026:** FTE 5.47, 68 duplicated headcount, 14 unduplicated (22 unduplicated when including certificates), all which are up from last year.
- **2025:** FTE 5.03, headcount 65, unduplicated 16.

College Updates

Erin McNally reviewed the Fall 2025 College-wide initiatives presentation with the committee.

Next meeting schedule & agenda items discussion

- The next meeting will be NTC's college-wide Advisory Committee Summit on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:30am-11:30am
- Survey will be sent out to committee members to let us know what day of the week and time work best.

Board of Trustees Upcoming Meetings + Events – 2025-2026
Updated: 9/29/25

Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntin	Tom Felch	Renee Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann	Rainer Shooter
2025										
MONDAY July 14	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
August 13	Regional Forensic Science Center Grand Opening + Ribbon Cutting Ceremony			X	X		X	X		
August 19	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	E
September 15-16	Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3) Annual Conference <i>(Various NTC Locations)</i>	X			X		X			
September 25	Community Safety Simulation Center (CSSC) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony <i>(10:00 a.m. @ NTC Public Safety Center of Excellence)</i>		X	X				X	X	
October 16-17	WTC DBA Legal Issues Conference <i>(Waukesha County Technical College - Pewaukee)</i>									
October 17-18	WTC DBA Fall Meeting <i>(Waukesha County Technical College - Pewaukee)</i>							X		
October 21	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 13	Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony <i>(10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)</i>									
2026										
February 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 7	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 16	WTCS Ambassador Banquet <i>(Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells)</i>									
April 17	WTC DBA Trustees + Ambassadors Breakfast									

	<i>(Wisconsin Dells)</i>									
April 17	WTC DBA Spring Meeting <i>(Wisconsin Dells)</i>									
May 5	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 16	Spring Graduation Ceremony <i>(10:00 a.m. @ TBD)</i>									
June 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(Public Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:15 p.m. Regular Meeting at 12:45 p.m.)</i>									

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



COLLEGE *Notes*

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the President's List for the spring 2025 term. The following students from our area earned a 3.75 GPA or higher and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the spring term.

Curtiss: Kellyanne Maldonado, Michael Stiglich.

Dorchester: Amber Mulderink, Kelleen Zarins, Mari-

sol Garcia, Monica Halopka, and Tyler Priekschat.

Greenwood: Addy Bie-neck, Angela Baures, Kayla Grambsch, and Paige Beyerl.

Owen: Kendall Weiler, Mathew Wilson, Tara Thums.

Stanley: Geneva Capetillo.

Stetsonville: Amber Herr, Ellyn Laska, Julian Bucki, Kelsi Kreklau, Marshall Matson, and Taylor Fredrick.

Thorp: Alyssa Rycerz, Elizabeth Frankewicz, Madison Vetterkind, Ruby Kilmer.

Withee: Dakota Shelton, Ellie Petersen, Kendall Mueller, Lydia Lobacz, and Mason Gay.


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students must earn a grade-point average of 3.75 or above and complete a minimum of six credits.

MARATHON

LEGO Block Party

Get creative with LEGO and other blocks on Friday, Aug. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marathon Branch Library. The event is free, blocks will be provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Butterfly crafts

Kids can let their imaginations take flight as they create unique and colorful butterfly crafts at the Marathon City Branch Library on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. on The event is free, all supplies provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Library scavenger hunt

Calling all young detectives and treasure hunters! Come to the Marathon City Branch Library for a summer scavenger hunt. If you're up to the challenge, drop in during open hours the week of July 28-Aug. 2. For more information, call 715-443-2775.

Brats & hot dogs

Cub Scout Pack 458 will be hosting a brat and hot dog sale at the Marathon Farmers Market on Thursday, July 31. The sale runs from 2-6 p.m. Proceeds will be used for camps, field trips, and other fees.

Family Story Times

Children ages 6 and under and their parents and caregivers are invited to the Marathon City Branch Library for Family Story Time on Thursdays over the summer. Library staff will read books, sing songs, and more during the 30 to 45 minute program. The regular story time schedule may get interrupted by special events on occasion. The next story times will be Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call 715-443-2775 for more information.

Book club

The Marathon City Book Club will meet Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:45 p.m. at the Marathon City Branch Library to discuss "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. The teenage son of an Appalachian single mother who dies when he is eleven uses his good looks, wit, and instincts to survive foster care, child labor, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Call 715-443-2775 for more information.

College note

The following students were named to the president's list for the 2025 spring semester at **Northcentral** Technical College in Wausau: Benedict Rogan, Chenpieng Phakitthong, Jacob Rhyner, Jebb Pagenkopf, Levi Krautkramer, Michael Thomsen. To be named to the list, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.75 or above and complete a minimum of six credits.

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Book club

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Suncatchers

Let your creativity shine with a

faux stained glass suncatcher. Children are welcome to stop by the Edgar Branch Library during open hours the week of August 4-9 to create a suncatcher using sharpies, highlighters, and ink-jet transparencies. For more information, call 715-352-3155.

Neat'ure Creatures

Create butterflies, dragonflies, and other creatures using sticks, pinecones, acorns and other nature items. Kids can come to the Edgar Branch Library on Friday, Aug. 1 from noon to 3 p.m., to make these "neat'ure creatures." Call 715-352-3155 for more information.

Concerts in the Park

The Edgar Fine Arts Association will host Concerts in the Park at Oak Street Park on the following dates: July 31 - Jordan Blanchard-St. Johns Youth group concessions; Aug. 7- "John Denver Tribute" by Layne Yost. Aug. 14 - Jerry Schmitt- St. Stevens concessions. All concerts run from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Family Story Times

Children ages 6 and under and their parents and caregivers are invited to the Edgar Branch Library on the first and third Tuesday of the month for Family Story Time. Enjoy learning with all of your children through stories, songs and other literature-based activities during this 30-minute program. The next Story Times will be on Aug. 5 and 19, 11-11:30 a.m. Call 715-352-3155 for more information.

Games at St. Stephen

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 424 N. Third Ave., Edgar, will host card games in the church basement on Wednesdays, Aug. 13 and 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be served. If you need a ride or have questions, call Mark at 715-348-5802 or Colleen at 715-571-8277.

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MARATHON

LEGO Block Party

Get creative with LEGO and other blocks on Friday, Aug. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marathon Branch Library. The event is free, blocks will be provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Butterfly crafts

Kids can let their imaginations take flight as they create unique and colorful butterfly crafts at the Marathon City Branch Library on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free, all supplies provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Library scavenger hunt

Calling all young detectives and treasure hunters! Come to the Marathon City Branch Library for a summer scavenger hunt. If you're up to the challenge, drop in during open hours the week of July 28-Aug. 2. For more information, call 715-443-2775.

Brats & hot dogs

Cub Scout Pack 458 will be hosting a brat and hot dog sale at the Marathon Farmers Market on Thursday, July 31. The sale runs from 2-6 p.m. Proceeds will be used for camps, field trips, and other fees.



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ATHENS

Senior Card Group

The Senior Citizens card group met on July 24 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Three games of Sheephead were played. Rick Schaetzel won first place and Andy Hoeft came in second in the first game. Harold Weinke won first and Henry Faber came in second in the second game.

Low score was David Perrodin.

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

Paper snail craft

Children are invited to make a unique paper snail craft during the week of Aug. 4-9 at the Athens Branch Library. Kids can drop in anytime during open hours to create a colorful snail using rolled paper coil shapes. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

DIY paper bead crafts

Kids and tweens are invited to stop by the Athens Branch Library during the week of July 28-Aug. 2 to make upcycled paper beads. After creating and decorating the paper beads, you can turn them into a bracelet or other craft. Younger children may need assistance from a caregiver. Drop by anytime during open hours. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

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STRATFORD

Life-Sized Candyland

All ages are welcome to stop by the Stratford Branch Library on Thursday, Aug. 7, any time between 1 to 7 p.m., for a sweet journey through a life-sized version of Candy Land. Travel through the Peppermint Forest, over the Gumdrops Mountains, and more. The event is free; no registration required. Call 715-687-4420 for more info.

Book club

The Stratford Book Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Stratford Branch Library to discuss "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. When Huck escapes from his drunken father and the 'civilizing' Widow Douglas with the runaway slave Jim, he embarks on a series of adventures that draw him to feuding families and the trickery of the unscrupulous Duke and Dauphin. For more information, call 715-687-4420.

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NTC announces spring President's List honors

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2025 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 spring term.

Abbotsford: Andrew Malchow, Chloe Cihlar, Citlali Ochoa, Dylan Price, Emely Mireles-Melgarejo, Harmony Le, Jeanne Dunow, Katelyn Malchow, Khloe Frahmman, Margo Lynn Pogodzinski, Shanna Kalepp

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Cornell: Anna Hillebrand

Curtis: Kellyanne Maldonado, Michael Stiglich

Dorchester: Amber Mulderink, Kelleen Zarins, Marisol Garcia, Monica Halopka, Tyler Priekschat

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Owen: Kendall Weiler, Mathew Wilson, Tara Thums

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Westboro: Addison Gumz, Clare Grittner-Minarciny, Emma Tlusty,

Withee: Dakota Shelton, Ellie Petersen, Kendall Mueller, Lydia Lobacz, Mason Gay

NTC has six campus locations in Wausau, Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer and Wittenberg, as well as a Public Safety Center of Excellence, Community Safety Simulation Center and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Center in Merrill, a Wood Technology Center of Excellence and Sawmill in Antigo and an Agriculture Center of Excellence and Diesel Technology Center just north of the Wausau Campus in the Village of Maine.

Northcentral Technical College announces spring 2025 graduates

Northcentral Technical
College in Wausau, WI
announced the following
students from the Monroe

County area were awarded
diplomas during the spring
2025 term:

Wilton, WI: Cora Brandau



NTC Announces Spring Graduates

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has announced its graduates for the spring 2025 term. The college extends its congratulations to all students, including Chelsea Kubiacyk of Deerbook, on their academic achievement.

As north central Wisconsin's premier

two-year college and a resource for the District, NTC provides quality skills training to build a competitive workforce. With six campuses and multiple specialized centers, the college is positioned to meet the training needs of individuals and businesses throughout the region.



Wausau, Business News North Central

NTC announces new programs

WAUSAU — Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has announced several new programs set to begin during the fall 2025 semester.

NTC staff said six new degrees have been created in response to growing job market needs and feedback from local employers.

Applications are now being accepted at NTC for:

- Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)

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Neillsville, Clark County Press

Six ladies compete for Fairest of the Fair

By June Thompson

The Clark County Fair will be held Aug. 6-10 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Fairgoers will have a chance to see one young lady crowned Fairest of the Fair Aug. 6. This year, six ladies are competing for the honor of being Fairest of the Fair.

Janalee Kapusta, coordinator for the Fairest of the Fair, has been on the committee for years. "I ran for Fairest of the Fair in 2017 and 2018. I was second attendant both years," said Kapusta. She was chosen as the Fairest of the Fair in 2019.

Seeing the girls come out of their comfort zone and having this unique experience is something Kapusta looks forward to every year. But she doesn't do it alone. Kapusta has Jaidyn Teschner and Trina Abbott helping her.

"It's a good opportunity to improve interpersonal skills and confidence," said Teschner. She was the Fairest of the Fair in 2021. "I enjoy being an advocate for the fair and county and a role model for the youth."

One of the contestants is Ruby Kilmer. She competed last year for the Fairest of the Fair. "I really enjoyed getting to know people and visiting towns. I enjoy the connections that got me out of my comfort zone," she said.

Kilmer was Miss Thorp 2023-2024. Her mother is Sharon Zurakowski-Kilmer.

Ruby Kilmer is attending Northcentral Technical College for early childhood. "I want to work in a daycare or head start program," she said. "I love education." Yet, Kilmer also has an interest in the medical field. She may pursue a career in that profession.

Kilmer loves to read; she considers herself to be a bookworm. She lives on a farm. Her favorite animals are cows.

"If I'm chosen as Fairest of the Fair, I'd love to promote youth agriculture. They are the future farmers," said Kilmer. "I'd promote the fair/cows/livestock—where you get your food from and family bonding time."

Another contestant is Jordan Berg. She recently graduated from Granton High School in 2025. Berg plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison and major in life sciences and communications. Her parents are Joey and Jennifer Berg.

"I want to study agricultural policy," Berg said. "I want to advocate for family farms. I have a deeply rooted passion for agriculture." She has held several positions for Granton Future Farmers of America (FFA). "I hope to be an agriculture lobbyist and educate people on agriculture."

Berg loves to travel. "I'd love to go to Europe and see the old European architecture," she said. "I hope to study abroad in college. I love history." Berg has been to Washington D.C. for an FFA Conference. "I gained leadership skills and learned

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June Thompson/Clark County Press

The six contestants for 2025 Fairest of the Fair are (left-right) Ruby Kilmer, Jordan Berg, Lizzy Reinart, Madison Stieglitz, Laela Scott and Kaydena Plaskey. The Fairest of the Fair coronation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Clark County Fairgrounds.



Volunteers work together to complete Neillsville's mural project

County board designates authority in opioid settlement

By Edward DuBois

The Clark County Board of

combat the opioid epidemic.

On behalf of the county

College notes

Logan Kawa, a biology major at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Whitewater from Owen, was one of more than 400 Warhawk student-athletes who earned a spot on the 2024-25 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Scholastic Honor Roll.

Kawa was a member of the wrestling team(s) during the 2024-25 academic year.

The WIAC Scholastic honor roll represents students that achieved a 3 grade-point average (GPA) or better (on a 4.0 scale).

A total of 231 men and 197 women from UW-Whitewater were selected to the Scholastic honor roll.

Georgia Butterbrodt of Greenwood, a bachelor of science degree in information and communication technology, Michael Winder

of Neillsville, a master of science degree in information and communication technology, Brooklynn Anderson, a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education, Kelly Fazendin, a master of science degree in nutrition and dietetics and Addyson Hopkins, a bachelor of science degree in psychology, all of Thorp, graduated May 10, from UW-Stout in Menomonie, Wis. The university graduated 1,174 students, with 952 undergraduate and 222 graduate school students this spring.

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) announced Tracy Larson of Neillsville was awarded a diploma during the spring 2025 term.

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) announced

the president's list for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2025 term.

Andrew Malchow, Chloe Cihlar, Citlali Ochoa, Dylan Price, Emely Mireles-Melgarejo, Harmony Le, Jeanne Dunow, Katelyn Malchow, Khloe Frahmman, Margo Lynn Pogodzinski and Shanna Kalepp, all of Abbotsford; Nora Meissner of Chili; Amanda Engel, Angel Diaz, Hayden Fecker, Juana Marin, Justin Hill and Renegade Fons, all of Colby; Kellyanne Maldonado and Michael Stiglich, all of Curtis; Amber Mulderink, Kelleen Zarins, Marisol Garcia, Monica Halopka and Tyler Priekschat, all of Dorchester; Addy Bieneck, Angela Baures, Kayla Grambsch and Paige Beyerl, all of Greenwood; Crissy Bauer, Elisha Weinfurter, Emma Schlough and Taylor

Stange, all of Loyal; Kendall Weiler, Mathew Wilson and Tara Thums, all from Owen; Carter Griepentrog, Delilah Hederer, Devyn Schmidt, Mick Fitzner, Theresa Knecht and Yazmin Garcia Gonzalez, all from Spencer; Geneva Capetillo from Stanley; Alyssa Rycerz, Elizabeth Frankiewicz, Madison Vetterkind and Ruby Kilmer, all from Thorp; Breanne Zawislak, Estrella Bolanos-Bautista and Margaret Reis, all from Unity; Liv Lucas of Willard; and Dakota Shelton, Ellie Petersen, Kendall Mueller, Lydia Lobacz and Mason Gay, all of Withee, enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 GPA or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the spring term.



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Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2025 term.

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UW-Stout

The following students from the area graduated on May 10, 2025, from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, WI.

Thorp: *Brooklyn Anderson*, BS Early Childhood Education; *Kelly Fazendin*, MS

Nutrition & Dietetics; *Addyson Hopkins*, BS Psychology.

UW- Whitewater

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Area graduates of UW-Stout

Four area residents were among the spring semester graduates of University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie. The university graduated 1,174 students, with 952 undergraduate and 222 Graduate School students in May..

Ogema

- Payton Hawkins, BS Mechanical Engineering
Park Falls

- Ian Oswald, BS Computer and Electrical Engineering
Rib Lake

- Alissa Ruppel, BS Art Education

- Derek Sprotte, BS Management

Yanich graduates NTC

Northcentral Technical College announced that Braden Yanich, of Phillips, is among the graduating students awarded diplomas following the spring 2025 term.

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LEGO Block Party

Get creative with LEGO and other blocks on Fridays, Aug. 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marathon Branch Library. The event is free, blocks will be provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Butterfly crafts

Kids can let their imaginations take flight as they create unique and colorful butterfly crafts at the Marathon City Branch Library on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. on The event is free, all supplies provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Krautkramer birth

A daughter, Maggie, was born to Molly and Ryan Krautkramer, Marathon, on July 20, 2025, at Wausau Aspirus Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Family Story Times

Children ages 6 and under and their parents and caregivers are invited to the Marathon City Branch Library for Family Story Time on

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ATHENS

Senior Card Group

The Senior Citizens card group met on July 31 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Three games of Sheephead were played. Alvera Henrichs won first place and Ron LaVicka came in second in the first game. Steve Klockziem won first and Julie Prihoda came in second in the second game. Aaron Toltzke finished first in the third game, followed by Pat Frank in second.

Low score was Henry Faber.

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

Paper snail craft

Children are invited to make a unique paper snail craft during the week of Aug. 4-9 at the Athens Branch Library. Kids can drop in anytime during open hours to create a colorful snail using rolled paper coil shapes. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

Book club

The Athens Book Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Athens Branch Library to discuss "The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County" by Claire Swinarski. In this uplifting novel, a grandmother, granddaughter, and a grieving young man unite to save a community and find hope. Through a shared love of food and an unexpected cookbook project, they discover that casseroles, forgiveness, and resilience can heal even the deepest wounds. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

College note

Makenna Sebold and Piper Wagner have graduated from Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

The following students have graduated from UW-Stout in Menomonie: John Laub, bachelor's in management; Nancy Schreiner, bachelor's in graphic design and interactive media; Courtney Tesch, bachelor's in human development and family studies.



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Thursdays over the summer. Library staff will read books, sing songs, and more during the 30 to 45 minute program. The regular story time schedule may get interrupted by special events on occasion. The next story times will be Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call 715-443-2775 for more information.

Book club

The Marathon City Book Club will meet Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:45 p.m. at the Marathon City Branch Library to discuss "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. The teenage son of an Appalachian single mother who dies when he is eleven uses his good looks, wit, and instincts to survive foster care, child labor, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Call 715-443-2775 for more information.

Patriotic Art Fair

The Alois Dreikosen American Legion Auxiliary 469 will host its Patriotic Art Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 12, starting at The Copper Mug at 5 p.m. and moving to Pizza Market at 5:30 p.m. before ending up at the Heritage Center from 6 to 8 p.m. The mission of the fair is to promote patriotism and love of country and to get people thinking about the sacrifices made and what it means to have freedom. The event, which also includes a wine tasting, music on Main Street and an art walk, brings people of all ages together to have fun with red, white and blue and to show spirit and pride within the community.

College note

Michael Thomsen and Ethan Sondelski have graduated from Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

Sam Dick has graduated from UW-Stout in Menomonie with a bachelor's degree in information and communication technology.

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On Campus

- **Cora Brandau** of Wilton received a diploma after the spring semester at **Northcentral Technical College** in Wausau.



Registration open for ‘Quilt College’ event at NTC

Early bird registration is open for Quilt College 2025 to be held on Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the NTC Wausau Campus.

Attendees will choose two of the six class options when they register for Quilt College. Two classes will require attendees to bring a sewing machine, and two classes feature projects not requiring a machine. Quilt College 2025 features classes in NTC's up-to-date Health Sciences building, where each participant will have their own workspace. The modest registration fee includes instruction, lunch, six hours of instruction and gift bag. All classes require a kit with patterns and/or materials. Attendees will purchase these directly from the instructors

and pay for them before the class starts. Some classes will ask that attendees also bring some supplies from home.

Quilt College is limited to 100 students, each with their own workstation

Instructors will also have “pop-up” shops in their classrooms, with shopping time before the classes and during the lunch time.

The events is sponsored by Pine Tree Quilters Guild and North Central Technical College. Pine Tree Quilters' goal is to provide high-quality quilting instruction to our quilting community.

Registration Fee is \$80 before August 31 and goes up to \$90 after.

Workshops:

Wonky Neighbor - Heidi Miller of Created Anew Designs

Crazy Patchwork Quilt Block - Mary Wilke of Sew Smart

Dresden Plate Quilt Block - Mary Wilke of Sew Smart
Visible Mending (Boro) - Kari Bender of The Quilting and Needle Workshop

The Magic of Blackwork: Deceptive Simplicity - Kari Bender of The Quilting and Needle Workshop

Seasonal Collaged Mini Art Quilt - Teresa Locknane of Read Spool Designs



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Northcentral Technical College Announces Spring 2025 Graduates

(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the following students were awarded diplomas during the spring 2025 term:

Butternut, WI: James Wegner

Montello, The Marquette County Tribune

College Notes

University Of Wisconsin-Stout Spring 2025 Grads List

The following students from the area graduated on May 10, 2025, from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis. The university graduated 1,174 students, with 952 undergraduate and 222 Graduate School students this spring.

Montello, WI

Kathy Kohn, BS Family & Consumer Science Education

Ella Stelter, BS Packaging

Northcentral Technical College Announces Spring 2025 Graduates

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Westfield, WI

Kayla Buchholz



College News

Dallas Dosch, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in May.

Tyler Beck, Tomahawk, was among the University of Minnesota Duluth spring semester 2025 graduates.

Kendyl Hetzel, Toma-

hawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in May.

Tiana Gerstenberger and Madeline Marino, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

Hope Baacke and Karina

McPherson, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in May.

Kailee Stewart, Tomahawk, was awarded a diploma from Northcentral Technical College during the spring term.

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Forensic science center opens

Gov. Evers cuts ribbon on new Marathon County facility

By Kevin O'Brien

Marathon County's new forensic science center hosted Gov. Tony Evers and several state lawmakers for a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday, marking the completion of a years-long effort to establish a regional morgue that will serve much of northern Wisconsin and parts of Michigan.

"We're a big state," Gov. Evers told reporters at last week's event. "For this to serve a good share of northern Wisconsin is really very important."

Over the past year, in preparation for opening the new facility, the Marathon County medical examiner's office has been transitioning into a physician-led office that is able to perform forensic autopsies.

Dr. Leah Schuppener, the county's new chief medical examiner and one of two forensic pathologists hired to run the facility, said having a regional morgue capable of doing forensic autopsies will save many counties in the region from having to transport bodies to places like Madison, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee.

"That would take days and sometimes weeks depending on how busy those physicians were," she said, referring to the old protocol for handling autopsies.

In the roughly four weeks that the new medical examiner's office has been operating, Dr. Schuppener said they have performed about 30 exams, most of which have been done at a medical suite at the Marshfield Medical Center in Weston while the new facility was being finished.

Dr. Schuppener said Marathon County is very fortunate to have two forensic pathologists — medical doctors who specialize in examining those who have died non-naturally or under suspicious circumstances. About 700 forensic pathologists are currently practicing nationwide, she said, but it's estimated that closer to 1,200 are needed to handle caseloads.

A big selling point for the new forensic center is its use as an educational facility for those interested in pursuing careers in forensic pathology, law enforcement, emergency medicine or other health-related fields. The Medical College of Wisconsin and North-central Technical College (NTC) are both partnering with the center to provide those opportunities.

"Our hope is that we get more people interested in the field of the forensic pathology,



IT'S OFFICIAL - Gov. Tony Evers cuts the ribbon on the new Marathon County Forensic Science Center in Wausau last week Wednesday. The governor was joined by several state, local and federal officials, who all had a part in making the \$14.8 million regional facility possible.

STAFF PHOTOS/CASEY KRAUTKRAMER



FACILITY LEADERS - Jessica Blahnik, left, former medical examiner and new director of operations for the Marathon County Forensic Science Center, listens to remarks from Dr. Leah Schuppener, chief medical examiner and one of two forensic pathologists hired for the new center.

because the need is not just here in Central Wisconsin, it's national," said county administrator Lance Leonhard, who emceed last Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony and thanked all of the people and organizations who made the forensic center possible, including donors, state and federal lawmakers and the staff at the medical examiner's office.

Funding for the \$14.8 million facility came from a variety of sources, including \$7 million from the state, \$4.2 million from the county, \$1.2 million in donations and \$2 mil-

lion in federal funding recently secured through Sen. Tammy Baldwin's office. NTC to offset the purchase price, it agreed to do an equal amount in technology upgrades and IT support as in-kind donations.

Leonhard said the county's goal is to provide compassionate, professional services for families who have lost a loved one and are looking for answers.

"I think certainly it will help us get answers for families faster," he said. "We're not

going to have to have law enforcement spend time traveling to southern Wisconsin and waiting four hours for an autopsy."

When it comes to criminal cases involving wrongful deaths, the forensic center will expedite forensic autopsies often needed to provide a cause of death and other evidence.

State Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) said having a regional morgue in north-central Wisconsin will allow grieving families to get answers quicker than ever before, citing a recent carbon monoxide poisoning as an example of what the facility can do.

"You don't really understand the importance of something until it's needed," she said.

Jessica Blahnik, who previously served as the medical examiner before becoming the center's new director of operations, has worked for years to make the forensic science center a reality, working with the county's regional morgue task force to secure funding, build a business model and create policies and protocols for the facility.

"This is a very valuable resource for the community," she said. "Not only are we able to have a dedicated suite for tissue donation for our donors, we also have an observation area for students interested in forensics, law enforcement or any health care field, who would have the ability to train and learn within the facility."


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SNBT welcomes Nelson as banking office manager in Oconto

Scott Nelson has joined the Stephenson National Bank & Trust (SNBT) as banking office manager of the Oconto office, bringing a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to serving the local community.

With more than 20



SCOTT NELSON

years in customer service, 15 years in management and 10 years in sales, Nelson is a seasoned

professional.

Backed by years of experience, Nelson brings not only professional insight but also a commitment to helping the community grow and succeed.

"We are excited to welcome Scott to our Oconto team," said Tifanie Tremble, senior vice president – chief deposit officer at SNBT. "His extensive background in customer service and management, along with his passion for helping people, aligns perfectly with our mission to provide personalized, community-focused banking."

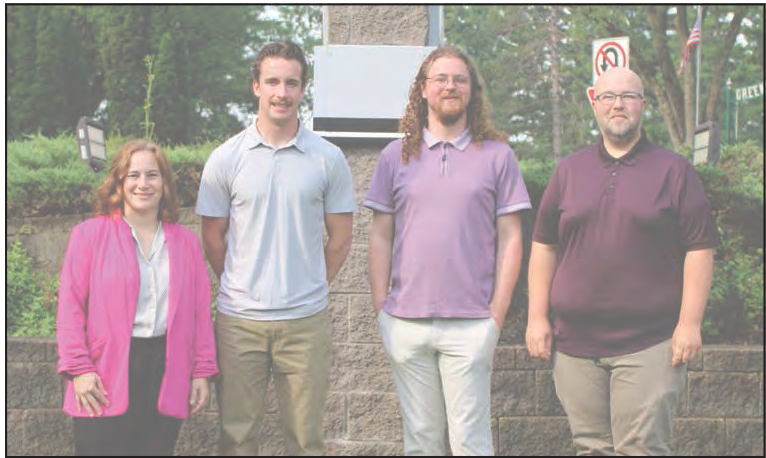
Nelson holds a bachelor's degree in specialized studies, with concentrations in finance and family studies from Ohio University, as well as an associate's degree in business management from North-central Technical College.

SNBT is a 150-year-old independent, employee-owned community bank with nearly \$1.8 billion in bank, mortgage and wealth assets under management. SNBT has offices in Marinette, Wausaukee, Crivitz, Pembine, and Oconto, and Menominee, Michigan, with a trust and investment office in Marquette, Michigan, and a commercial loan services office in Green Bay.

For information, visit www.snbt.com.



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CHEYENNE THOMAS/STAFF PHOTO
The Greenwood School District is welcoming four new teachers into its ranks this school year (from l-r): Melissa Boon Strangfeld, district LMC specialist and assessment coordinator; Keagan Brown, high school social studies teacher; Alex Stoll, third grade teacher; and Jesse Salcido, 4-year-old kindergarten teacher. Monday will be the first day of school for students.

of Mike and Katie Jonansson; Jessica Berg, the daughter of Joe and Jen Berg; and Brittany Walz, the daughter of Nicole Walz. The coronation will take place Friday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

4 new teachers starting at Greenwood School District

With a new school year comes some new faces at Greenwood Public Schools. The TRG reached out to the school district to have new staff members complete a questionnaire to share about themselves with readers. Their responses are as follows.

KEAGAN BROWN

- 1. Hometown
Eau Claire
- 2. New position
High school social studies teacher
- 3. Education

I majored in history education and minored in peace and justice, and got my licensure in fourth through 12th grade social studies from St. Norbert College in De Pere.

- 4. Experience

During my time at St. Norbert College, I had the amazing experience of student teaching all four years. This allowed me to gain necessary and useful experience from the very start of my college career while also being able to try out new teaching techniques, strategies, and styles with my cooperating teacher there to provide useful feedback.

This will be my very first year as a licensed teacher, and while this might seem like a daunting task, I am very excited to be a part of the Greenwood High School staff and the Greenwood community as I prepare the students who walk into my classroom to be outstanding members of

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their community with the knowledge they've learned and the skills they've created from the classes they've taken with me.

5. What do you enjoy about schools/what made you enter the education world?

I was inspired to enter education from two moments in my life. The first moment occurred when I took AP U.S. History my sophomore year of high school. I had a very excellent teacher who made history come alive by challenging us to put ourselves in the shoes of those who came before us and lived during the specific events or timelines we were learning about. My teacher noticed that I had a passion for history and mentioned that one of the best ways to share your passion of history is through teaching.

My second moment occurred while teaching science experiments during summer vacation Bible school. While I won't be teaching science at Greenwood High School, seeing the kids' laughter and joy while watching a vinegar and baking soda volcano go off or seeing salt crystals grow as the week went on made me realize that teaching can be a very fulfilling thing.

If I can share my passion for history while making it meaningful to my students through making personal connections to events that happened decades and centuries ago, then I will be fulfilled.

6. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

In my family, I have my mom and my dad and my two younger brothers, one of whom attends UW-Stout and the other who is going into his senior year of high school. I also have two dogs. I have a 4-year-old Irish doodle named Finn and a 6-year-old golden doodle named Cali.

Some of my hobbies include digital and film photography, hiking, downhill skiing, tent camping, fishing, and building Legos.

Some of my interests include history, specifically the Revolutionary War period of American history or the New Deal era. My favorite sports teams are the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, Wisconsin Badgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Boston Red Sox, and the Minnesota Wild. I also like watching Formula 1 racing, and my favorite driver is Max Verstappen. I also love the outdoors and find that being outside during any season is the best way for me to relax.

7. Anything else you would like the community to know?

I love being involved with my community, whether that be at school or out in the community, and would love to learn more about any community events that Greenwood puts on!

JESSE SALCIDO

1. Hometown

Originally from Orfordville, I live in Stanley now.

2. New position

4-year-old kindergarten teacher

3. Education

I earned my bachelor of arts degree in business administration from UW-Stevens Point in 2008. After several years working in leadership and management, I felt called to education and returned to UW-Stevens Point to pursue my master of science degree in education. I'm currently completing my graduate program, with expected completion in 2026.

This path has allowed me to blend real-world experience with a deep commitment to student learning, and I'm excited to bring that perspective into the 4K classroom here in Greenwood!

4. Experience

I'm thrilled to be joining the Greenwood School District as the new 4K teacher! I've worked in education for the past five years, primarily as a paraprofessional supporting students from kindergarten through high school. For four years, I served at Open Doors, the alternative program in the Stanley-Boyd School District, where I worked closely with students to support their academic growth, social-emotional development, and individual learning needs.

While pursuing my master's degree and teacher certification, I've had the opportunity to lead morning meetings, teach foundational phonics, and design creative, student-centered lessons that integrate movement, music, and play—especially in early childhood settings. I'm passionate about building strong relationships with young learners and creating a classroom environment where every child feels safe, seen, and excited to learn. I'm so grateful to be part of the Greenwood community and can't wait to begin this journey with our youngest learners!

5. What do you enjoy about schools/what made you

enter the education world?

What I love most about working in schools is getting to know my students—listening to their stories, watching them grow, and learning alongside them. Kindergarteners (and 4K learners especially!) bring so much energy and joy to the classroom. They're curious about everything, and while it may look like play, they're constantly learning through exploration, movement, and imagination. Play truly is the work of young children.

Before entering education, I spent 12 years as a manager and then buyer for a large home supply retailer in the area. When I left that role, I wanted to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. I considered the medical field, but after volunteering in my local school district, I discovered how much I loved working with students—and that experience led me to enroll in teacher preparation courses.

I'm currently pursuing my master's degree in elementary education at UW-Stevens Point and will graduate in the spring of 2026. In the meantime, I'm excited to bring the skills I've gained—especially in foundational reading and early childhood methods—into my 4K classroom this year. I believe that reading to and with your child is one of the most powerful ways to nurture a lifelong love of learning, and I look forward to partnering with families to support each child's growth.

6. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I live in Stanley with my wife Leah—we've been married for 17 years—and our 11-year-old daughter Abbey. We share our home with two dogs and a cat, and we love spending time outdoors as a family. One of our favorite things to do is take our trailer out camping, especially along Lake Superior. My wife and I enjoy agate hunting together—it's a relaxing and rewarding way to explore nature.

I'm originally from Orfordville—Go Parkview Vikings!—and Leah is from the U.P., so yeah, she's a proud Yoooper... eh? In the classroom, I'm passionate about creative expression, especially through music and movement. Whether it's singing a silly song or turning a phonics lesson into a dinosaur adventure, I believe learning should be joyful and engaging. One of my favorite books to read with kids is "Strange Planet" by Nathan W. Pyle. It's a clever and hilarious look at everyday life through the eyes of alien beings, and it really makes you think about how our world might appear to someone from out of this world. It sparks curiosity, laughter, and great conversations with young learners.

I'm also looking forward to teaming up with my colleague and fellow 4K teacher, Julie Plautz. She brings great experience and creativity to the classroom, and I'm excited to collaborate and learn alongside her this year. When I'm not teaching or studying, I enjoy socializing, reading, and continuing to grow as an educator. I'm excited to build a classroom community where every child feels seen, valued, and inspired to explore the world around them.

7. Anything else you would like the community to know?

One thing I'd love the community to know is how grateful I am to be joining Greenwood Elementary. As a first-year classroom teacher, I'm stepping into this role with a deep sense of purpose and excitement. I know I'll be learning a lot, and I welcome that growth with open arms. My goal is to build strong relationships—with students, families, and colleagues—and to create a space where every child feels safe, celebrated, and curious. I believe that when we work together, we can make school a place kids truly love to be.

ALEX STOLL

1. Hometown

Andover, Minn.

2. New position

Third grade teacher

3. Education

I hold a bachelor of science degree in both elementary education and French education.

4. Experience

This is my first year teaching. I was a student teacher in the fall of 2023 in the Elk Mound District (fourth grade) and in the Eau Claire School District (French at DeLong Middle and Memorial High). After I graduated, I was a substitute teacher in the Eau Claire School District for six months. Last year, I was living in France and was a teaching assistant in a high school. I worked 12 hours a week teaching students English. I have worked with second grade, fourth grade, and seventh-12th.

5. What do you enjoy about schools/what made you enter the education world?

Many of my teachers ended up being positive role

models in my life. I still keep in touch with my kindergarten and second grade teachers 18-20 years after being in their classes. I know not everyone is as fortunate as me to have amazing teachers, so I wanted to enter the education world to ensure students could have just as good of an experience as I did. I want students to be excited to come into school and learn.

6. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My family lives in Minnesota, about three hours from Greenwood. I have two younger brothers. One works in landscaping and the other plays baseball for Grandview University in Des Moines, Iowa, and is studying kinesiology. My parents both work in sales. My favorite hobby is singing. I sang in choir for three years in high school and almost every semester of college. This fall, I'll be joining a community choir in Minneapolis that rehearses on Sundays so I'll be traveling to MN a lot and I'll be able to spend time with my family. I also love to watch movies and I'm always looking for recommendations from my students. My other hobbies include playing board games, practicing French, and baking.

7. Anything else you would like the community to know?

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1. Hometown

Neillsville

2. New position

4K-12 library media specialist and assessment coordinator

3. Education

•UW-Oshkosh: master's degree in educational leadership (director of instruction and principal in progress), library media science

•UW-Stevens Point: bachelor's degree in elementary education and broad field social studies, with minors in history and geography

4. Experience

With over 15 years of heartfelt dedication to education, mostly within the Neillsville School District, my journey has been truly rewarding. I began as a paraprofessional in the library for five years, which was an incredible foundation. Later, I embraced the classroom as a seventh grade geography and eighth grade U.S. history teacher, bringing my passion for learning to my students. Throughout these years, I also had the joy of coaching middle school track for eight seasons, and now as "Track Mom."

More recently, I spent six years serving as the district's 4K-12 library media specialist, expanding my skills across all grade levels and enriching my contributions to the district. This rich and varied experience has allowed me to connect with students and staff across the entire K-12 spectrum—from classroom teaching and athletics to district-wide initiatives in information literacy, all driven by a deep commitment to education.

5. What do you enjoy about schools/what made you enter the education world?

What I enjoy most about working in schools, and what drew me to education in the first place, is the opportunity to witness a student's journey of discovery and growth. For me, the most rewarding moments are seeing a student's face light up when a concept finally "clicks," or watching them find genuine joy in a book that speaks to them. I love building those connections through conversations, whether we're discussing a research project, new books, or how they are navigating college courses. Ultimately, seeing them succeed, make measurable growth, and develop confidence in themselves is the reason I am passionate about this work.

6. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I'm a lifelong resident of this area—I grew up in Christie. My husband, Matt, and I have two kids: Morgan, who recently graduated, and will be attending Northcentral Technical College for its veterinary technician program, and Lucas, who is a junior. I spend a lot of time as a proud football and track mom! Our home is also run by our sassy 9-year-old Norwegian Elkhound, Roxie, and our two cats, Snickers and Winnie.

When I get a moment to myself, I love to garden and grow plants. Of course, I also love to read, and I believe strongly in being a lifelong learner. That commitment is why I am currently finishing my master's degree in educational leadership, with an emphasis on becoming a director of instruction and principal.

7. Anything else you would like the community to know?

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Forensic science center opens

Gov. Evers cuts ribbon on new county facility

By Kevin O'Brien

Marathon County's new forensic science center hosted Gov. Tony Evers and several state lawmakers for a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday, marking the completion of a years-long effort to establish a regional morgue that will serve much of northern Wisconsin and parts of Michigan.

"We're a big state," Gov. Evers told reporters at last week's event. "For this to serve a good share of northern Wisconsin is really very important."

Over the past year, in preparation for opening the new facility, the Marathon County medical examiner's office has been transitioning into a physician-led office that is able to perform forensic autopsies.

Dr. Leah Schuppener, the county's new chief medical examiner and one of two forensic pathologists hired to run the facility, said having a regional morgue capable of doing forensic autopsies will save many counties in the region from having to transport bodies to places like Madison, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee.

"That would take days and sometimes weeks depending on how busy those physicians were," she said, referring to the old protocol for handling autopsies.

In the roughly four weeks that the new medical examiner's office has been operating, Dr. Schuppener said they have performed about 30 exams, most of which have been done at a medical suite at the Marshfield Medical Center in Weston while the new facility was being finished.

Dr. Schuppener said Marathon County is very fortunate to have two forensic pathologists — medical doctors who specialize in examining those who have died non-naturally or under suspicious circumstances. About 700 forensic pathologists are currently practicing nationwide, she said, but it's estimated that closer to 1,200 are needed to handle caseloads.

A big selling point for the new forensic center is its use as an educational facility for those interested in pursuing careers in forensic pathology, law enforcement, emergency medicine or other health-related fields. The Medical College of Wisconsin and [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) are both partnering with the center to provide those opportunities.

"Our hope is that we get more people interested in the field of the forensic pathology, because the need is not just here in Central Wisconsin, it's national," said county administrator Lance Leonhard, who emceed last Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony and thanked all of the people and organizations who made the forensic



IT'S OFFICIAL - Gov. Tony Evers cuts the ribbon on the new Marathon County Forensic Science Center in Wausau last week Wednesday. The governor was joined by several state, local and federal officials, who all had a part in making the \$14.8 million regional facility possible.
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FACILITY LEADERS - Jessica Blahnik, left, former medical examiner and new director of operations for the Marathon County Forensic Science Center, listens to remarks from Dr. Leah Schuppener, chief medical examiner and one of two forensic pathologists hired for the new center.

center possible, including donors, state and federal lawmakers and the staff at the medical examiner's office.

Funding for the \$14.8 million facility came from a variety of sources, including \$7 million from the state, \$4.2 million from the county, \$1.2 million in donations and \$2 million in federal funding recently secured through Sen. Tammy Baldwin's office. [NTC](#) sold land to the county for \$400,000, but to offset the purchase price, it agreed to do an equal amount in technology upgrades and IT support as in-kind donations.

Leonhard said the county's goal is to provide compassionate, professional services for fami-

lies who have lost a loved one and are looking for answers.

"I think certainly it will help us get answers for families faster," he said. "We're not going to have to have law enforcement spend time traveling to southern Wisconsin and waiting four hours for an autopsy."

When it comes to criminal cases involving wrongful deaths, the forensic center will expedite forensic autopsies often needed to provide a cause of death and other evidence.

State Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) said having a regional morgue in north-central Wisconsin will allow grieving families to get answers quicker than ever before, citing a recent carbon monoxide poisoning as an example of what the facility can do.

"You don't really understand the importance of something until it's needed," she said.

Jessica Blahnik, who previously served as the medical examiner before becoming the center's new director of operations, has worked for years to make the forensic science center a reality, working with the county's regional morgue task force to secure funding, build a business model and create policies and protocols for the facility.

"This is a very valuable resource for the community," she said. "Not only are we able to have a dedicated suite for tissue donation for our donors, we also have an observation area for students interested in forensics, law enforcement or any health care field, who would have the ability to train and learn within the facility."

Thorp Courier

Introducing New Thorp Police Chief Daryl Pries

Odds are you recognize the Thorp Police Department's squad car, but maybe not the person driving it. Don't be alarmed – that's just Thorp's new Police Chief Daryl Pries. A native of Wausau, Pries assumed this position in early July following the resignation of Ty Schneider.

Pries did not have to travel far for the job as he and his family currently reside in Cadott. Pries had served in Cadott's police department for nearly two decades, first as a part-time officer before advancing to patrol officer, field training officer and sergeant. In 2022 he was sworn in as Cadott's Chief of Police.

"I think being in Cadott for around 16 years, I just needed a change," Pries said about his decision to come to Thorp. "I think it will be a good fit for Thorp having someone with a lot of experience and who knows what needs to be done."

A Life In Law Enforcement

Pries admits the adjustment to Thorp, while easy at times, does come with challenges. Then again, he's used

to adapting to situations.

A 1991 graduate of Wausau East High School, Pries did not initially foresee a career in law enforcement. Instead, he pursued his passion for sports officiating, working in different leagues in the southern United States for several years.

"I didn't get involved in law enforcement until the early 2000s," Pries explains. "I was active in sports, and my first choice was actually pursuing a career in professional baseball umpiring."

Pries' first brush with law enforcement came from return trips home to Wausau during baseball's offseason. He found work with the Wausau East High School, where he dealt with discipline and truancy issues. He also worked closely with the liaison officer assigned to the school district.

"That's how I got involved in law enforcement," Pries remarked. "I'm a 2001 graduate of North Central Technical College with a Criminal Justice degree. I started my law enforcement career in Stratford and worked there for a very short time before I left to pursue full-time employment with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections."

Pries would spend eight and a half years with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, six of those in Stanley, which led to a part-time police job in Stanley in 2002. Two more years were spent working in an adult treatment facility and he added almost another year in juvenile corrections.

He eventually left the prison system on New Year's Eve in 2010 to begin full time employment with the village of Cadott on January 5, 2011. Pries says the people, organizations and variety of situations he encounters keeps him constantly engaged and attracted him to the profession.

"For as much as I can come to work every day and know there is a routine, the flipside of that is you never know what is going to happen. . . the variety of things we deal with in law enforcement, and the different ways we can interact with the community

and try to educate and help them, makes the job appealing."

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A New Chief In Town

The city of Thorp has a new police chief. Daryl Pries, a Wausau native and former Chief of Police in the village of Cadott, assumed his duties early last month. Pries has served in law enforcement for the better part of two decades, and recently graduated from the FBI's National Command Course. Pries takes over following the departure of former Thorp Police Chief Tydon "Ty" Schneider.

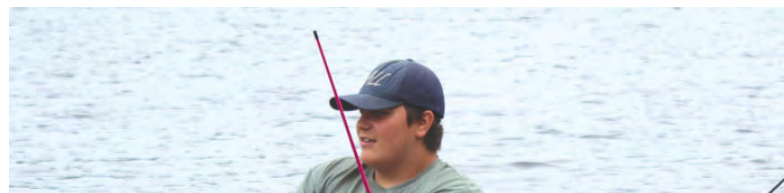
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Roosevelt Rod & Gun Jamboree held at Diamond Lake

It was breezy and cool, but the scenic beauty of the Diamond Lake County Park and State Natural Area attracted a large crowd for the Roosevelt Rod & Gun Club's annual Jamboree on Sunday, August 17. The Diamond Lake State Natural Area is located in Taylor County and several miles outside the village of Lublin.

The annual event kicked off at 10 a.m. with the start of Kids Fishing Contest, and ran into the afternoon with food,

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To Serve And Protect

Pries feels his background with so many different areas of law enforcement will be an asset to Thorp. He says he will draw upon his experiences to provide the best possible service to Thorp and its residents.

“Law enforcement is always a resource to people if they need help or have questions about laws or ordinances,” Pries said. “If people need resources outside of our office as far as putting them in touch with drug counselors and organizations that assist those struggling

with addiction, homelessness, etc, we do that too.”

Pries plans on adding to his experience with ongoing education courses. He’ll be traveling to South Carolina to train with the FBI, and he was also the only police officer from Wisconsin to recently be selected for the NCC in Quantico.

“I’m a 2024 graduate of the FBI’s National Command Course and they have a trilogy of courses they offer for continuing education,” Pries explained. “One of those is LEEDA, which stands for Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. I hope the city of Thorp continues to support me as I continue my leadership training.”

Getting To Grips With Thorp

Pries has been in the area for just over a month now and has hit the ground running. That includes getting things organized so that the department runs more efficiently. Although, Pries admits he’s not a fan of spending too much time behind a desk.

“I’ve finally been able to get out of the office, and that’s been a great thing since I’m not an idle person. It’s allowed me to address some of the things our city council

wants looked at and what some of the department’s needs are.”

Pries also has a better grasp on the Thorp police department’s long term challenges, which he says are staff retention and updating equipment and renovating facilities.

“We’re looking to hire a full-time officer that we have had empty since 2024. We’re working on getting information about purchasing a new squad car. We got approval from the city council to update City Hall and make it more secure and to better protect evidence and information. These are the big priorities for the department.”

Pries said he’s committed to helping the Thorp community remain a popular destination, and like himself, he hopes others are inspired by Thorp’s motto to become a part of the community.

“I see my job as making Thorp a community that is like the motto says, ‘A place to belong.’ We want our community to reflect that and I want people to come here not only to visit but to see what Thorp has to offer and maybe to stay for the long haul.”

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Officials cut ribbon on new forensic science lab

A ribbon cutting for the Marathon County Forensic Science Lab was held last week at Northcentral Technical College.

Multiple public officials were in attendance including Mayor Doug Diny, Sen. Cory Tomczyk, Rep. Pat Snyder and Gov. Tony Evers. The new facility will offer state-of-the-art services to law enforcement and medical professionals who are looking for answers during an investigation or to a family who has lost a loved one.

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RLHS Hopes to Continue Esports Success

By Sydney Wachs
SDRL Communications

By the third week of August all of the traditional high school fall sports have begun practices for the upcoming season. They all have high hopes for success.

So does the Random Lake School District's esports team, which has an enviable record of success since it was founded in 2018.

What are esports? The National Federation of High School Associations offers this definition:

"Esports officially stands for electronic sports, not to be confused with video games. Esports takes video gaming to another level with organized competitive gameplay between two teams, governed by its own strict set of rules and guidelines. Esports requires teamwork, communication, critical and strategic thinking, creativity and sportsmanship."

Random Lake High School holds state titles in Super Smash Bros. (2021), Smite (2021), and Super Smash Bros. again in the fall of 2024.

The Rams also were state runners-up in Super Smash Bros. (2020) and Smite (2022).

Coach Lee Itson says these accomplishments are impressive on their own, but they're even more meaningful when considering the doors they've opened for students. A few alumni now play on college teams, and one received a full-ride scholarship thanks to his talent and leadership in esports.

Unlike traditional sports, the esports season runs year-round, with competitive seasons in fall, winter, and spring. Each season includes seven weeks of matches followed by playoffs. Teams compete in a variety of games, including Super Smash Bros., Rocket League, Mario Kart, and Fortnite.

The flexibility of practices has helped the program thrive, drawing in students who might not otherwise be involved in extracurriculars, and giving them a meaningful way to be part of the school community.

The team also works closely with other coaches and programs in the school, helping to foster a sense of unity and collaboration across activities.

Beyond competition, the growth students experience through esports is one of the most powerful aspects of the program.

Itson states that many participants, especially those who tend to be quiet or reserved, have stepped into leadership roles as

captains or mentors. These students not only lead their teams during matches but also support younger players, becoming role models in the process.

The experience teaches valuable skills like communication, strategy, teamwork, and resilience.

"Even though we have been successful in our competitions, the way I grade our program a success is through the friendships made, the smiles on the faces of the team and the opportunities students have been able to get through our program," says Itson.

Despite the success and growing recognition, misconceptions about esports still linger. Some don't see it as a "real" sport, but those involved know otherwise.

Esports requires intense focus, strategy, dedication, and teamwork, just like any other athletic activity. Itson adds that the skills students develop are real and transferable, and their efforts deserve the same support and celebration as more traditional programs.

Looking ahead, the Random Lake esports team aims to keep building on its success. Goals include continuing strong performances in competitions, expanding the middle school program, and creating more opportunities for the community to engage with and support the team, whether through events like Fall Fest or simply cheering on the players during a match.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) governs traditional sports and sponsors 30 state championship events for boys and girls.

In 2018 the Wisconsin High School Esports Association was formed to create opportunities for students and school communities through esports.

Random Lake was one of 29 schools that founded WIHSEA (and the only one from the Big East Conference). Other area schools that were founders include Cedarburg, Port Washington and Two Rivers.

Itson states that at its core, esports at Random Lake is about giving students a place to belong, a chance to grow, and an opportunity to be celebrated for being part of one of the best programs in the state while they do something they love.

Lee Itson serves as the Random Lake School District's technology coordinator. For more information about how to get involved in the Rams' 2025-26 esports program contact him at litson@rladvantage.org.



RLHS Wins 'Super Smash' State Title

Random Lake High School won the WIHSEA Division 4 state championship in the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate esports competition on Nov. 16, 2024 at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau. Team members (from left) included

William Schueller, Jordan Young, Xavier Jones, Tucker Hiller, Sutton Wilterdink and Brayden Dunn. Other state winners were Racine Case (Division 1), Green Bay Southwest (Division 3) and Jefferson (Division 3). (Photo by Vicki Hiller)

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Felzkowski celebrates ribbon-cutting of Marathon forensic science building

Facility will cut processing times for local law enforcement

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

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The kids loved getting goodies at this booth! Stickers, suckers, rubber ducks, and more.

Joseph Frederick photo.

Community services showcased at 13th annual Merrill Community Night Out

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The community came together last Tuesday evening, Aug. 19, 2025, for the 13th Annual Merrill Community Night Out held at the Merrill Expo Center and Fairgrounds.

The free event gave residents a chance to meet face-to-face with the people who serve their community and learn about resources available to them.

Local agencies participating included the Merrill Police and

Fire departments, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Merrill Parks and Recreation, [Northcentral Technical College](#), the Merrill Enrichment Center, Crime Stoppers of Lincoln County, and the T.B. Scott Free Library. Other area organizations and businesses serving the community also had booths at the event to share information, answer questions, and interact with attendees who ranged

in age from toddlers to senior citizens.

The Merrill Fire and Police departments provided special presentations during the event, and Bluejay 96.3 provided music throughout the afternoon.

Free bus rides were available for transportation to and from the event, through the Merrill-Go-Round, and organizers provided free food, activities, and fun for the whole family, providing the community with an opportunity to connect with local

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services, get questions answered about available programs, and build relationships with the people who work to keep Merrill safe and thriving, all in a casual, relaxed setting. Most of the booths were interactive and many had candy, stickers, and other swag to take home as a reminder of their services, along with formal handouts and information.

Photo opps with the Merrill Fire Department Fire Pup and Smokey the Bear were popular, as was the opportunity to check out emergency vehicles and machinery from many area agencies up close and personal, inside and out. The weather was great for the annual event, which drew a good sized crowd who came out for eats and treats, information, a chance to see friends and neighbors as summer was winding to a close, and to celebrate much of what a closeknit community like Merrill has to offer.



The LifeLink III helicopter was able to fly in to the Community Night Out at the Merrill Enrichment Center for a short while before getting called out.



Youth enjoyed checking out Merrill Fire Department equipment up close.

Joseph Frederick photos.



Lots of smiles when the Fire Pup was handing out goodie bags!



Smokey Bear gets a hug!

NTC begins new year with new way for students to get tutoring help

By [Madison Maronde](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Monday marked the first day of classes for students at [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) in Wausau.

They're starting off the school year with a new way to learn, an AI tutoring program called [LearnWise](#).

While students already have access to free tutors at [NTC](#), LearnWise provides 24/7 access to academic support.

Need flashcards? Quizzes on content? Summaries of lessons? LearnWise can do it all.



LearnWise shows teachers what topics students are getting help with the most, and then they can consider going over them in class more

The artificial intelligence tool can summarize information, provide sources, and give students what they ask for.

"Hoping that it provides more engagement, more confidence building for our students," said Reggie Smith, the AI project manager for [NTC](#). "So making sure that students aren't getting confused, that maybe they're not comfortable with asking the faculty member or going to a tutor, that they have an opportunity to speak to an AI tutor to have a conversation, to get more in-depth."

Smith says this program is not meant to replace teachers or in-person tutors.

"Making sure that our teachers are empowered with this platform," Smith said. "Making sure that they have the insights and the trends to be able to better support their students to get to that mastery level of learning. They're great at building a sense of community here at the college and making sure that students have somebody they can talk to, especially if they're confused about what they're trying to learn. The benefit of an AI tutor is just a value add to what we're already supporting in those physical tutors."

LearnWise shows teachers what topics students are getting help with the most, so they can consider going over them more in class.

AT [NTC](#), LearnWise can be found on Canvas, an online platform students already use to view course materials and assignments.

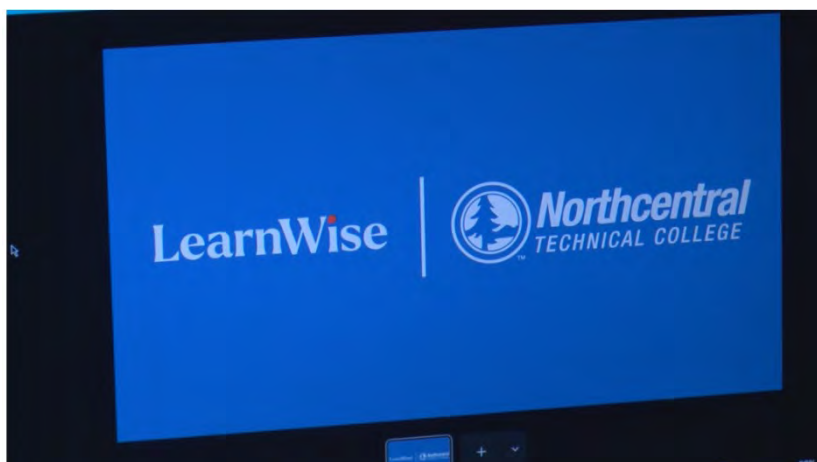
LearnWise only pulls its facts from Canvas. That means the answers it gives students are directly from documents and slides teachers have already uploaded.

LearnWise costs [NTC](#) \$25,000 a year and is only available for more popular courses right now. By Spring 2026, [NTC](#) wants LearnWise to be implemented in all of its courses.

"Just making sure that our students are engaged and we're building confidence. Learning is a journey and we want to make sure that we're supportive along the entire journey," Smith said.

Northcentral Technical College provides AI tutoring for students

Kaoyeng Lee **Aug 25, 2025** Updated **16 hrs ago**



WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) - Students are back in classrooms at **Northcentral Technical College** and they're doing it with a little extra help this year.

Learnwise, a new AI tutoring platform opens for the school year working to provide students with studying, practice tests and more.

Normally, a tutor is only available to help during normal hours. But this new AI tutor will be available around the clock, helping the early birds and night owls alike.

Program leaders say the AI tutor is built on three main pillars: equity and accessibility, faculty insight and building student confidence.

"It's a 24/7 tool that they can use to help strengthen their knowledge and to get deeper into understanding of the content," says Reggie Smith, AI Project Manager at **Northcentral Technical College**.

Educators can also access the AI tutor to help them better understand what students are struggling with.

"The faculty are going to be able to see the insights, the trends, the questions and the conversations that students are having. So, they can better support those students and their learning journey," says Smith.

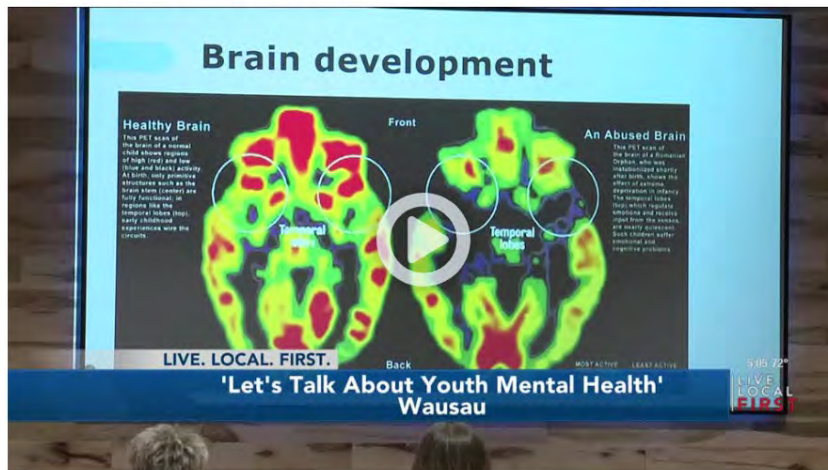
Learnwise is the name of the new AI tutor. It will use information and sources straight from the class, instead of pulling from the web, like other AI platforms do.

"The benefit of this platform is it's truly a tutoring tool. It's not meant to just give answers to the students," says Smith.

NTC hopes the AI tutor platform will provide students with realistic situations that will help them thrive in the real world.

The program is officially in place for the fall semester and staff hope it will help students succeed inside and outside of the classroom.

Getting adults talking about youth mental health, and how to help



By [Emily Davies](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - "There's more work to do," is one attendee's response after attending the first of four talks at the 'Let's Talk About Youth Mental Health' speaker series at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau.

Jude Stevenson is a counselor at the Center for Human Development in Tomahawk. She was drawn to the talks because about half of her practice involves working with middle and high

It's not just the school's responsibility to tackle the crisis of mental well-being.

school students as well as families.

The first presentation explained the research about ACEs, or Adverse Childhood Experiences, and how it impacts kids into adulthood. It also discussed why having a trauma-informed lens can allow people to address challenges people face no matter the work they perform.

Stevenson said the ways trauma show up in people becomes really evident when you know what to look for; she wished she had known when she was in her prior career.

"I was thinking about my experience in the hospital. How many patients, now, did I come across that were living with adverse childhood experiences or trauma? And how I took care of them as a respiratory therapist, man, this information would have been really helpful for that."

She said she was writing in the margins of her notebook reminders of people and organizations to call, so she can bring the knowledge she learned Thursday to help the Tomahawk community become more trauma-informed.

Scott Webb was the first presenter. Before retiring last year, he was the Trauma-Informed Care Coordinator at the Department of Health Services. He trained behavioral health professionals in trauma-informed care practices. He said he often did not get to share that information with parents.

"When I have done that, I've seen a very powerful reaction to the information, like mouths dropping open and people seeing themselves in that information. Like, 'Oh my gosh, I wonder what my ACE score is,' or, 'This sounds like me.' So, hopefully, that will prompt parents to become more involved."

His hope is that more communities and systems become trauma-informed.

The sessions were recorded, so those who missed the sessions Thursday can still register and receive the recordings through the end of September. There is another session people can register for on Thursday, Aug. 28. [Click here](#) for more information.

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE BUYING BEEF FROM A LOCAL PRODUCER

August 15, 2025 By Meghan Grebner

Filed Under: Healthy Living



Consumers can purchase freezer beef in different ways. For example, many purchase by the fraction of the animal, like the whole beef, a side (or half), or a quarter.

Travis Teska at [Northcentral Technical College](#) says there are a couple of things consumers should consider before making that purchase.

AUDIO: Healthy Living on buying freezer beef

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What you need to know about the new \$14.8M Marathon County Forensic Science Center

The center is currently only handling Marathon County cases, but will soon start taking cases from Wood, Portage, Lincoln, Langlade, Clark and Shawano counties.



Karen Madden

Wausau Daily Herald

Aug. 14, 2025, 4:20 a.m. CT



Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

- The \$14.8 million Marathon County Forensic Science Center held its grand opening on Aug. 13, offering a new facility for forensic autopsies and related services.
- The center aims to reduce travel time for law enforcement and shorten the wait for families of deceased loved ones.
- The state-of-the-art facility includes an observation room for autopsies, a secure sallyport and advanced radiology capabilities.
- Funding for the center came from a combination of state, federal and local sources, including donations.

WAIUSAU – The new \$14.8 million Marathon County Forensic Science Center is up and running and celebrated its grand opening Aug. 13.

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers was on hand to help celebrate the center's completion and spoke to federal, state and local officials who gathered to get a look at the building, which the Marathon County Medical Examiner's Office moved into about two weeks ago.

The highly anticipated Marathon County Forensic Science Center will save law enforcement officers and coroners hundreds of miles when handling cases that warrant autopsies, Evers told the group. It also will reduce the amount of time families must wait to get back the bodies of loved ones who must undergo autopsies.

"Grieving the loss of a loved one is hard enough without dealing with endless delays," Evers said.

A look back: [Auburndale tornado of 1985 hit without warning, causing millions in damage](#)Local entertainment: [3 events you don't want to miss the weekend of Aug. 14-17 in Wausau](#)

The new center will provide forensic autopsies, consultations and expert testimony in court cases.

It will include a dedicated tissue donation suite. When a family has decided to donate a loved one's organs in the Marathon County area, the body will be brought to the center, where the donated organs and tissues will be removed. There are separate areas for autopsies and donations, to protect the evidence in criminal cases.

The center also will partner with Northcentral Technical College and the Medical College of Wisconsin to help address workforce needs in forensic science, public safety, health care and funeral services.

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Dignitaries and media who participated in the Aug. 13 grand opening ceremonies got tours of the new state-of-the-art facility.

The tours began with a large sallyport, which is a secure garage used by designated vehicles. The sallyport at the center will allow funeral directors to bring bodies in and other designated vehicles to bring bodies in or pick them up from the center without people in the area seeing it, said Kim Wiesman, a medical examiner's office death investigator who was helping with tours. The sallyport also has a waiting area for funeral home staff.

Through a door in the sallyport is the receiving area, Wiesman said. The bodies get signed in and are linked to a picture for identification purposes. A scale in the floor is used to weigh the bodies.

The autopsy room is state of the art, said Dr. Leah Schuppener, chief medical examiner. The entire facility is a "no lift facility," which means there is equipment in place to raise and lower the bodies, so staff doesn't have to do it. The lifts can handle up to 450 pounds and if that isn't enough there is a special bariatric station against one wall.

The autopsy room also has two large monitors –about the size of an adult – on the walls. If the doctor doing the autopsy needs a picture of something to take a closer look, it can be put on the monitor and viewed lifesize, Schuppener said.

Up near the ceiling of the autopsy room are large windows. The windows are part of an observation room on a raised floor. The observation room allows police officers, coroners or other people who need to be present during a particular autopsy to watch from a safe location. The doctors performing the autopsies can stream what they are doing.

Ribbon cutting for new forensic science lab in Wausau

WXPR | By [Mike Leischner WSAU](#)

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Local and state leaders gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Marathon County's new Forensic Science Lab located at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau.

The facility brings services like autopsies closer to home for Central and Northern Wisconsin. State Senator Mary Felzkowski helped secure \$7 million in state funding for the project because she says for some Wisconsin families, the wait for answers was just too long.

"If you were in Superior, you [could be] running to Madison and back with evidence. Yes, Superior to Wausau is not a short [trip,] but you are still cutting six hours off your trip," said Felzkowski. "It just helps get those crimes solved."

Governor Tony Evers said the project came together with the right people in the right places. "It all came together. I salute the people of this area. They did a great job."

Doctors will also be able to store and preserve organs, tissue, and bones for donation. Felzkowski adds that they are also able to integrate cultural practices, another comfort for a grieving family. "Whether it's the Hmong, Native American, or Hispanic community you want to honor their deceased. It is a very sensitive time."

Others in attendance included State Senator Cory Tomczyk, Assembly Representatives Calvin Callahan and Pat Snyder, Marathon County Sheriff Chad Billeb, Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard, and Wausau Mayor Doug Diny.

Felzkowski added that the facility is in operation. Wednesday's event included some guided tours. Cameras were not allowed due to the sensitive nature of the materials being processed.

NEWS

SCHOOL HELPS ADDRESS MEAT PROCESSING LABOR SHORTAGE

August 13, 2025 By Larry Lee Filed Under: 2025 Events, 2025 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Ag Education, Beef, Dairy, Food, Meat, Meat Processing Plants, News, Pork, Poultry, Wisconsin



Technical and high schools in Wisconsin are continuing to prepare people for careers in the meat processing industry.

One of the programs is Northcentral Technical College's Pasture to Plate Butchery program. Travis Teska teaches the program, which uses a specialized trailer equipped to harvest animals on-the-farm. "We use this to go out to our farms to and do the slaughter or harvest process on-location under full state inspection. Once we have that process done, then we bring the meat back to the school where we have a thirteen-

hundred square foot cold lab that we just built and finished out last year."

Teska says students are learning the full gamut starting at the farm and then creating meat products for the public and for the school's culinary training program. "We're fabricating it into the bacon, the ham, the sausage, and the curing processes. We have a smoker. We have all of the processing equipment, and then they also get all of the sanitation and safety of being in that environment."

Teska says a big part of the program is showing students the business side of meat processing so they can be successful working for someone else or venturing out on their own. "So they're understanding how to price that meat out, how to market it, how to talk to customers, the customer service aspect."

This fall will be the third year for NTC's Pasture to Plate Butchery Program. Teska says for this fall, there is still some tuition assistance grant funding available for students.

Similar programs exist at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Madison Area Technical College, Fox Valley Technical College, and Mid-State Technical College. Training is also available through the University of Wisconsin at Madison, River Falls, and at high schools using curriculum developed by UW River Falls. Many of the training initiatives, tuition grants, and processor grants began just over two years ago through the Meat Talent Development program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

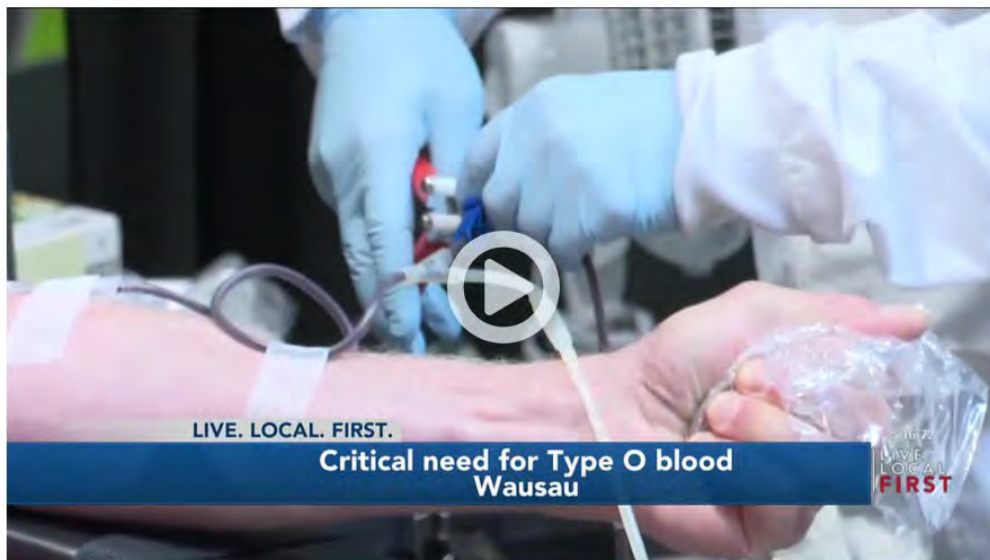
AUDIO: Travis Teska discusses NTC's Pasture to Plate Butchery Program with Brownfield's Larry Lee at Wisconsin's Farm Technology Days. He even has a few pointers for consumers considering a purchase of meat directly from a farm.



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Blood drive at NTC promotes critical need for Type O blood donations



The Wausau Community Blood Center says there is a critical need for Type O blood throughout the country

By [Samuel Dehring](#)

Published: Aug. 12, 2025 at 5:53 PM CDT

WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - [The Wausau Community Blood Center](#) says there is a critical need for Type O blood throughout the country. The [American Red Cross](#) says Type O-Negative blood is the most common blood type, making up 38% of the U.S. population.

Making a blood donation can go a long way. One organizer says the critical need for Type O blood has always been there. She says one donation can save up to one to three lives.

"Blood doesn't take a vacation. The need for it is always there," said Emily Jolin, executive director for the Wausau Community Blood Center.

When you are donating blood, you never know the number of people you are helping. According to the American Red Cross, one in seven patients who enter a hospital needs a blood transfusion. Even the 60+ people who donated their blood at the blood drive on August 12 are still not enough.

The Wausau Community Blood Center has experienced setbacks because of the need for Type O blood.

"I think it was two weeks ago or so, there were four, four traumas between us and the Fox Valley area, and it really just, it wiped out our Type O supply to a critical level," Jolin said.

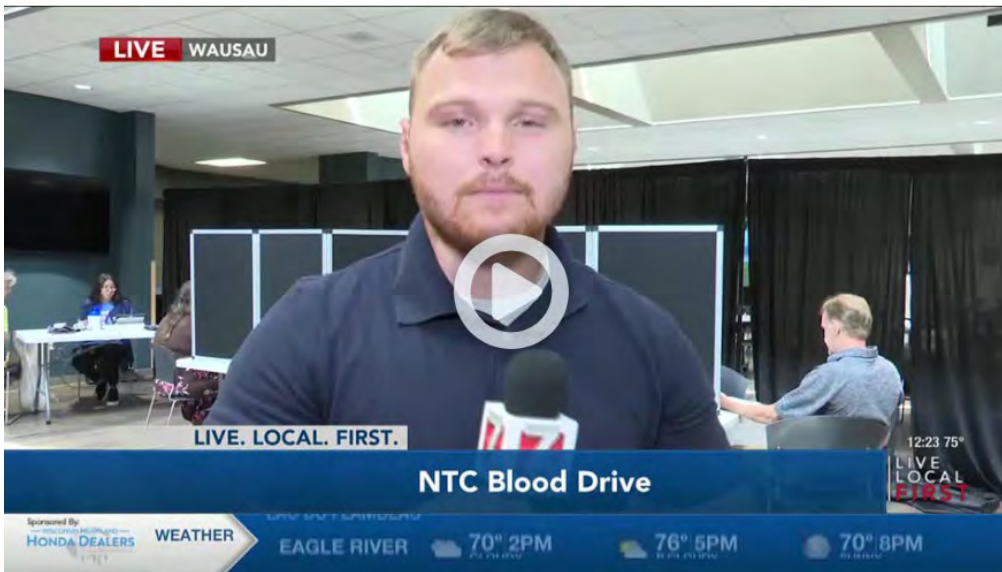
She says a lot of our donor base is aging. That is why they are trying to get the word out to new donors, like Madison Lacrosse.

"I work in a hospital as a CNA. So, I see a lot of blood transfusions, and I see the need for it, and I've never done it before. So, I thought I would try it out," Lacrosse said.

Jolin says the blood donated will be available within 24 to 48 hours to those who need it. When you donate blood, you are saving a life, one blood donation at a time.

"If you have O blood type, please like donate. It's very needed," Lacrosse said.

"It's just a constant need, and it could be your friend, it could be your neighbor, your co-worker, it could be you yourself someday, like you never know what could happen," Jolin added.



Over 5 dozen people signed up to donate blood, and each donor can save 1 to 3 lives

The Community Blood Center also has a rewards program. That means you can earn rewards for making a blood donation. Organizers say this program is another way to show their gratitude for those people who make a blood donation.

NEWS

POSTED ON AUGUST 13, 2025

Veterans need to be aware of changes in federal educational benefit limits

Supreme Court ruling could increase educational benefits for qualifying groups of veterans



On July 18, Avri Weis had a lemonade stand at Freudenthal Mfg. and by the VFW Golf Outing and raised \$1,500 which she donated to the new VFW building project. Here, Weis is pictured with post commander Nick Lemke and Bill Vach who has been a leader in the building project. SUBMITTED

Veterans and their dependents may be eligible for state and national programs that could pay all or part of their educational programs in state universities and technical colleges.

Since World War II, the Federal Government has provided educational assistance to service members with qualifying service through various GI bills. In addition, service members and surviving spouses and dependents are also eligible for programs through the state of Wisconsin which offer tuition waivers through the Universities of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Technical College System.

In addition, a 2024 U.S. Supreme Court decision (RUDISILL v. MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS) further expanded the length of time for federal programs for veterans who qualify under both the Montgomery GI Bill of 1984 and the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational

Assistance Act of 2008 under multiple terms of service.

The Department of Veteran Affairs provides a variety of veterans education benefits and assistance programs, benefiting both veterans and some dependents. The Montgomery GI Bill is the primary source of funding for Active Duty Veterans (MGIB-AD), while The GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) and the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) provide education help for some Reservists and National Guards. The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) is designed for the families of qualifying veterans.

In addition, veterans rated at 10% disabled or greater by the Veterans Administration could be eligible for vocational rehabilitation which can provide a wide variety of additional educational benefits.

Under the Montgomery GI Bill, active duty service members may be eligible for education benefits after two years of active duty. Veterans are eligible if they entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985; received a high school diploma or equivalent (or, in some cases, 12 hours of college credit) before the end of their first obligated period of service; received an honorable discharge; and met the length of service requirements.

REAP Eligibility for Veterans Education Benefits for is determined by the Department of Defense (DoD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as appropriate. Generally, a member of a Reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, for at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency operation, is eligible for REAP. There is no specific time frame to use REAP; however, eligibility generally ends when you leave the Selected Reserves.

To be an eligible for Survivors' & Dependents' Education Assistance you must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- a veteran who died, or is permanently and totally disabled, as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces.
- a veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence.
- a service member missing in action or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force.

- a service member forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- a service member hospitalized or receiving outpatient care for a VA determined service-connected permanent and total disability may be eligible for DEA benefits.

A major change occurred in 2024 with the *RUDISILL v. MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS* decision.

On April 16, 2024 the Supreme Court ruled that if you served at least two periods of service—one that qualifies for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) and another that qualifies for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (PGIB) you may be able to receive additional GI Bill benefits.

Generally, GI bills provide 36 months of educational benefits each up to a cap of 48 months. However, in this case, James Rudisill enlisted in the US Army in 2000 and served a total of 8 years over three separate periods of military service.

Prior to the ruling, those eligible for both programs were required to waive their MGIB benefits to begin using PGIB benefits and were limited to what was remaining with the PGIB benefits.

Since the Supreme Court ruling, beneficiaries impacted by the court's decision are no longer required to waive MGIB eligibility to use PGIB benefits when applying and are not limited to what is remaining in the PGIB limits, but are still capped at 48 months of eligibility.

What this means is that if you have previously applied to VA education benefits, you may be eligible for additional benefits if you completed more than one eligible period of service and you waived all or part of the MGIB benefits so you could use PGIB benefits.

Beyond the federal education benefits, the state of Wisconsin has its own education benefit for veterans.

Veterans qualify to use up to 128 credits or 8 semesters (whichever takes the longest) from the WI GI Bill if they entered active military duty as a Wisconsin resident or they have resided in Wisconsin for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session in which they enroll. Beginning in January 2010, veterans who have federal active duty service after September 10, 2001 must apply for education related benefits provided under the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill program and provide the college either a federal Veterans Administration (VA) Certificate of Eligibility or a rejection notice for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits before they can receive WI GI Bill benefits.

All available federal Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at 100% award level must be used before a veteran becomes eligible for WI GI Bill benefits. This includes benefits that may have been transferred to an eligible spouse or dependent. A spouse or dependent must use the federal Post-9/11 benefits before using the WI GI Bill.

Determining eligibility for the WI GI Bill is a two-step process and involves two forms that veterans should submit at the same time. First, the WDVA determines the Veteran's eligibility to use the WI GI Bill based on the Request for Certification form (WDVA 2030). They notify the college(s) listed on the Request for Certification about your eligibility. They also verify residency using WDVA 1805, if they are seeking to qualify for the WI GI Bill based on living in the state for the previous five years immediately before enrolling.

Second, the college determines the actual fee remission for which the veteran is eligible, based on the WDVA 2029 that is submitted to the college the veteran wants to attend. The school verifies enrollment information and ensures the veteran meet other eligibility requirements such as a cumulative 2.0 GPA. The college also verifies residency based on the notarized residency affidavit the veteran must submit if they are seeking to qualify for the WI GI Bill based on living in the state for the previous five years immediately before enrolling. The residency affidavit is available from the college veterans are seeking to attend.

Veterans must be proactive in working with their educational institution and their local county veterans service offices to get the benefits that they have earned through their military service. Each UW Campus has designated staff members who work with veterans and qualifying dependents to ensure that they get their benefits. At UW Eau Claire that individual is Miranda Cross-Schindler who may be reached at crossmk@uwec.edu or by phone at 715-836-5212.

For **Northcentral Technical College** veterans should contact Jeff Cichon Director of Financial Aid at 1000 West Campus Drive Wausau or email cichon@ntc.edu or by phone at (715) 6753331 Ext. 1633.



National PAS Organization

August 30 at 10:28 AM · 🌐

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2025 National PAS Summer Newsletter

Check out the latest updates from National PAS in the summer newsletter! In this issue: • Meet your 2025-26 National PAS officer team • Meet the new Interim Executive Director • National PAS Board member updates • 2026 National Conference location • A letter from your President

Kelsey Jascor- Secretary

Hello! My name is Kelsey Jascor. I grew up in Medford, Wisconsin, and graduated from Medford Area Senior High School. My passion for agriculture developed through hands-on experiences at my high school's barn, where students explored animal science and agricultural practices in a real-world setting. I am currently attending Northcentral Technical College, pursuing Associate's degrees in both Dairy Science and Business Management. In addition to my studies, I serve as



Northcentral Technical College. PAS has provided me with invaluable leadership experiences, opportunities to connect with industry professionals, and a deeper understanding of career development in agriculture. I am excited to spend my time at the National level helping inspire and support other students in their agricultural journeys. During high school, I was actively involved in FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and athletics. Outside of academics, I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, snowmobiling, jet skiing, and camping. Looking ahead, I plan to continue my education to earn a Bachelor's degree and pursue a career in the dairy industry. I am excited to contribute to the growth of PAS and help shape the future of agriculture.

Meet the 2025-2026

National Officer Team

Brindelyn Eternicka- VP of Conference Planning

My name is Brindelyn Eternicka, however most people just call me Brin. I currently live in Central Wisconsin and am enrolled in the Dairy Science and Agribusiness programs at Northcentral Technical College. I work at my local humane society, where I help with adoptions, intakes, vaccinations, and other related duties. In my free time I enjoy being outside, driving backroads, and spending time with my friends and family. Agriculture has always been a huge part of my life. I



grew up hunting, fishing, and having an appreciation for nature. Through my experiences I have enjoyed working with and helping animals and advocating for improving their lives. For as long as I can remember, I have had a passion and love for animals. I have been a part of PAS for just under one year, and it has already contributed to both my personal and academic success. I enjoy meeting new people who have similar interests, yet different perspectives and expertise. Having knowledge about different areas can help you see a broader picture of the whole industry. Throughout my experience, PAS has offered a variety of opportunities from competing at conferences that hone our leadership and communication skills to hosting career fairs that enable us to talk with employers to gain a better understanding of all the possibilities that are out in the world.



Sandy Muehlbauer

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This is an addition to the EMS building at the Wausau NTC we did last week



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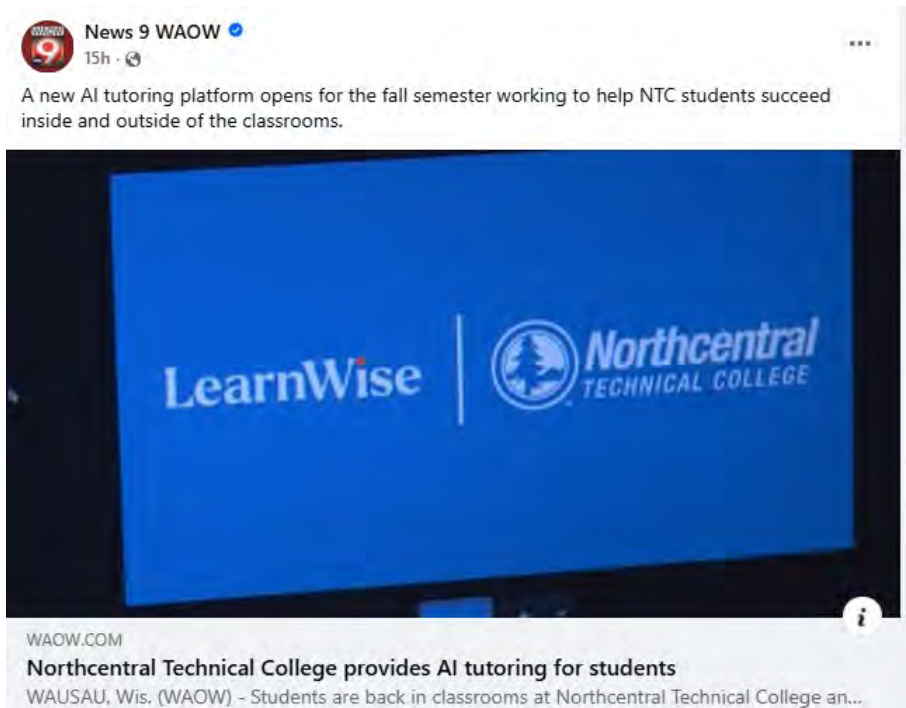
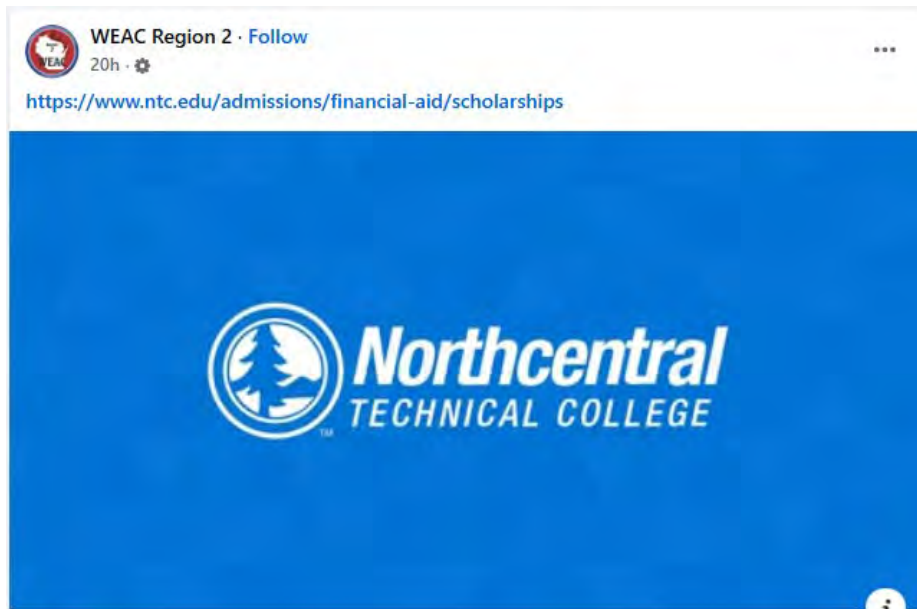
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While students already have access to free tutors at NTC, LearnWise provides 24/7 access to academic support.

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**NTC BEGINS NEW
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Brenda Bullis Heiser

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1st day of school photo for Brady, NTC in Wausau for Civil Engineering Technology. Have a great year bud!





Joey Schuetz is with Abby Schuetz.

13h · 🎵 What A Wonderful World · Louis Armstrong · 🌐

Abbys begins her journey at North Central technical college for Radiology. She is going to be outstanding!



Cory Acker is 🤔 feeling determined.

August 22 at 11:24 AM · 🌐

Well, it only took 29 1/2 years, but im officially a college student at Northcentral Technical College! Going for Mechanical design engineer.

○ Meta AI

Forest Park Village · Follow
August 21 at 6:42 AM · 🌐

🌱 Aging is growing. Aging is learning. Residents from Forest Park Village recently visited North Central Technical College in Wausau, driven by curiosity and a love of lifelong learning.

🏠 With big smiles, the NTC team welcomed our residents, offering a guided tour of their vibrant campus and hands-on programs. From welding to healthcare, residents explored the trades shaping the future of America—and left inspired by the innovation and opportunity all around them.

👏 Thank you to our gracious hosts at NTC for illustrating that learning has no age limit! A special shout-out to Derek at NTC for showing our group around.



Forward Service Corporation · Follow
August 20 at 5:35 PM · 🌐

🔥 Future chefs in the making! 🍳👩🍳

Last week, our amazing students wrapped up [Northcentral Technical College's](#) Culinary Boot Camp — part of the WAI 2.0 grant — learning the skills to jumpstart their careers in the service industry.

📊 9 of 13 scored their ServSafe Certification (one more's testing soon!)

📋 10 of 13 earned their Culinary Basics Certificate and 7 college credits!

Big shoutout to all the partners who helped every step of the way — you're the real MVPs. 🙌

We can't wait to see these grads cooking up big things in the future! 🍷

👉 Learn more about our student programs: www.fsc-corp.org

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August 15 at 2:04 PM · 🌐

A message from Lois Wilhelm:
Quilt College in Wausau, WI

I would like to invite you to attend our Quilt College!

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Northcentral Technical College (NTC), Wausau, WI

What is Quilt College, you ask? QC is the annual (and only) fundraiser supporting the Pine Tree Quilters Guild (located in Wausau WI, with members from communities in twelve surrounding counties, as well as Arizona!) This fundraiser enables us to do all the fun things for our members!

But QC is more than a fundraiser. PTQ partners with our local technical college, Northcentral Technical College, and 4 of our great local shop owners / instructors, to provide a day filled with education and quilting fun!

More info at:



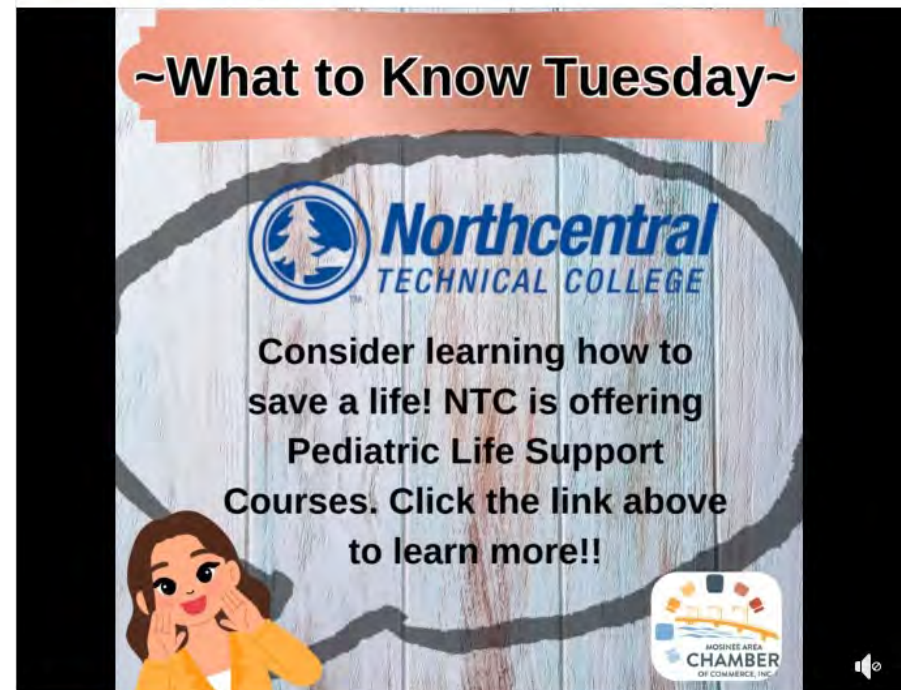
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[Pediatric Advanced Life Support \(PALS\) Full Course](#)

Join [Northcentral Technical College](#) for a 2-day course in Pediatric Life Support beginning tomorrow. Be sure to click on their event link about to register and find more available dates!

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Children's Imaginarium
August 15 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

A HUGE thank you to [Northcentral Technical College](#) students Colin Towne, Jordan Innes, and fellow collaborators for producing a beautiful video that captures the magic of the Children's Imaginarium in downtown Wausau. Your storytelling brought to life the joy, curiosity, and connection that families experience every time they walk through our doors.

This video isn't just a showcase—it's a celebration of community, imagination, and the power of play. Thank you for helping us share why the Children's Imaginarium is such a special place for children and families across our region. Your support helps us continue to inspire wonder and learning in every child who visits.

Together, we're building a brighter future—one playful moment at a time. 🌟

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Venture Architects · Follow
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Venture Architects is proud to celebrate the opening of the Marathon County Forensic Science Center at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau.

From concept to completion, this seven-year project was made possible through collaboration with the Marathon County Medical Examiner's Office, Marathon County Facilities, Northcentral Technical College (NTC), and [Miron Construction Co., Inc.](#) The facility will serve multiple counties across north central Wisconsin.

The center will streamline cases, reduce travel for families, and provide valuable educational opportunities for NTC and Medical College of Wisconsin students. We're honored to have been part of this milestone and enjoyed a wonderful opening ceremony!

Visit our website for more info on the event and the project 🌐 <https://ventarch.com/marathon-county-forensic-science.../>

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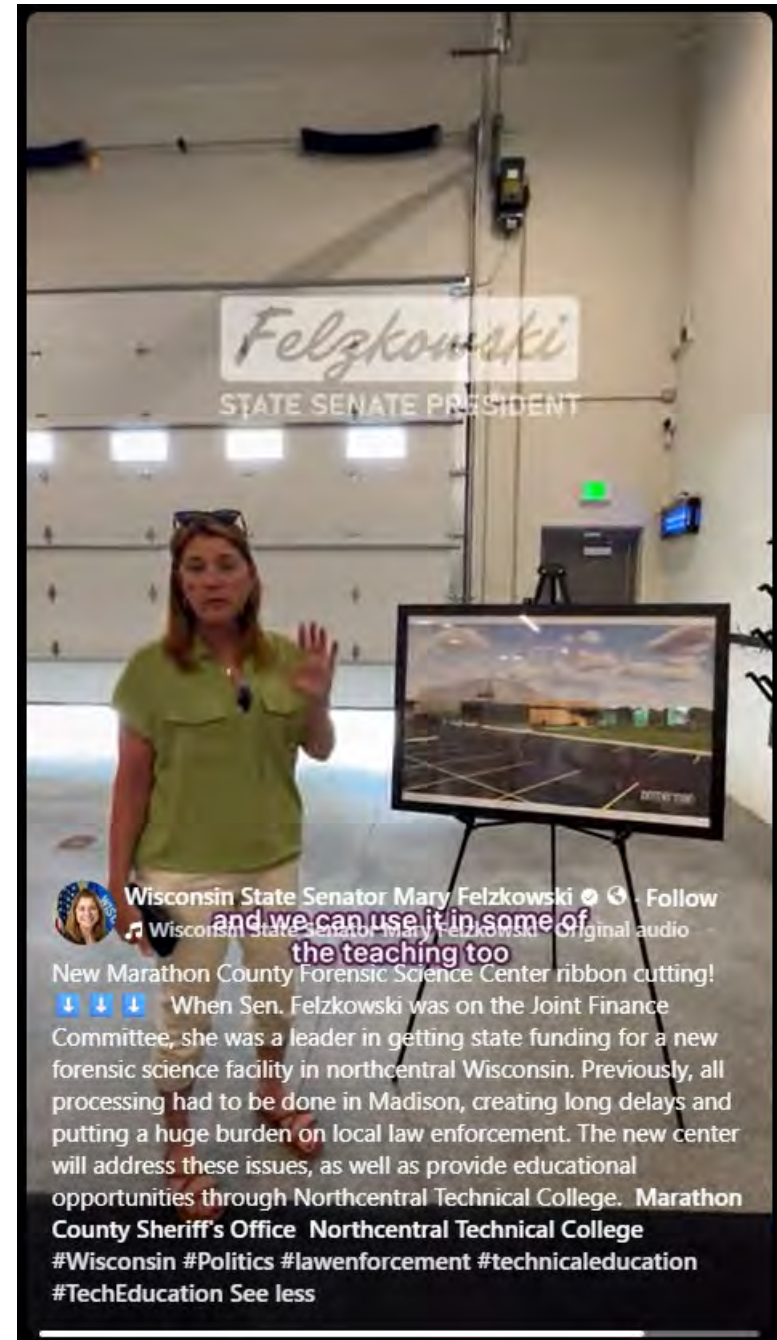


Peterson Kraemer Funeral Homes & Crematory · Follow

August 13 at 1:48 PM · 🌐

Today, our community came together to celebrate the opening and ribbon cutting of the new Marathon County Forensic Science Center at NTC. This important milestone was made possible through the dedication and collaboration of many on the Morgue Task Force, including Greg Zoromski, owner of Peterson/Kraemer.

We are deeply grateful to all members of the board who devoted countless hours to bring this vital facility to life. Thanks to their commitment, families in Marathon County—and even as far as the Upper Peninsula—will no longer need to travel great distances during some of life's most difficult moments. This new forensic center will provide care, dignity, and compassion closer to home.





City of Wausau Government

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Along with many other public officials, such as Sen. Cory Tomczyk, Rep. Pat Snyder, and Gov. Tony Evers, Mayor Diny was honored to attend the grand opening of the Marathon County Forensic Science Lab at Northcentral Technical College earlier this week. This facility will offer state-of-the-art services to law enforcement and medical professionals who are looking for answers during an investigation or to a family who has lost a loved one. The City of Wausau looks forward to supporting the vitally important area of forensic science for many years to come and is thrilled about the opportunities and education this facility will bring to the Northwoods.

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They cut the ribbon on the new Forensic Science Lab in Wausau today:



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Ribbon Cutting Held for New Forensic Science Lab in Wausau

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Forward Service Corporation · Follow

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Last week our WAI Culinary Boot Camp students wowed us at [Northcentral Technical College's Spoons Café](#) in Wausau!

As one of their final program benchmarks, they prepared and served a delicious full course meal — showcasing skills they've honed through over 180 hours of paid work experience at local restaurants.

A big shoutout to Career Planner Nicky Lindman for her dedication in helping these students enroll in the WAI 2.0 program and secure hands-on work experiences. Not only was she there to cheer them on, but she also rolled up her sleeves — greeting guests, clearing tables, and filling water cups. Her passion for helping participants succeed truly shines. 🌟

👏 Congratulations to all the students for an incredible job — your hard work and talent are inspiring!

Read more about the event here: <https://fsc-corp.org/culinary-boot-camp-students-shine.../>





Wausau Police Department

August 13 at 3:31 PM · 🌐

It was an exciting day for the Wausau Police Department!

We were honored to hold a ceremony this morning for the swearing-in of four new officers: Officer Ethan Bares (253), Officer Cody Friedenfels (254), Officer Dakota Heidmann (255), and Officer Eric Valadez (256).

They will be attending the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Northcentral Technical College and are expected to begin their field training around mid-December.

Congratulations and welcome to the Wausau PD family!



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News 9 WAOW at 10PM

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WAOW (ABC) 8/6/2025 5:31:51 AM

Wausau, WI

Wake Up Wisconsin 5AM on News 9

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Local Publicity Value: \$69.39

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WSAW (CBS) 8/21/2025 5:05:10 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 5

Local Viewership: 14,490

Local Publicity Value: \$474.56

tackle the crisis of declining mental wellbeing. it's the nexus of the 'let's talk about youth mental health' speaker series. newschannel 7's emily davies joined the morning session at northcentral technical college in wausau. emily, how an people who aren't in schools get involved in helping kids manage and improve their mental wellbeing? jeff, the speakers today are helping people meet kids where they are at when it comes to their state of mind. they're sharing the evidence of how certain experiences, including trauma, can impact how kids show up -- whether that's at school, home, or elsewhere. speaker scott webb retired last year, but he previously was in charge of educating behavioral health professionals



WSAW (CBS) 8/25/2025 5:00:24 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 5

Local Viewership: 16,736

Local Publicity Value: \$644.56

going to a tutor that they have an opportunity to to speak to an ai tutor to to have a conversation, to get more in depth." reggie smith is the ai project manager for northcentral technical college. he says this program is not meant to replace teachers or in-person tutors. (reggie smith, ai project manager)"making sure that our, our teachers are empowered with this platform, making sure that they have the insights and the trends to be able to to better support their students, to get to that mastery level of learning." learnwise shows teachers what topics students are getting help with the most, and then they can consider going over them in class more. (nat pop, showing learnwise on canvas) (reggie)"just making sure that our students are engaged and we're building confidence.



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WAOW (ABC) 8/25/2025 10:00:42 PM

Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 10PM

Local Viewership: 22,386

Local Publicity Value: \$1,599.88

before school starts. your news at 10 starts right now. >> we've got you covered. is 9 news at 10. >> students are back in classrooms at northcentral technical college today and they're doing it with a little extra help this year. thanks for joining us. i'm cooper wild. we talk to the school about their new ai tutor and how it will help their students succeed? >> no, really a \$2 only available during normal hours, but this it there will be available the clock, helping grow the bridge. and i almost leaders say the \$2 bill 3 main pillars, equity and accessibility, faculty in sight, ability student confidence. that's a 24 7.



WAOW (ABC) 8/26/2025 8:57:04 AM

Wausau, WI

Good Morning America

Local Viewership: 1,584

Local Publicity Value: \$93.24

an update from news 9 w. thanks for joining us this morning. i'm brad miller. students are back in classrooms that northcentral technical college. >> for the fall semester and they're doing it with a little bit of extra help this year. learn wise, a new ai tutoring platform opens for the school year working to provide students with studying practice test and much more. it will use information and sources straight from the class instead of pulling from the web. like other ai platforms the platform that we're bringing in is really meant to be a tutoring solution. it's meant to help their learning and support to support their knowledge of of the programs and the things

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Loyal board votes to wait on weighted grades

By Valorie Brecht

After a fairly lengthy conversation with points brought up on both sides, the Loyal School Board has decided not to change the school district's grading system to weighted grades, at least for the time being.

The discussion took place at the Aug. 20 board meeting. Although board members could see the benefits of weighted grades, the main holdup for them was uncertainty on what the Greenwood School District wanted to do, and wanting the school districts' grading systems to align by the tentative consolidation date of July 1, 2028.

The board received a fact sheet explaining weighted grades. Under this system, the district choose to weigh dual credit and Advanced Placement courses heavier than the other average classes because of their academic rigor and counting towards college credit. While a normal grading system is built on a 4-point scale, with an "A" equaling a 4.0, in a weighted class, a "B" would equal a 4.0, thus providing incentive for students to take harder courses.

"We accumulated information on what local schools had done; it's very common," said Principal Angie Kollmansberger. "It encourages kids to earn a better score for

their GPA. College-level classes demand more, and so it's rewarding them for that work... With all the **NTC** **[Northcentral Technical College]** and other college classes we have, I think they should be rewarded."

The fact sheet listed some of the pros for weighted grades as the following:

- Encourages academic challenge: Students are motivated to take advanced courses, fostering a deeper understanding of subjects.

- Rewards effort: Students who excel in more difficult classes are rewarded for their hard work.

- Improves college admissions: A higher GPA from weighted grades can enhance college applications, showcasing a student's commitment to academic rigor.

Cons listed were:

- Grade inflation: Weighted grades can lead to inflated GPAs, making it harder to distinguish between students.

- Stress and competition: The pressure to take advanced courses can create stress and unhealthy competition among students.

Board president Derek Weyer said the recommendation to implement weighted

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grades came from the curriculum committee.

Board members liked the idea of encouraging students to challenge themselves, but still had several concerns with weighted grades.

Board member Matt Kubista wanted to ensure an even playing field. He suggested starting at the ninth grade level, so it would be the same system for the students' entire high school career. He also was concerned that students might feel the pressure to sacrifice an elective class they would really like to take in order to take a college class to boost their GPA.

"I think it hurts the arts, and what I mean by that is Spanish, the art classes, choir, band. I would be concerned that kids would have an equal opportunity to take those," he said.

"If we are going toward consolidation, it should be the same teachers using the same grading scale," he added.

Fellow board member Dave Clintsman agreed, and felt both districts should start that grading scale at the same time. The two districts have a very similar grading scale — within a percentage point — so that would not be hard to mesh. However, Greenwood previously said no to weighted grades.

"Chris, do you see any potential issues if we do this and Greenwood does not?" asked board member Crystal Rueth.

"I could see potential issues. I have talked to Joe [Green]; I haven't talked to Noah [Werner] yet," replied Loyal District Administrator Chris Lindner.

Board member Nikki Rueth agreed that the timing of implementation was important.

"If they already took [a class] and it wasn't weighted, and now it is weighted, that's not fair," she said.

"It think this should have been done years ago. It was brought up years ago. In this year's senior class, we have four or five kids that are all close at the top. This would help separate them a little bit and the kids pushing themselves would be rewarded, versus them all having the same GPA and then we have to look at their ACT score."

Board member Tom Odeen had some concerns about how to roll out the system if the district decided to move forward.

"How do we integrate it if we do it prior to consolidation? And how does that play into the averages when we come together? I'm not opposed to challenging kids and encouraging them to take harder courses, but also some of those elective classes could serve them well when they leave high school. So, I feel torn," said Odeen.

"I feel torn as well, but we need to take our needs into consideration," said Nikki Rueth.

Board member Kirk Haslow made a motion to table the issue until the board could have more discussion with the Greenwood School Board members in their joint meeting. Odeen seconded that motion, which passed 6-1 with Nikki Rueth voting against it.

The joint board meeting agenda does not list weighted grades as a discussion item, however. The next joint board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 at Loyal High School, with a tour of the facilities at 6:30 p.m., prior to the start of the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Edgar, The Record Review

Edgar hires two new part-time police officers

By Kevin O'Brien

New two part-time officers are joining the Edgar Police Department after the village board hired them to fill longstanding vacancies on the local force.

At a special meeting on Aug. 18, after meeting in closed session, the village board voted to hire Slavko Stefanovic as a part-time officer at \$20 per hour. Stefanovic, who has over eight years of experience in law enforcement, had been working Fox Crossing Police Department as a patrol officer and previously worked for the Fremont Police Department and the UW-Stevens Point Police Department. He will begin working in Edgar in early September.

At another special board meeting on Aug. 25, trustees voted to hire Ronald J. (R.J.) Knetter, a 2021 graduate of Edgar High School who earned his degree in law enforcement from [Northcentral Technical College](#). After working for the Everest Metro Police Department, Knetter changed careers to work in information technology and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in IT from Western Governors University.

The board approved a starting salary of \$18 per hour for Knetter.

A full-time police chief, Zachary Zaug, started working in Edgar at the beginning of the year, and he assisted the board in finding part-time officers in order to provide additional coverage.

New teachers welcomed at Holy Rosary and Gilman School District

Holy Rosary

Olivia Damm

Olivia Damm is a 3K teacher at Holy Rosary. She attended Medford Area Senior High and is currently enrolled at Northcentral Technical College. Damm began her educational experience at Holy Rosary and is going into her third year with the school. A Medford native, Damm is passionate about her faith, spending most of her time devoted to her church and her family.



Cassandra Jablonsky

Cassandra Jablonsky is teaching general music, piano and choir to grades kindergarten through eighth. She received her bachelor of music education from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 1990 and her master of music education from UW-Eau Claire in 1996. Jablonsky taught grades K-2 music for two years in Macomb, Ill., high school and elementary music in Menomonie for five years, elementary music in Gilman for one year, grades k-8 general music at St. Mary's, located in Colby, for one year, K-12 general music, show choir and choral music in Rib Lake for three years, and grades 5-12 general, middle and high school choirs, a cappella choir, show choir and piano at Medford area schools for 12 years. Jablonsky grew up in Pierre, S.D. She met her husband, Russ, at college. The couple has lived in Medford for 28 years. Together they have four adult children; Courtney, Michael, Mark, and Jacob. Jablonsky and her husband also have three grandchildren with another on the way. She enjoys playing the piano, boating, walking, reading, and going to musicals and concerts. Jablonsky is excited for a wonderful year with the students, staff, and parents at Holy Rosary.



Melanie Erspamer

Melanie Erspamer is a new teacher's assistant this year. She attended UW-Eau Claire and has taught third grade in Hurley for 32 years before moving back to the Medford area, where she is originally from. Erspamer is married to her husband, Sam, and has two adult children, Troy and Luke. When she isn't in the classroom, Erspamer enjoys hiking, reading, snowshoeing, and crafting.



Hannah Filipiak

Hannah Filipiak is teaching physical education at Holy Rosary. Filipiak received her bachelor's degree from UW-Oshkosh in 2018, with a dual major in both special education and elementary education. After graduating, she was a special education teacher for six years. Filipiak also has experience in coaching, religious education, after-school programs and various experience with individuals with special needs. She is excited to pivot into her new role as a physical education teacher. Filipiak grew up in Rib Lake and now lives with her husband and two beautiful daughters in Westboro. When she isn't teaching, Filipiak loves participating in a variety of fitness opportunities, from softball, to jogging, to gardening, and especially likes trying new games or sports. She and her family enjoy camping together, taking walks, riding bikes, reading books and making memories; however, currently, the majority of her family's free time is spent remodeling their 1930's farmhouse.



Gilman School District

Hope Nye

Hope Nye will be teaching pre-k to third grade special education. She attended UW-Eau Claire and graduated in December of 2024, majoring in early childhood special education and general education. Nye has been teaching in the Gilman School District since January, 2025, when she was hired as the early childhood special education teacher. She is originally from Cadott, but she now lives in Jump River with her boyfriend, Cassidy Ogle, and their two dogs, Max and Barkley. When Nye isn't in the classroom, she enjoys spending quality time with her family, especially her niece and nephew who bring her much joy. She also enjoys spending time outdoors kayaking, tubing, or riding side-by-side.



Mikayla Waichulis

Mikayla Waichulis will teach middle and high school science and math. She attended the Gilman School District, graduating in 2020 and then attending college at UW-Stevens Point. Waichulis previously worked in the Stratford School District for one year where she taught sixth and eighth grade science. She has a golden retriever named Murray, and when Waichulis isn't busy in the school she enjoys reading.



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Greater Wausau Chamber names 2025–2026 board leaders

Nida Tazeen
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WAUSAU – The Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2025-2026 Board of Directors.

The board represents the chamber’s membership and the Wausau region’s business community, according to a community announcement. Its primary role is to set the long-term vision for the chamber in response to members’ needs.

The new board began its term Sept. 1.

Who is on the board?

The officers for the 2025-2026 term are:

- Chairperson: Jeffrey Wicklander, Aspirus
- Chairperson Elect: Darren Ackley, Northcentral Technical College
- Treasurer/Secretary: Chris Pfender, Intercity State Bank
- Immediate Past Chairperson: Laura Huggins, Connexus Credit Union
- President/CEO: David Eckmann, Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce

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- Director at Large: Wendy Furrer, HOST: Central Wisconsin
- Director at Large: Sean Wright, Performing Arts Foundation Inc.

The directors are Bob Fieck, Wausau Supply Company; Owen Jones, Tommy Docks; Gerard Klein, City-County IT Commission; Steve LaCerte, Coldwell Banker Action Realty; Steven Lipowski, Ruder Ware LLSC; Casey Nye, D.C. Everest Area School District; Carolyn Schamberger, Church Mutual Insurance Company; Charlotte Skinner Rickert, Granite Peak Ski Area;

Carrie Strobel, Greenheck; Denis Tan, DIGIT Consulting LLC; and Kimm Weber, MCDEVCO Inc.

The chamber thanked Lance Leonhard of Marathon County, whose term ended Aug. 31, for his service on the board.

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Farm lease workshops scheduled by UW-Ext

MADISON — The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension will host agricultural leasing seminars across the state in October.

These seminars are offered to address questions that landowners, tenants, or other interested individuals have about leasing farmland, including:

- Setting a rental rate,
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- Miscellaneous topics in agricultural leasing.

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Each registered participant will receive a free copy of the Wisconsin Guide to Farmland Leasing, a new guide that covers legal issues, designing lease payment structures and calculating payments, and leasing as part of a farm succession plan, as well as sample lease forms for negotiating lease agreements.

Registration is \$25 per individual, which includes workshop materials. To reg-

ister, visit <https://uwmadison.eventsair.com/farm-leasing25/farmleasing/Site/Register>.

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The programs will be held in:

- 1 Dodgeville: Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Extension Iowa County, 303 W Chapel Street
- 2 Juneau: Oct. 9, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Extension Dodge County, 127 E Oak Street
- 3 Chippewa Falls: Oct. 14, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Chippewa County Courthouse, 711 N Bridge St, Ste 1
- 4 Wausau: Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., [Northcentral Technical College](#) Agriculture Center of Excellence, 6625 County Road K
- 5 Manitowoc: Oct. 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Manitowoc County Office Complex, Room 300, 4319 Expo Drive

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Athens School Board addresses tax complaint

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Town of Halsey resident Clayton Gore spoke at Monday's Athens Board of Education meeting about his property tax bill increasing substantially after voters passed a four-year non-recurring operational referendum in the spring of 2023. Board member Kat Becker, who is also a town of Halsey resident, told Gore that the majority of his tax bill increase was because the town of reassessed its property for the first time in over 10 years.

"My property taxes also went up 100 percent, but the largest contributor to the property taxes going up was the town of Halsey's re-evaluation of property," Becker said. "If we lived in the town of Johnson, then our taxes wouldn't have gone up as much, or barely gone up, so that was something that a lot of us in Halsey experienced that was unique compared to the other townships. The school district had no way of knowing that it was going to happen. The other thing that happened, which I didn't understand until I was on the school board, was that the state also did a re-evaluation of property, resulting in a very large bump in how much our property was supposed to be. That was also independent of the school district referendum."

Becker explained that taxes are based on each \$1,000 in property value, but in Halsey, a property that was worth \$200,000 is now worth \$375,000, so the impact of the referendum was much greater. She also noted that the amount of property taxes for Northcentral Technical College also went up by a very high percentage.

"I would agree with you that it was a completely different experience in Halsey than what we expected, but I think it's really important for you to understand your property tax bill," she told Gore. "You probably did



REFERENDUM PLANNING- Athens School Board president Angela Servi, left, and Katrina Becker discuss what questions district residents have about a probable referendum in either the spring or fall of 2026. STAFF PHOTO/CASEY KRAUTKRAMER

what I did, which is gasp when you saw what your property tax bill was, because I was only going to have to pay an extra \$500."

Superintendent Andrea Sheridan and school board clerk Jessica Frahm offered to sit down with Gore and explain the breakdown of his property tax bill with him. They will do the same for any other school district resident that makes the request, she said.

"I think it was the perfect storm, unfortunately, that all those things happened at the same time as the referendum," Frahm said. "It was unfortunate for the town of Halsey. The school district superintendent had nothing to do with that. The school board had nothing to do with that. That was on a township and state level that we have no control over, so it was just unfortunate that it happened at the same time, and the school referendum gets the negative publicity for it."

In a related matter, board president Angela Servi explained what the board's Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee discussed

at its meeting prior to Monday's regular board meeting. The committee began meeting this school year at 4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month before the monthly board meeting at 5 p.m. to discuss planning for the district's next capital or operations referendum, or both, in either the spring of 2026 or fall of 2026 elections.

"The main item of discussion tonight, which I think is timely, is the communication that may be needed going forward regarding the referendum and what people in the community are saying about it and what questions they are having," Servi said. "We discussed how we should communicate answers to those questions, and we also discussed creating a question-and-answer sheet that would have common questions about the referendum, and help answer some of them. So, at the next Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee meeting in October, there will be a draft for the committee to look at and determine a communication plan going forward."

Other business

■ Sheridan announced there will be a special board meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the Athens Middle/High School library for the district's business partners to explore the possibility of conducting a school building operations feasibility study to help the district prepare for its next referendum.

■ District residents approved a proposed tax levy of \$3.5 million for the 2025-26 school year. The board will adopt the actual tax levy at its meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, after the third Friday enrollment count and certification of state aid.

■ Wages for meeting attendance were approved at \$175 each for board president Angela Servi and clerk Jessica Frahm, \$125 for board treasurer Tom Ellenbecker Jr, \$100 for board vice president Steve Janke and \$85 each for board members Kat Becker, Tucker Diethelm and Cameron Diedrich.

■ The board approved a policy stating that the district's fund balance shall not fall below 18 percent of the budget.

■ The board accepted the 2024-25 seclusion and restraint report. School psychologist Samantha Boivin said six incidents, involving three children with disabilities, required student seclusion last year. Nine incidents of physical restraint, involving three children with disabilities, were also reported, with law enforcement called to deal with one incident.

■ The board approved the following hirings: Seth Coker as math league advisor, Alyssa Antoniewicz as quiz bowl advisor, Emily Triebold as high school musical assistant advisor, and Tony Schultz as middle school girls basketball coach. Dustin Dahlke resigned as middle school wrestling coach.

■ The board approved out-of-state travel for students to attend the FFA National Convention in Indiana from Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

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Dog tag fees may double

*Marathon Co. Board
to vote on proposed
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By Kevin O'Brien

Owning a dog in Marathon County could get more expensive next year under a proposal to double the county's licensing fees.

The proposal to be voted on Thursday by the county board would charge residents \$12 per year for licensing a neutered or spayed dog and \$20 per year for an un-neutered or un-spayed canine. The price for a kennel license, which allows residents to keep up to 12 dogs on their property, would also increase from \$50 to \$80, plus an extra \$12 per additional dog.

County clerk Kim Trueblood spoke about the need for a fee increase at the Sept. 10 meeting of the Human Resources, Finance and Capital Committee, which voted to recommend the new rates to the full board.

Trueblood said the county has not increased its dog license fees since 2001, leaving a large funding gap between what it collects from municipalities and what it pays to the Marathon County Humane Society for shelter services. A couple years ago, Trueblood said the Humane Society increased its annual contract amount to \$100,000, even though the county normally only collects between \$30,000 and \$35,000 in fees.

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The county never knows exactly how much revenue to expect each year because it depends on how many dogs are in the county and how faithful people are about licensing them, she said. In addition to the money paid to the Humane Society, the county must also send 5 percent of what it collects to the state.

If the number of licensed dogs stays the same from this year to next, Trueblood said the county could expect to see about \$75,000 in revenue in 2026, which would go a long ways toward closing the funding deficit for the Humane Society contract. Any portion of the cost not covered by license fees must be paid for by the county’s property tax levy.

Going forward, county administrator Lance Leonhard said the county plans to continually raise the dog license fees every year based on increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is considered the gold standard for measuring inflation.

Increasing the dog license fees is part of a larger countywide plan for increasing user fees in order to offset the cost of services in next year’s budget while staying within state-imposed levy limits. Leonhard has previously told members to expect an average 7.5 percent increase in fees across the board proposed for next year.

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UW-Stevens Point will move its operations from the campus on Stewart Avenue in Wausau to the Northcentral Technical College campus off of US Hwy 51, members of the HRFC planned to discuss what to do with all of the county-owned buildings on the current campus at their next meeting on Thursday. The full board is also slated to hear a presentation about the closing of the campus at its meeting that night.

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■ During her regular update to the committee, county treasurer Connie Beyersdorf said her office recently collected over \$598,000 in back taxes from 2013 to 2023 and is expecting more payments from delinquent taxpayers before an in rem court hearing on Oct. 7, when another batch of properties is up for possible foreclosure.

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UW-Stevens Point, Northcentral Technical College to share campus

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Northcentral Technical College (NTC) are working together to develop a groundbreaking, seamless partnership to provide degree options for students in north central Wisconsin.

The collaboration will allow UWSP at Wausau to relocate to the NTC campus, sharing space, programming and community engagement while leveraging the strengths of each institution to support the regional economy. NTC will continue offering associate's degrees, with UWSP at Wausau offering bachelor's and master's degrees at NTC starting fall 2026.

"UW-Stevens Point and NTC are long-standing partners that have created successful programs for students within the region," said Interim Chancellor Pratima Gandhi. "An expanded partnership presents the opportunity to build on these successes, further enriching the educational experience for students while benefiting the northcentral Wisconsin area."

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"Students will have a seamless connection between UWSP and NTC," said Miranda Gentry-Siegel, Wausau Campus Executive. "Advisers from both schools will work together to find options that fit stu-

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Students will have access to resources and facilities available to NTC students, from state-of-the-art laboratories and student support services to extracurricular activities.

"NTC and UWSP have shared a strong and lasting partnership, and this next step deepens our commitment to the students and communities we serve," said NTC President Jeannie Worden. "This collaboration aligns with NTC's Strategic Plan by expanding educational opportunities, keeping talent local and strengthening our region's workforce. Our community truly has it all with outstanding K-12 education, innovative businesses, generous philanthropic partners and exceptional higher education institutions. By working together, we ensure that north central Wisconsin remains a place where students, families and employers can thrive."

UW-Stevens Point will continue to offer instruction in the Stevens Point, Marshfield and Wausau communities. In partnership with NTC, UWSP plans to increase degree programs in high demand fields, such as healthcare and business. Discussions have begun on a collaborative UWSP and NTC surgical technician program.

The benefits of the partnership for both institutions include:

- Development of joint programming that addresses regional needs
- Enhancement of professional development for faculty and staff with a culture of shared learning and excellence

- Expanded faculty collaboration in new program design, development and delivery
 - Streamlined transfer processes to provide students with more flexible and accessible pathways towards their educational goals
 - Joint student support towards achieving college degrees
 - Saving operational costs by curricular streamlining and the reduction of duplication in programs and services
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that helped lead to this partnership. UWSP and Marathon County will continue discussions to determine the future use and timeline for the current UWSP at Wausau facilities.

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To learn more about this partnership, go to www.uwsp.edu/ntc-partnership-faqs/.

Medford Area Public School District Proposed 2025-26 Budget			
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Medford Area Public School District that a public hearing on the below proposed budget will be held at the District Office located at 124 W. State Street, Medford, Wisconsin, starting at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, Monday, September 22nd, 2025. The annual will be held immediately after the public hearing. Steve Deml, District Clerk, Dated September 11th, 2025.			
General Fund	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	7,400,415.30	\$7,901,005.76	8,520,240.64
Ending Fund Balance	7,901,005.76	\$8,520,240.64	8,742,548.97
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	7,881,234.06	7,795,563.01	8,280,341.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	10,942,952.00	11,912,842.00	14,434,946.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	300.00	4,524.01	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	17,821,098.24	18,543,398.36	18,201,468.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	2,791,306.64	930,043.09	648,709.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	111,869.63	288,461.36	64,000.00

Boo-U has biggest UW branch campus enrollment decrease



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UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County students walk through campus Thursday afternoon. Campus enrollment is down 29% from last fall, the largest percentage drop of all Universities of Wisconsin campuses.



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MADISON — Student enrollment at the Universities of Wisconsin's branch campuses dropped at four and increased at three this fall, according to preliminary student count projections obtained Wednesday.

The UW system has either fully closed six branch campuses or stopped offering in-person classes at them over the last three years, citing enrollment declines as the reason.

Overall branch campus enrollment is down by 25.8% percent, from 3,784 student in 2024 to 2,806 this year.

Of the campuses that remain open, UW-Platteville's campus in Baraboo had the largest drop this fall, down 29.92% compared to last year. The UW system projects the campus will have 126 students this fall, versus 178 in 2024.

UW-Green Bay's two branch campuses were among the three that gained students. The Manitowoc campus at the largest gain; with 603 students, enrollment there is up 23.6%. Enrollment at the Sheboygan campus stands at 460, up 4.8% from last year.

UW-Whitewater's Rock County campus also gained students this year. At 772 students, enrollment is up 8.7%.

The preliminary enrollment estimates are based on



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first-day counts. The UW system will release more detailed enrollment data at a later date.

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Others are trying to adapt to a changing educational environment.

At the Baraboo Sauk County campus, leaders announced in July that classes will be consolidated into one building, down from five.

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Also down this year: UW-

Eau Claire's Barron County branch, down 11.2% to 475 students, and Stevens Point's Marshfield branch, down 9.6% to 141 students.

The shuttering of UW system branch campuses began with UW-Platteville's Richland branch campus, which officially shut down in July 2023. Since then, UW-Milwaukee's Washington County and Waukesha campuses, and UW-Oshkosh's Fond du Lac and Fox Cities campuses have been added to the list.

In addition, UW-Green Bay at Marinette no longer offers in-person classes, but does provide some online courses. The university also is working with the Marinette community to show theater and arts events on the campus grounds.

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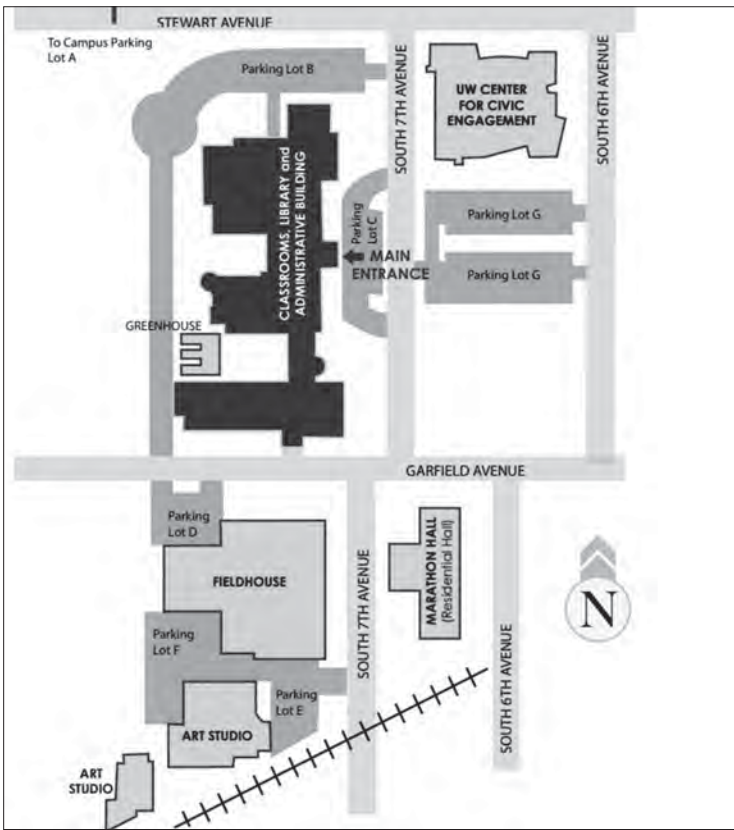
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The Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation (WSCF) is hosting the “Antigo Chess Tournament: Bring on the Knights” on October 11, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the **NTC**-Antigo Campus located at 312 Forrest Ave in Antigo, WI.

The tournament has a special charitable component: “Checkmate to End Homelessness.” In recognition of Homelessness Awareness Month, the event is collecting donations for William House of Hope, a local shelter in Antigo. Attendees are encouraged to contribute items such as body wash, shampoo and conditioner, dish soap, laundry detergent, and toilet paper. Monetary donations are also welcome.

For more information and to register for the tournament, visit the WSCF website at www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org



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10 Bits: The Data News Hotlist

by Mitalee Pasricha | September 26, 2025



This week's list of top data news highlights covers September 20, 2025 to September 26, 2025 and includes articles on training firefighters with VR and protecting endangered birds in New Zealand.

1. Designing Energy-Efficient Chips

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) is using AI-powered software to handle some of the most complex steps in chip design. Instead of engineers manually testing endless variations of chip designs, the company is using algorithms to explore far more possibilities in minutes and uncover layouts that move data more efficiently and waste less energy. TSMC says these AI-driven designs could boost the efficiency of AI processors by up to 10 times.

2. Using an AI Teaching Assistant

Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, has introduced Kia, an AI avatar designed to act as a real-time teaching companion. Powered by advanced natural language processing and animation algorithms, Kia can speak, lip-sync, and display realistic facial expressions and body language. During class, the avatar debates topics, asks questions, and reacts to discussions alongside professors. Unlike standard teaching assistants, Kia isn't used for grading or course design—instead, she helps students explore how expressive AI can collaborate and communicate in real time.

3. Introducing Smart Tech Showers

Kohler, a kitchen and bath company based in the United States, has partnered with smart home platform Control4 to launch a smart shower system. The system tracks data on water use and links with other home devices, giving insights to users on their habits and options to optimize efficiency. Through a smartphone app or voice commands, people can personalize water temperature, pressure, and steam while syncing with music and lighting for a fully connected experience.

4. Predicting Breast Cancer Risk

Clairity, a Boston-based health tech company, has developed an AI model that predicts a woman's five-year breast cancer risk from a routine mammogram. Trained on 400,000 past mammograms linked to cancer outcomes, the system identifies subtle patterns in breast tissue that humans can't see. In studies, it outperformed traditional risk calculators, giving doctors clearer data to tailor screening frequency or recommend preventive care for higher-risk patients.

5. Training Firefighters with VR

The East Meadow Fire Department in New York is using virtual reality to train its 200 volunteers, simulating dangerous scenarios like kitchen fires where firefighters wear VR headsets that place them inside a fully simulated environment, like a kitchen fire. The software tracks their movements, and when they use a digital fire hose in the simulation, it connects to a real physical hose fitted with sensors and motors. These create force feedback, adjusting tension to mimic the water pressure they'd feel in an actual fire.

6. Keeping Dogs Safe

Halo, a pet technology company based in Texas, has developed a smart dog collar that uses AI and GPS to keep dogs safe and improve training. Through a smartphone app, owners can set virtual boundaries, and the collar gives gentle cues like vibrations or whistles when a dog approaches the edge. The AI tool adapts these cues over time, learning how each dog responds to guide them more effectively. This helps dogs stay within safe zones while giving owners real-time location tracking and control without the need for a physical fence.

7. Tracking Cattle Health

The Agriculture Center of Excellence in Wisconsin, a facility at **Northcentral Technical College**, is using ingestible sensors to improve dairy herd management. Cows swallow sensors, which track internal temperature changes down to a tenth of a degree. AI algorithms analyze this data to predict when a cow is ready to be bred, about to calve, or showing early signs of illness. This allows farmers to take action sooner, improving herd health and productivity while reducing labor demands on dairy farms.

8. Enhancing Bunion Surgery

Johnson & Johnson MedTech has introduced an AI-driven tool that helps surgeons plan and perform bunion surgeries with greater accuracy. By analyzing 3D foot scans, the system designs patient-specific surgical guides that show surgeons exactly where to cut and reposition bones, improving alignment and helping to shorten operation times. This technology aims to deliver more consistent results and faster recoveries for patients.

9. Protecting Endangered Birds

New Zealand is using AI-powered automated traps to target invasive predators like rats and stoats threatening rare, flightless birds such as the kākāpō and takahē. AI-driven imaging software inside the traps analyzes the animals' shape and behavior, triggering only when a target species is detected. This reduces accidental captures and allows population data to be tracked remotely.

10. Creating Mood Boards

Google has launched Mixboard, a tool that uses AI to generate mood boards from text prompts. The system analyzes user inputs and creates images that can be edited, combined, or regenerated, while also producing text descriptions tied to the visuals. Powered by Google's Nano Banana model, Google's new image-editing AI model powers Mixboard, enabling users to generate and refine mood board images from text prompts. Mixboard continuously learns from user interactions, offering a data-driven way to brainstorm ideas for projects like home décor, event planning, and design.

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NTC unveils new facility for everyone to train, learn from real-world scenarios



Technology and physical space are used to replicate places like schools, health care providers and faith based organizations to enhance crisis response training

By [Sean White](#), [Tom Zurawski](#) and [Emily Davies](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Unfortunately, violence can happen anywhere at any time these days and it's something we all need to be prepared for. Now, a new center focusing on community safety is opening at [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#).

The Community Safety Simulation Center will help train people who are dealing with critical situations every day. These are people who work in hospitals, schools, and other impacted facilities.

The center uses a combination of technology and physical space to replicate the exact layout of a building, allowing for an immersive, self-guided training tool.

[NTC](#) worked with area health care, education, and religious organizations to ensure the training is as accurate as possible.

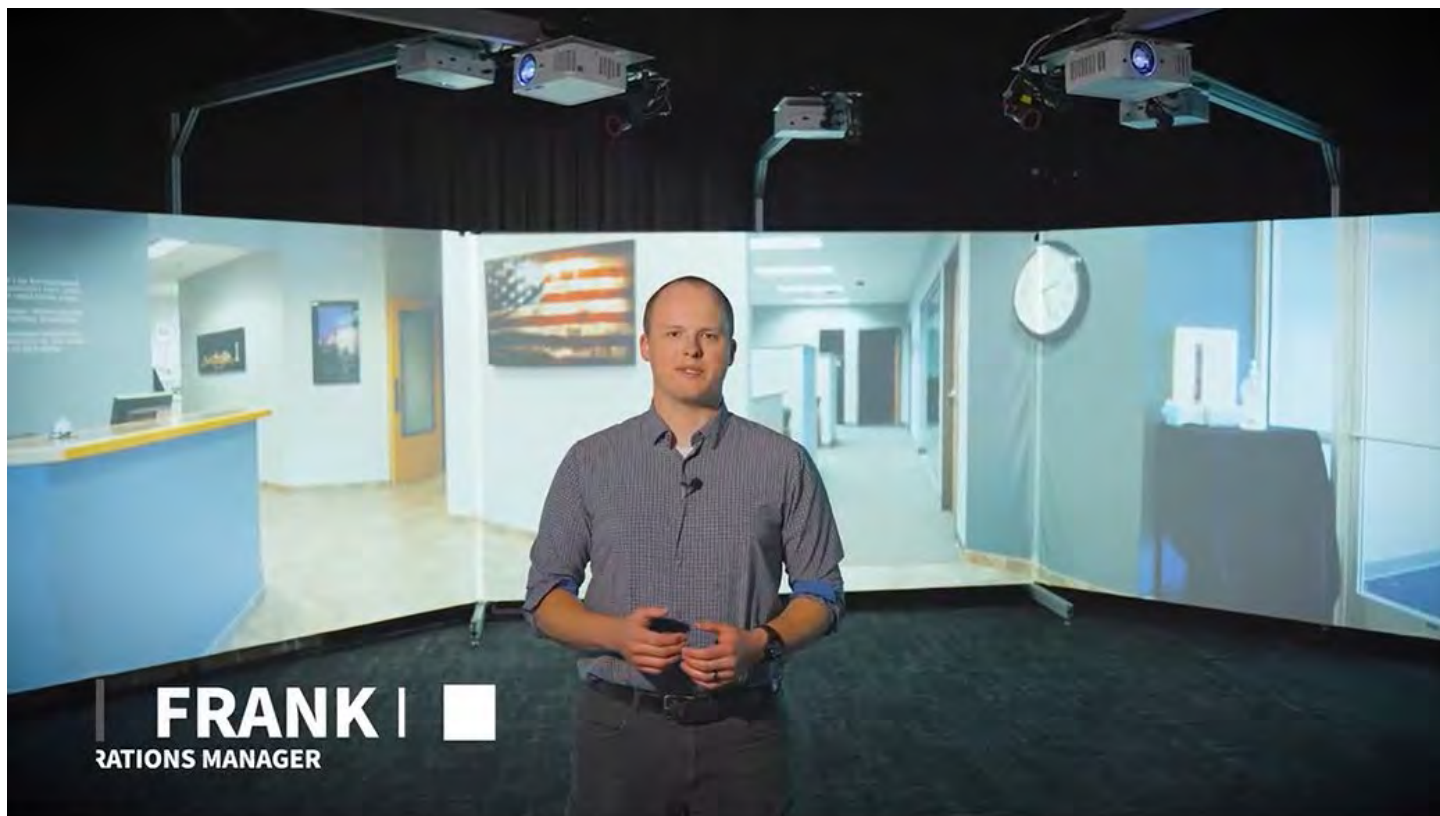
For now, those specific fields are where they want to focus the center around.

“Whether it’s an upset parent or a student who’s non-compliant,” NTC President Jeannie Warden said. “We have developed all of those scenarios so that they can practice it in this space and the technology then responds to how the participant responds. So, it’s very real life.”

Various grants and donors from organizations, including Church Mutual, the Bierman Foundation and the NTC Foundation, helped fund the center and make it operational. A partnership with the Pennsylvania School Board Association (Penn SSI) helped develop the scenarios.

Each scenario that plays out is based on how you respond to it, making it unique every time.

NewsChannel 7 wasn’t able to go inside the facility, but you can view a promotional video from NTC showing you how it works:



A look inside the new facility and how it provides training for real-world scenarios in a safe environment.

The training isn’t the only important aspect, though. It’s what happens after that Warden says is the most impactful.

“The important piece is at the end, there is a debrief and there’s a learning opportunity,” she explained. “Organizations are able to look at their policies and procedures and say, ‘Gosh, does this policy and procedure still work for us today, now that we practiced this scenario?’”

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Warden says they plan to expand the training scenarios into more areas in the future.

She says the center will also eliminate the need to shut down a facility for training purposes, like the courthouse in Stevens Point on Wednesday.

Warden adds they’ve already seen a lot of interest from area organizations to participate. If you’d like to sign up, reach out to NTC’s Workforce Training and Professional Development Team, or [click here](#).



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By Lily Alsteen Sep 19, 2025



WAUSAU, Wis. (WJFW) — For students in northcentral Wisconsin, getting a Bachelor's degree will soon be easier than ever as University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Northcentral Technical College have teamed up to expand opportunities.

UWSP and NTC have announced a partnership to bring UWSP's Wausau Campus to NTC.

UWSP's Dean of University College, Gretel Stock says this partnership will provide an opportunity to expand both schools' programs and student opportunities.

"NTC and UWSP have a long-standing collaboration," Stock said. "So, it was natural to come together and see what we could do together."

NTC Provost Darren Ackley says many students transfer to a 4-year university to receive a Bachelor's degree. With this relocation, he hopes it will provide a seamless transition for students.

"Obviously NTC confers associate degrees, so two-year degrees," Ackley said. "UWSP can complete that bachelor's degree for our students. And we said 'if they were right here on campus it would make it really easy for our students to transfer.' So, this will provide that opportunity and make those opportunities a lot clearer to them."

UWSP students will have the same access to resources and campus facilities like state-of-the-art labs and student support services that are also available to NTC students.

“We have strong programs like our one plus two plus 1 nursing program,” Stock said. “Where students can start with us, take two years at NTC and finish with us. So, it just made sense for us to be working together to be working cross-purposes at different facilities.”

Stock says one of the biggest goals of this partnership is to increase college degree attainment in northern Wisconsin.

“We know that the northern Wisconsin area in general has a lower college attainment rate of any degree type than any other part of the state,” Stock said. “And it’s really important for us to provide as many pathways as possible for students. So more northern Wisconsin and central Wisconsin students can achieve their degree and achieve their career goals.”

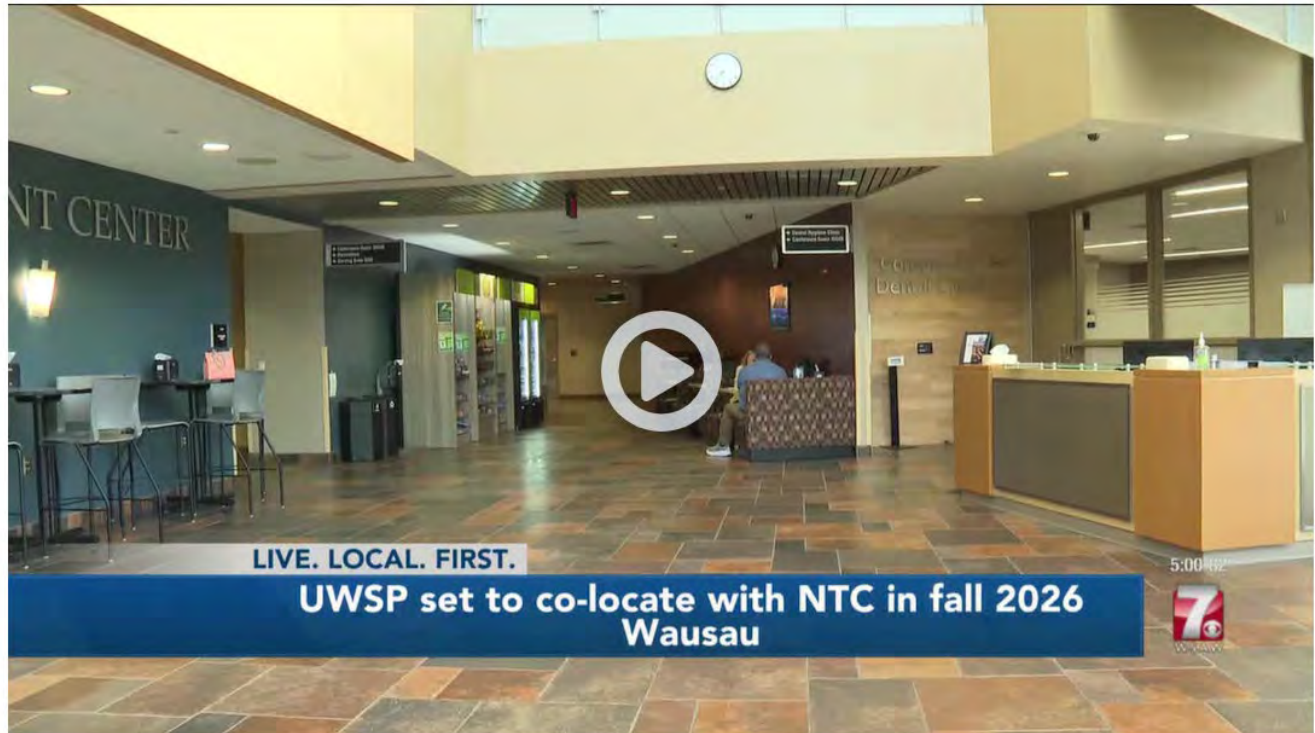
Ackley says that once the two schools are under the same roof, the possibilities are significant for students.

“I think once we get the staff from both institutions working closely together, there’s going to be things that were not even thinking about that we’ll be able to partner on and make it better for everybody,” Ackley said.

UWSP at Wausau will offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees at NTC beginning in Fall 2026.

UWSP officials are collaborating with the Marathon County Board to decide future use of Wausau Campus buildings.

UWSP-Wausau and NTC partner under one roof for better opportunities for students



Collaborations between students from both schools could extend to student activities like extracurriculars as well

By [Brianna Weaver](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) is opening its doors to UW-Stevens Point at Wausau.

Next fall, UWSP-Wausau will hold its classes on the [NTC](#) campus. Both sides say it's a new opportunity for students next year and to expand their programs.

It'll give students the chance to pursue degree programs of all sizes in one building rather than transferring. Representatives of UWSP and [NTC](#) both say they're looking forward to this partnership.

"I think it just strengthens the opportunity that they'll connect, they'll have a good student experience," UWSP Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs La Vonne Cornell-Swanson said.

Currently, [Northcentral Technical College](#) has 26 transfer agreements with UWSP set in place. Students can start their journey by getting their associate degree through [NTC](#) and transfer to UWSP obtain higher education.

"We want to provide an opportunity and a place where students can stay here and thrive," [NTC](#) President Jeannie Worden said. "They can get their associate's degree. They can get their bachelor's degree in a high-demand area and never need to leave the area."

That's just one reason why NTC is partnering with UWSP at Wausau to bring those classes into one building. UWSP at Wausau has seen a drop in enrollment over the last several years. Going from 800 students in 2018 to a little over 200 in 2023.

"We're seeing fewer students on our physical campus in our current location," Cornell-Swanson said. "So this will give them the opportunity to have a richer campus experience, I think."

UWSP and NTC are encouraging both educational opportunities and social ones through this new partnership. Worden says she's already getting positive feedback.

"We received the sweetest note from a student who's already in school at NTC, and she said, 'I am so happy I can stay at NTC and finish my bachelor's degree with UWSP,' because she already gets our building," Worden said.

There may still be another year before the merger takes effect, but both colleges are looking forward to that day.

"Being able to provide those flexible local opportunities is the right thing for our community," Worden said.

"There will be access to a variety of student activities that they didn't have access to in our current location," Cornell-Swanson added.

In less than two years, UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Milwaukee have closed some two-year campuses, but this partnership will ensure UWSP-Wausau stays open, at least for now.

UW-Stevens Point adds they've welcomed their largest first-year class in 40 years. They saw an 8% growth in first-year students.

Across the three campuses, there are over 2,000 first-year students. Total enrollment for all three campuses is up 3.5% compared to last year.

Stevens Point's campus also saw an enrollment growth of more than 4%, which is the highest among all the four-year schools.

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Celebrating a decade of innovation: NTC's Agriculture Conference and future of farming

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) - Sowing the seeds of tomorrow's agriculture, **Northcentral Technical college** is hosting their annual C2A2 national agriculture conference--celebrating 10 years of training future farmers.

The community joins teachers and students for a harvest of future ideas on agriculture right here in our own backyards.

The 3-day event gathered students, educators and industry leaders from all over the Midwest - all focused on growing the future of agriculture.

"Started out with 9 colleges over 8 states. It has now grown to 18 colleges over 16 states. And looking to continue growing," says Greg Cisewski, **NTC** Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences, Utilities & Transportation.



Colleges across the Midwest joined in on the conference hoping to influence and shape the future of farming in Wisconsin and beyond.

"And we talk and we discuss, how we can be better as Northcentral technical college but also how they can take some of our ideas and implement them at their colleges," says Cisewski.

Attendees also get a taste of what makes Wisconsin farming traditional yet advanced and modern.

"The future of farming. We have a lot of technology here at our farm. From robotic milking to robotic feeding," says Cisewski.

The event puts NTC in the spotlight as its Agriculture Center of Excellence is the only working farm in Wisconsin's technical college system, giving students hands-on learning, right in Wausau.

"Our students have a live laboratory. They're not just learning from videos online, they're able to get up close and work with the animals or the crops personally," says Cisewski.

Leaders say the future of agriculture is in the hands of current and future students.

"We need a lot of students who are trained in technology who can operate equipment and have the passion for feeding the world for our future," says Cisewski.

The ultimate goal of NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence -- building a profitable future for farmers--where modern technology will be at the forefront of it all.

"Feeding our communities with the technology of tomorrow. That's what we're looking to do," says Cisewski.

Organizers say it's all about planting knowledge today that will grow into tomorrow's farming solutions.

DIVE BRIEF

UW-Stevens Point partners with community college to shore up struggling branch

Leaders hope partnering with Northcentral Technical College will create new opportunities and cost savings for the public university's Wausau location.

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is partnering with Northcentral Technical College to share space at the latter's Wausau, Wisc., campus, seen above. [The image by Royalbroil is licensed under CC BY-SA 3.0](#)

Dive Insight:

- The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is teaming up with a community college to share space, offer joint programming and develop transfer pathways between the institutions.
- Under the partnership, UW-Stevens Point's Wausau branch will relocate to nearby **Northcentral Technical College's** campus in the city beginning in fall 2026.
- Through the partnership, the university plans to increase degree programs in Wausau in high-demand fields like healthcare and business. For example, the two institutions are discussing collaborating on a surgical technician program, they said.

Dive Insight:

The partnership between UW-Stevens Point and NTC comes after years of steep enrollment decline at the university's Wausau location and questions about the branch's viability.

Between fall 2011 and fall 2023, full-time equivalent enrollment at UW-Stevens Point's Wausau campus fell by a vertiginous 78.5% to just 232 students, according to institutional evaluations of the Universities of Wisconsin system by Deloitte last year.

The university's Marshfield campus suffered a similar decline. Deloitte's assessment of both campuses was that the sharp enrollment drop-offs "threaten the future viability" of those locations.

It also added pressure to the university as a whole. Without making operational changes, Deloitte forecast UW-Stevens Point would face mounting deficits in the years ahead.

NTC has also seen declines in recent years. Between 2018 and 2023, fall headcount declined 8.7% to 5,838 students at the technical college, per federal data.

The institutions hope that joining forces can help play to their strengths while offering students new reasons to attend each college. The UW-Stevens Point branch will offer bachelor's and master's degrees while NTC offers associate degrees and certificates.

"Students will have a seamless connection between UWSP and NTC," Miranda Gentry-Siegel, executive of UW-Stevens Point's Wausau campus. "Advisers from both schools will work together to find options that fit students' interest and finances."

The institutions also pointed to the potential for joint programs, collaboration between faculties on program design, combined student support services, and cost savings by reducing duplicated programs and services.

Faculty from UW-Stevens Point will stay employees of the university upon moving to teach at NTC's campus, according to a FAQ page. It also signaled the possibility that some staff positions could be cut, noting that those who lose their positions will be "given the opportunity" to pursue jobs elsewhere in UW-Stevens Point or in the county government.

The university is working with Marathon County to determine future use of its current campus, which is about two miles from NTC.

After the move to NTC's facilities, UW-Stevens Point will end its varsity sports programs in men's basketball and women's volleyball through the Wisconsin Competitive Sports League, the university said.

Several branch campuses within the Universities of Wisconsin system have shuttered in recent years. UW-Milwaukee closed its campus in Washington County in 2024 and its Waukesha campus this summer. However, the university is opening a center at Waukesha County Technical College to offer bachelor's and graduate programs.

Additionally, UW-Platteville closed its Richland campus in 2023, and UW-Oshkosh shuttered its Fond du Lac branch in 2024.

EDUCATION

To avoid closing Wausau branch campus, UW-Stevens Point tries sharing space with tech college



Kelly Meyerhofer

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A drone flies above the UW Stevens Point Wausau campus *UW-STEVENS POINT*

Key Points

- Formerly called UW-Marathon County, the Wausau campus merged with UW-Stevens Point in 2018.
- Enrollment at the Wausau campus has declined from more than 800 students in 2018 to 229 this fall.
- Five of the 13 branch campuses formerly known as the UW Colleges have closed.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is relocating its Wausau campus to the local technical college in an attempt to stave off closure.

It's a new approach to a problem that has plagued several other UW institutions. Dogged by dwindling student enrollment and financial pressures, universities have struggled to find ways for their two-year branch campuses to remain financially viable. Five of the 13 branch campuses have closed in recent years. A sixth ended in-person classes.

The new model moves UW-Stevens Point Wausau to **Northcentral Technical College** beginning next fall. The technical college's main campus is about two miles from UW-Stevens Point Wausau.

The schools will offer their own courses, maintain separate advising and financial aid services, and pay their own employees. But by sharing the same space, with signs advertising both schools, UW-Stevens Point will operate more in tandem with the technical college than in competition with it. It will retain a few of its associate degree programs but shift its focus to bachelor's and master's degree programming.

"We were competing with the technical colleges to capture associate degrees," UW-Stevens Point Provost La Vonne Cornell-Swanson said of the branch campus model. "That hasn't been working across the state. But the community still needs us here."

What is a branch campus?

Formerly called UW-Marathon County, the Wausau campus was part of the UW Colleges. Those 13 institutions were intended to operate as affordable two-year campuses for students to pursue associate's degrees close to home before transferring to a four-year university.

But about a decade ago, the UW Colleges began seeing a steep drop in students due to a decline in the number of Wisconsin high school students for campuses to recruit.

In 2018, the branch campuses were placed under the oversight of four-year UW institutions in an attempt to keep them open. Since then, five — [UW-Platteville Richland](#), [UW-Milwaukee at Washington County](#), [UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha](#), [UW-Oshkosh Fond du Lac](#) and [UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities](#) have closed. A sixth, [UW-Green Bay Marinette](#), has ended in-person classes.

Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman told state lawmakers the remaining branch campuses would stay open if his request for an \$855 million budget increase came through. The budget passed this summer included a \$256 million increase over the next two years.

How will UW-Stevens Point and **Northcentral Technical College share a campus?**

Enrollment at UW-Stevens Point Wausau declined from more than 800 students in 2018 to 229 this fall. Yet fixed costs remain. The university pays about \$860,000 annually in facilities and maintenance costs for the Wausau campus.

Costs will significantly drop for UW-Stevens Point by sharing space. **Northcentral Technical College** President Jeannie Worden said annual rent would begin at \$30,000.

Rent may change as enrollment patterns shift. Northcentral currently has about 10,000 students enrolled in associate degree, technical diploma or technical certificate programs.



Like other technical colleges, Northcentral receives local property taxes in addition to tuition revenue and state funding. The state Technical College System is one of the best-funded in the country, according to a [report by the nonpartisan Wisconsin Policy Forum](#).

UW-Stevens Point will remain responsible for maintaining the existing Wausau campus through December 2026.

Marathon County owns the UW-Stevens Wausau campus and will decide what to do with the facilities and land. Some buildings, such as the fieldhouse, may be used by the school's intramural sports teams. County officials expressed support for the co-location plan.

Beyond sharing physical space, co-location model could improve transfer pathways

Nationally, only one-third of students who started at community colleges transferred to four-year institutions, and fewer than half of those students earned a bachelor's degree in six years, according to a [2024 report by several education research organizations](#).

By having Northcentral Technical and UW-Stevens Point share a physical space, school leaders hope to strengthen transfer opportunities.

"I really hope it's a model for across the state," Worden said. "What we've heard from students loud and clear is 'I can't leave the community to get my bachelor's degree.'"

UW-Stevens Point already offers an MBA program students can start and finish on the Wausau campus. Bachelor's degree programs are also in the works, though Cornell-Swanson cautioned some programs may have to be completed at the main campus or require some online classes.

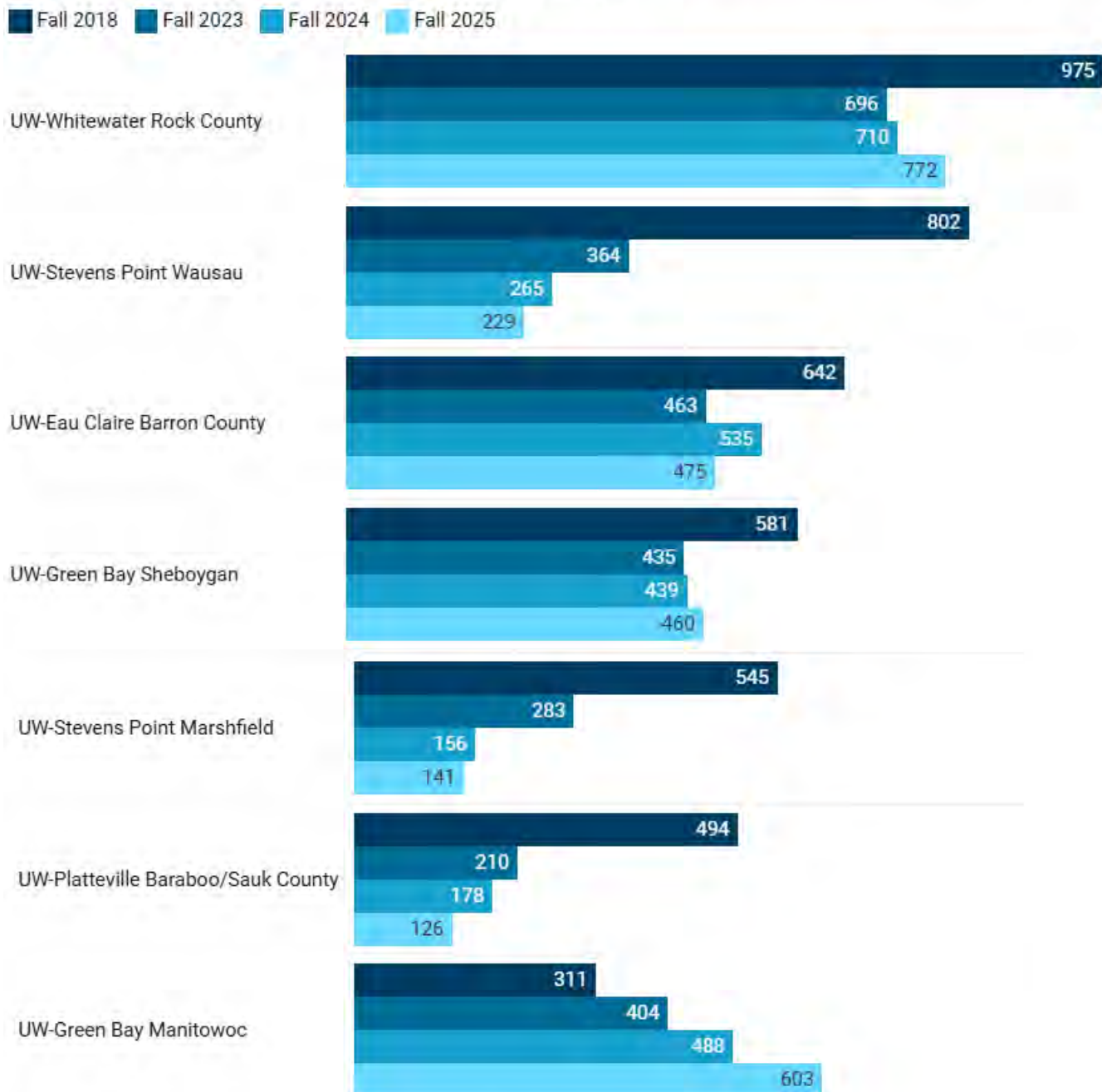
UW-Stevens Point faculty will keep their jobs. Some staff positions will be cut, though Cornell-Swanson didn't have any numbers to share.

What is enrollment at the remaining UW branch campuses?

Of the six other branch campuses that remain open, the latest [enrollment figures offer a mixed picture](#).

UW branch campus enrollment at time of 2018 merger to 2025

A 2018 merger placed oversight of UW branch campuses under four-year universities. Enrollment for 2025 shows some reporting enrollment increases or stabilization.



Enrollment reflects headcount. 2025 data is preliminary.

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UW-Whitewater Rock County, UW-Green Bay Sheboygan and UW-Green Bay Manitowoc reported enrollment increases from the previous year. The Manitowoc campus has actually doubled its enrollment since the 2018 merger.

UW-Platteville Baraboo/Sauk County UW-Eau Claire Barron County, UW-Stevens Point Marshfield have reported enrollment declines.

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EDUCATION

UW-Stevens Point at Wausau plans move to NTC campus as part of partnership

The most significant changes from the partnership will not impact students until the 2026-27 school year.



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UW-Stevens Point Interim Chancellor Pratima Gandhi and NTC President Jeannie Worden are pictured in Wausau. The two institutions are partnering to offer multiple degree programs at one location in Wausau. *Provided By UW-Stevens Point*

Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

- The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Wausau campus will relocate to Northcentral Technical College's campus by fall 2026.
- This partnership aims to share resources, expand degree programs in high-demand fields, and streamline the transfer process for students.
- Students will gain access to shared facilities, support services, and extracurricular activities from both institutions.
- The collaboration is expected to reduce operational costs by eliminating duplicated programs and services.

WAUSAU – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Northcentral Technical College on Sept. 10 announced a partnership between the two local colleges that will relocate the UWSP at Wausau campus on Stewart Avenue to NTC's campus on College Drive.

Relocation will allow the colleges to share space, programming and community engagement and to use each college's strengths to support the regional economy, according to a news release announcing the partnership. NTC will continue to offer associate's degrees and UWSP at Wausau will offer bachelor's and master's degrees at NTC beginning with the 2026 fall semester.

"UW-Stevens Point and NTC are long-standing partners that have created successful programs for students within the region," Pratima Gandhi, interim UWSP Chancellor, said in the release. "An expanded partnership presents the opportunity to build on these successes, further enriching the educational experience for students while benefiting the northcentral Wisconsin area."

How will the partnership impact UWSP students?

UWSP will continue to offer instruction in Stevens Point, Marshfield and Wausau following the full implementation of the partnership, according to the release. UWSP plans to increase degree programs in high-demand fields including health care and business as a result of the partnership including a surgical technician program already in discussion, according to the release.

"NTC and UWSP have shared a strong and lasting partnership, and this next step deepens our commitment to the students and communities we serve," Jeannie Worden, NTC president, said in the release. "This collaboration aligns with NTC's Strategic Plan by expanding educational opportunities, keeping talent local and strengthening our region's workforce."

UWSP students will gain access to resources and facilities available to NTC students that include state-of-the-art laboratories, student support services and extracurricular activities, according to the release. The two colleges already have 26 programs with "articulation agreements" in place to allow students to transfer credits from those programs to either school, according to [the UWSP website](#).

"Students will have a seamless connection between UWSP and NTC," Miranda Gentry-Siegel, Wausau Campus executive, said in the release. "Advisers from both schools will work together to find options that fit students' interest and finances."

How do leaders say the partnership benefits both colleges?

The release lists six benefits of the partnership for both colleges. These benefits include:

- Joint development of programming that meets regional needs
- Improved professional development opportunities for faculty and staff
- Expanded collaboration between faculty for new program design, development and delivery
- A streamlined transfer process for students
- Student support services from both colleges
- Reduced operational costs due to curricular streamlining and a reduction in duplication of programs and services

"UWSP and NTC are being good stewards of taxpayer dollars by working together towards the state's degree attainment goals," Gandhi said. "The partnership will further prepare students for Wisconsin's workforce by developing programs that fit regional business and industry needs."

What will happen to the UWSP at Wausau buildings and properties?

A working group including UWSP officials and Marathon County Board supervisors helped guide the two colleges toward the expanded partnership and will continue discussions on the future use of UWSP at Wausau facilities on Stewart Avenue. The three properties – which contain the main campus building, the UW Center for Civic Engagement, the fieldhouse and arts buildings, and a former dorm building – are all owned by Marathon County.

“Discussions on partnerships between higher education institutions in Wausau and county buildings have been part of a collaborative effort between UWSP and representatives from the county,” Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board chair, said in the release.

UWSP and Marathon County will meet this fall to discuss the future of UWSP at Wausau campus buildings. The university will continue to use the buildings through December 2026 allowing 16 months of planning for their next use.

Will programs or positions be eliminated?

The most significant changes resulting from the partnership will not impact students until the 2026-27 school year, according to the UWSP website. While the enhanced partnership will mostly add opportunities for students, both schools will work to eliminate positions or programs that are duplicated between the colleges and UWSP at Wausau will no longer offer competitive athletic programs, however, intramural and club sports programs will remain and will likely expand.

Faculty and staff who work at the UWSP at Wausau campus may see reductions in their positions but will be given the opportunity to connect with other positions at UWSP or through Marathon County, according to the website.

“Our community truly has it all with outstanding K-12 education, innovative businesses, generous philanthropic partners and exceptional higher education institutions,” Worden said. “By working together, we ensure that northcentral Wisconsin remains a place where students, families and employers can thrive.”

Planning and implementation of details of the expanded partnership between the colleges will continue through the coming months, according to the website.

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Century-old UWSP at Wausau begins new chapter with move to NTC partnership

September 10, 2025



WAUSAU – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Northcentral Technical College are expanding their long-standing partnership in Wausau, with new degree programs to be offered at NTC beginning in fall 2026. The collaboration, announced Tuesday, will allow UWSP at Wausau to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs on the NTC campus, sharing space, programming and community engagement. NTC will continue offering associate degrees.

UWSP Interim Chancellor Pratima Gandhi said the partnership strengthens both institutions while serving the state's workforce and educational goals.

"An expanded partnership presents the opportunity to build on these successes, further enriching the educational experience for students while benefiting the north central Wisconsin area," Gandhi said. "The partnership will further prepare students for Wisconsin's workforce by developing programs that fit regional business and industry needs." Students will have access to NTC's laboratories, support services and extracurricular activities. Advisers from both schools will work together to help students create affordable degree pathways, said Miranda Gentry-Siegel, UWSP's Wausau Campus executive.

NTC President Jeannie Worden said the collaboration aligns with her school’s strategic plan by keeping talent local and strengthening the regional workforce.

“This next step deepens our commitment to the students and communities we serve,” Worden said.

A campus with deep roots

The changes mark a new chapter in the history of higher education in Wausau, where the institution’s roots stretch back more than a century.

The school began in 1902 as the Marathon County Training School for Teachers, later renamed the Marathon County Normal School in 1933. In 1960, the county constructed North Hall, the site’s first freshman-sophomore facility, and by 1964 the campus was part of the UW Center System.

In 1971, the institution became part of the newly created University of Wisconsin System, a move that drew controversy but also helped establish the UW Colleges. The school became known locally as “The Extension,” reflecting its earlier ties to UW Extension and UW-Madison.

The name officially changed in 1997 to the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County, and in 2000 the campus was integrated with UW-Stevens Point to become UWSP at Wausau.

The campus has maintained a reputation for innovation and community engagement. In 2007, it created a sustainability task force to work toward carbon neutrality, and in 2022 an 11-acre donation established the Bob Engelhard Restoration Ecology Field Laboratory.

Looking ahead

UWSP will continue to offer instruction in Stevens Point, Marshfield and Wausau. New programs are expected in high-demand fields such as healthcare and business, including a possible collaborative surgical technician program.

The agreement also includes joint program development, professional development for faculty and staff, streamlined transfer processes and operational cost savings by eliminating duplicative services.

A working group that included UWSP officials and Marathon County Board members helped guide the process. County officials will continue discussions with UWSP to determine the timeline and future use of the current UWSP at Wausau facilities.

“Discussions on partnerships between higher education institutions in Wausau and county buildings have been part of a collaborative effort,” said Marathon County Board Chair Kurt Gibbs.

More information is available at www.uwsp.edu/ntc-partnership-faqs.

UWSP at Wausau through the years

- 1902 – Founded as the Marathon County Training School for Teachers
- 1933 – Became the Marathon County Normal School
- 1960 – North Hall, the first freshman-sophomore facility, constructed
- 1964 – Incorporated into the UW Center System
- 1971 – Joined the new University of Wisconsin System; became part of UW Colleges
- 1997 – Renamed University of Wisconsin-Marathon County
- 2000 – Integrated with UW-Stevens Point, becoming UWSP at Wausau
- 2007 – Sustainability task force formed, working toward carbon neutrality
- 2022 – 11-acre donation created the Bob Engelhard Restoration Ecology Field Laboratory
- 2026 (planned) – UWSP programs to begin at **Northcentral Technical College** campus

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UW campus in Wausau to relocate to Northcentral Technical College

Classes will move in fall 2026, UW-Stevens Point will cover facility costs through December 2026

BY JOE SCHULZ • SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



UW-Stevens Point Interim Chancellor Pratima Gandhi and NTC President Jeannie Worden are pictured in Wausau. The two institutions are partnering to offer multiple degree programs at one location in Wausau. Photo courtesy of UW-Stevens Point

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will relocate its branch campus in Wausau next fall to the campus of Northcentral Technical College.

In a joint announcement, the university and technical college said the move will strengthen both institutions and support the regional economy.

UW-Stevens Point at Wausau is the **seventh two-year campus in the Universities of Wisconsin system** to announce major changes to local campuses, though unlike some branches, this one is relocating within the city rather than closing outright.

“We’ve heard clearly from our industry partners and the businesses within the community, including social services and health care, that there’s a need for our graduates,” said UWSP Provost La Vonne Cornell-Swanson.

Enrollment at the Wausau campus has fallen by nearly 73 percent in less than a decade, from 978 students in 2015 to 265 in 2024, according to **enrollment data** from the university system.

Cornell-Swanson said enrollment declines did factor into the decision to relocate. But she said the move also builds on a years-long partnership between UWSP and the technical college, which has campuses in central Wisconsin and the Northwoods.

The schools already have 26 programs where students can seamlessly transfer to the university after completing an associates degree at the tech, Cornell-Swanson said.

“We are already in the same community,” she said. “The topic came up about saving resources and being, I think, better stewards of the taxpayer dollars by co-locating to one location.”

UWSP does not anticipate any faculty or staff reductions at this time. If staff are reduced after the move, Cornell-Swanson said affected employees will be connected with other positions at UW-Stevens Point or through Marathon County.

As part of the move, UW-Stevens Point at Wausau will offer courses that help students work toward a bachelor’s or master’s degree, while Northcentral Technical College will focus on associates degree programs and technical certificates.

Cornell-Swanson said the Wausau campus already offers a bachelor’s program in business administration, while other bachelor’s or master’s programs will require students to take some classes virtually or in Stevens Point.

“We’re not actually conferring the bachelor’s or the master’s at the Wausau location, but we are making sure that they’re connected,” she said.

Both schools will have advisors on-site. While students will still apply to the schools separately, officials say transferring between them will be more seamless.

Northcentral Technical College and UWSP also hope to use the partnership to increase degree programs in high-demand fields like health care and business. Northcentral Technical College President Jeannie Worden said the schools are exploring creating a collaborative surgical technician program.

“That is a need that we are hearing loud and clear from our employers,” Worden said. “We have an associate’s degree in that, and we are looking to create a transfer agreement that gives a bachelor’s option.”

Marathon County owns the Wausau campus. The university plans to continue to cover facility costs through December 2026.

Plans for the future of the campus still have to be developed, according to Marathon County Board chair Kurt Gibbs.

He said the county was not caught off-guard by the announcement because it has been aware that enrollment at the Wausau campus has been declining and “was to the point where it probably was not sustainable long-term.”

Gibbs said county leaders will meet in the next 30 days or so to begin discussing what to do with the campus in 2027 and beyond.

“Sixteen months seems like an awful long time, but to spell out and actually get in place what the next use of that property is going to be comes very quickly,” he said. “I think the timeline is doable. It’s just a matter of the sooner the better.”

Northcentral Technical College and UWSP both use a field house on the campus for intramural sports. Officials at the schools said they are interested in continuing to do so after courses stop being offered on the campus, but nothing has been finalized.

Cornell-Swanson said UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield is still open and the university hasn’t “entered into any conversations about partnership for that campus.” Right now, she said the university is “steadfast that we’re staying there at this time.”



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We're incredibly proud of our students at Merrill High School! 🗣️

The dual credit courses are a fantastic way for students to get a head start on their college education, save money, and challenge themselves academically. We're so impressed by their hard work and dedication. Way to go, Bluejays! 💙

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Dual Credit Students

at

Merrill High School

attempted **1565** college credits from Northcentral Technical College, saving

\$202,521.20*

in tuition during the 2024-25 academic year.

*TUITION VALUE BASED ON 2024-2025 COST PER CREDIT OF \$167.65. BASED ON ACTUAL CREDITS EARNED





Merrill Fire Department is with Northcentral Technical College Fire + EMS Training and Merrill Area Public Schools. · Follow

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Merrill High School students here is your chance to start your career as a firefighter. This spring will be the first time that NTC is offering a dual credit firefighter class in Merrill. This is the same certification that you need to join our fire department or one of our surrounding volunteer departments. Please reach out to a counselor to get registered.

Parents, if your child has ever mentioned they might be interested in being a firefighter, please share this with them.



Academy

Academy prepares juniors and seniors to emergency response team. Students will behavior and techniques used to control related fire emergencies.

At completion of this academy, students requirements for Firefighter 3 certification of Wisconsin (NFPA 1001; Professional for Firefighter State of Wisconsin Certified (SAC Accredited)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. If

SCHEDULE

2025-2026

FIRE FIGHTING PRINCIPLES
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATION

Total Credits

LOCATION: Merrill

SCHEDULE:

- Start Date: January 26 (Monday, Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM)
- End Date: May 20
- Live Fire Day: Saturday, March 28
- State Fire Testing Date: May 30

To apply, contact Crystal Witt-Whyte
Student Specialist, at wittwhyte@ntc.edu
715.803.1228

ve Schedule for NTC Fire/EMS Academy at Merrill High

Semester 2 - January 2025 to May 2025

	Fire Fighting Principles	1:00pm - 3:00pm
	Hazardous Materials Operations	1:00pm - 3:00pm
	State Exam (Written/Practical)	See Syllabus
	No Class	

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DC Everest Area School District

15h · 🌐

We are grateful for our partnership with Northcentral Technical College, which provides DCE students with the opportunity to earn high school credit and college credit through Dual Enrollment courses. #EverestPride



499 DCE SENIOR
HIGH STUDENTS
ATTEMPTED **2,339**
COLLEGE CREDITS
FROM NORTHCENTRAL
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SAVING
\$322,390.95
IN TUITION DURING THE 2024-25
ACADEMIC YEAR!

WE VALUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE!

#EVERESTPRIDE



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fceforg 🎉 Congratulations to the students of Northcentral Technical College on completing the Basic Floor Covering Education Program!

We are especially proud to celebrate the first graduating class from Wisconsin 🇺🇸 🎓

Your hard work and dedication mark an exciting milestone for the future of the flooring industry.

A HUGE shoutout to our local instructor, Nate Hall, and the Wisconsin Floor Covering Association, for their generous investment in the next generation!

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Marathon County

HUNGER COALITION

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Jefferson Street Inn

nathanbychinski 🇺🇸 Are you ready, Wausau?

Chef @seanwlyon and our friends at @chargrillhouseausau & @jeffersonstreetinn are throwing a party where will be celebrating great food for a great cause!

We'll be showcasing our talents to bring the community together for one night and one night only. With a cocktail hour featuring passed apps from @brokogi, @calithica of @chargrillhouseausau, @jakemgilles of @redeyebrewing, @maggiechristians of @milkmerchant & drinks from @true.north.cocktails of @julietcocktails! Followed by a 4 course meal from some of our areas best chefs including

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Village of Kronenwetter, WI · Follow

4h · 🌐

👮 This morning, Officer Yeeleng Xiong joined the ranks of the [Kronenwetter Police Department](#). Officer Xiong took the oath of office with the support of many family members.

👩 His mom pinned on his new Kronenwetter badge.

Officer Xiong was most recently a police officer at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) Police Department. He attended the 720 Law Enforcement Academy at Northcentral Technical College. He also received his Bachelor of Science degree from UWSP.

Officer Xiong is fluent in both English and Hmong.

We are so excited to have him protecting the Village!

Welcome to Kronenwetter, Officer Xiong.

#VOK #Kronenwetter #kronenwetterpolice




North Central Health Care
6h · 🌐

We're headed [Northcentral Technical College!](#)
 The North Central Health Care HR Team will be at the Grand Rounds event TOMORROW!

Event Details:
 Date: September 23, 2025
 Location: NTC Center For Health Sciences (CHS) Lobby
 Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Stop by, say hi, and learn about the awesome career opportunities waiting for you at North Central Health Care.
 See you at the NTC tomorrow!
 Explore openings anytime at:



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 Looking for a meaningful career? Join North Central Health Care and be part of a team that pr...


Alice in Dairyland Finals · Follow
September 17 at 9:01 AM · 🌐

On Monday, September 15 and Tuesday, September 16, Sarah Hagenow, Wisconsin's 78th Alice in Dairyland, visited Marathon County as part of the 2025 Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3) Annual Conference, hosted by Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Wausau.

During the conference, Alice engaged with attendees by speaking on a variety of topics, including Wisconsin agriculture, the uniqueness of Central Wisconsin, the Alice in Dairyland program, and tips on public speaking. On the second day, she also took time to visit Wausau West High School, where she connected with students and shared insights into Wisconsin commodities and the importance of agricultural advocacy.

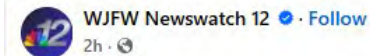
As part of her visit, Alice went on three local industry tours, showcasing the diversity and innovation of agriculture in the region:

- 🔹 Sweet Leaf Pure Worm Castings – Alice explored the production of organic fertilizer and even got hands-on with the worms vital to the composting process.
- 🔹 Heil Ginseng – She toured the ginseng fields and processing facility, learning about the journey from planting to packaging of this iconic Wisconsin crop.
- 🔹 Fischer-Clark Dairy – At this second-generation family farm in Hatley, Alice learned about their unique integration of dairy farming with regenerative agriculture, including sustainable building design, soil health, and innovative feeding practices.

We are proud to recognize [Northcentral Technical College](#), Heil Ginseng Enterprises ([Heil Harvest](#)), and [Fischer-Clark Dairy Farm, Inc.](#) as sponsors of the upcoming 79th Alice in Dairyland Finals.

🌟 Interested in becoming a sponsor or learning more about Alice in Dairyland?
 Visit: <https://marathonppa.org/alice-in-dairyland/>





WJFW Newswatch 12 · Follow
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UWSP and NTC have announced a partnership to bring UWSP's Wausau Campus to NTC.

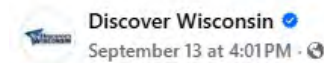
"We know that the northern Wisconsin area in general has a lower college attainment rate of any degree type than any other part of the state. And it's really important for us to provide as many pathways as possible for students. So more northern Wisconsin and central Wisconsin students can achieve their degree and achieve their career goals."



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UWSP-Wausau campus to relocate to Northcentral Technical College

For students in northcentral Wisconsin, getting a Bachelor's degree will soon be easier than ev...



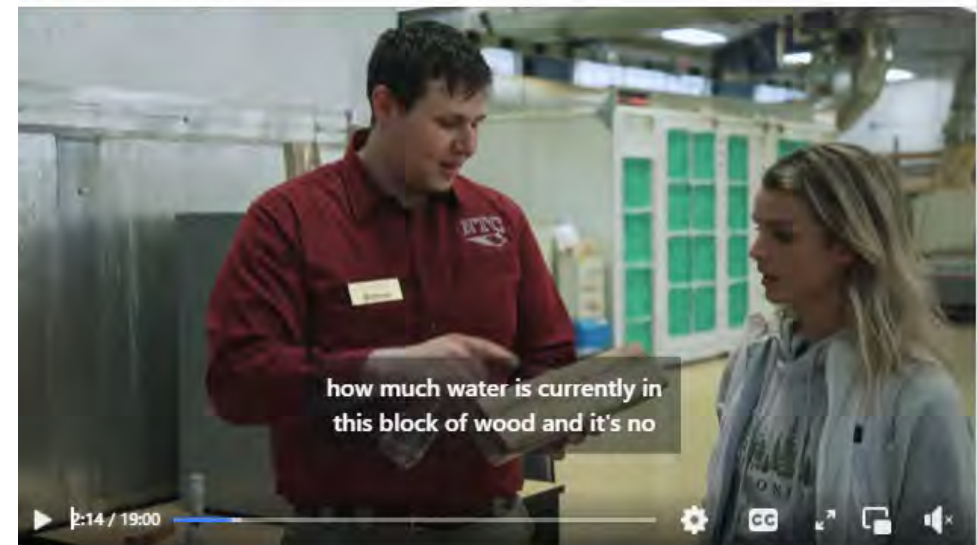
📍 Antigo, Marion, West Salem & more — across Wisconsin

In today's episode of [#DiscoverWisconsin](#), we explore how wood connects the forests of the Midwest to your everyday life.

From kiln-dried lumber at Northcentral Technical College to handcrafted guitars, MLB-grade baseball bats, and wood-fired pizza ovens, this journey through Wisconsin's wood industry is packed with craftsmanship, sustainability, and tradition.

Don't miss the stories behind the materials that shape our homes, sports, music, and meals.

📺: <https://bit.ly/45Y9zrA>





Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin

September 19 at 12:47 PM · 🌐

We are thrilled to share the results from this year's Big Taste!

🏆 Event Winners:

Best Booth: [Northcentral Technical College](#) Culinary Arts Club

Best Food Presentation: [6th Street Filling Station](#)

Best Appetizer: [El Tequila Salsa](#) – Mini Tostado de Ceviche

Best Pizza: [4 Father's Pub](#) – House Pizza

Best Soup: [Cedar Creek Grill House-Rothschild](#) – Curried Squash Vindaloo

Best Salad: [Mumble Wrap](#) – The Goddess

Best Entrée: [Jade Panda Filipino Fusion](#) – Beef Bulgogi

Best Dessert: [Mr Sweets](#) – Blueberry Limoncello Pie

Best Cocktail: [El Tequila Salsa](#) – Margarita

Best Beer: [Mosinee Brewing Company](#) – Oktoberfest

Best Wine: [Lil' Ole Winemaker Shoppe](#) – Wild Berry Burst Montepulciano

Best Non-Alcoholic Beverage: [Northcentral Technical College](#) Culinary Arts Club – Old Fashioned NA

The food and drinks were truly next level – creative, delicious, and beautifully presented. We're so grateful for the passion and excellence everyone brought to the table (literally!). Thank you! Big Taste only happens because of YOU!

📅 Save the Date!

Thursday, September 17, 2026

[Granite Peak Ski Resort](#)



Lemmens Creative Design, LLC

August 5, 2020 · 🌐

Interested in becoming Part 107? Want to learn what it's all about? We Partner with [Wausau Flying Service, Inc./Wausau Downtown Airport](#) and [Northcentral Technical College](#), and are doing an online affordable way to prep for the Part 107 complete with Ebook.

Let me know if you have any questions



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🌟 Pine Tree Quilters Guild of Wausau proudly presents Quilt College 2025! 🌟

📅 Saturday, October 11, 2025

📍 NTC Health Sciences Building, Wausau

We are thrilled to host a full day of learning, sewing, and community featuring four accomplished quilting instructors and six unique class options! Participants will leave with new skills, confidence, and finished projects to treasure.

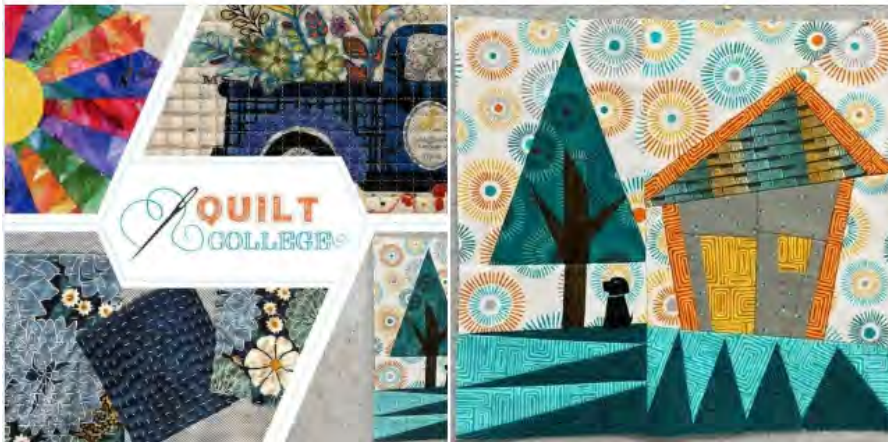
💰 Tuition & Supplies

1. Tuition: \$90.00 per participant
2. Tuition includes classes, lunch, and a goodie bag
3. Supplies & kits (patterns and/or materials) are purchased directly from instructors before your class begins
4. Some classes may require you to bring additional supplies from home, see class descriptions for details

📝 Registration Information

1. Registration opens August 1, 2025 closes when filled or on October 4, 2025 (whichever comes first)
2. Limited to 100 students, each with their own workstation
3. Register online, by phone (715.675.3331), or in person at the Main Campus office during office hours

🔗 <https://www.ntc.edu/calendar/2025/10/11/quilt-college-2025>



WSAW NewsChannel 7 · 🌐

12h · 🌐

It'll give students the chance to pursue degree programs of all sizes in one building rather than transferring.

STORY:

<https://www.wsaw.com/.../uwsp-wausau-ntc-partner-under.../>





Fetch Foster and Rescue Inc.

September 15 at 8:25 PM · 🌐

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A huge THANK YOU to the incredible faculty from Northcentral Technical College for spending half a day with us at Fetch Headquarters!

You rolled up your sleeves and worked so hard—tackling our building, shed, and taking care of so many much-needed tasks that help us keep things running smoothly for the pups in our care.

We are beyond grateful for your time, energy, and willingness to jump in and help. Your support makes such a big difference for our dogs and the people who love them. 🐾



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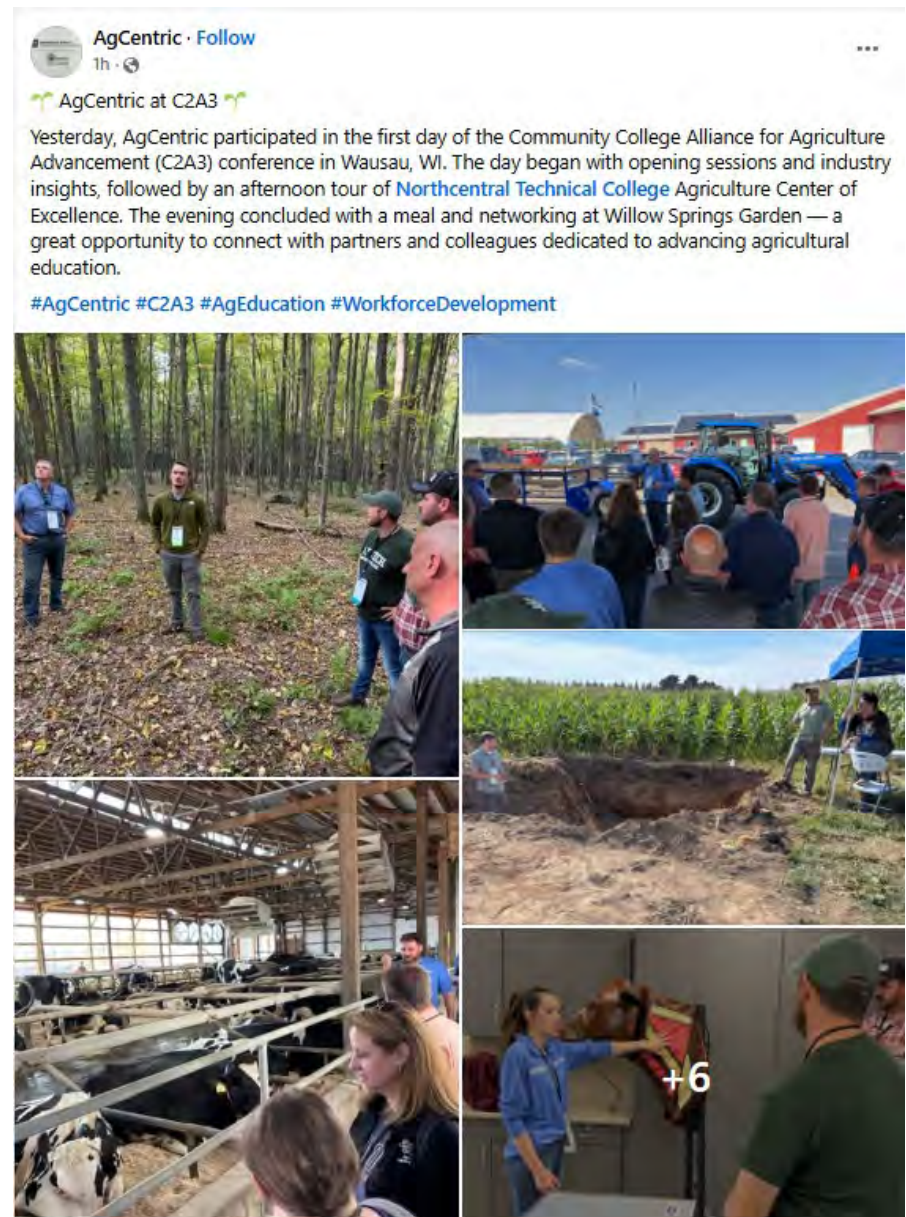
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NTC is hosting their annual C2A2 National Agriculture Conference--celebrating 10 years of training future farmers.



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Celebrating a decade of innovation: NTC's Agriculture Conference and future of farming



Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement · Follow
 September 16 at 5:18 PM · 🌐

Our #c2a3aspire students had the opportunity to take part in the Ag Policy & Advocacy session, led by Todd Strom alongside Nebraska State Senator Barry DeKay. The discussion gave them a firsthand look at how decisions at the state level impact agriculture and why it's important for the next generation of leaders to be involved in advocacy.

#c2a3annualconference #ntcagriculture #northcentraltechnicalcollege #C2A3



Monk Botanical Gardens
 September 18 at 4:43 PM · 🌐

Northcentral Technical College staff swarmed the English Garden last Friday for their Day of Service and left it looking fabulous! This year marks their fourth consecutive year volunteering at the Gardens. THANK YOU NTC!!!
 (Not all volunteers are pictured.)





Catkins Animal Rescue, Inc · Follow

September 18 at 2:08 PM · 🌐

Thank you so very much to [Northcentral Technical College Phillips Campus](#) for your donations and support! 🐾🍕❤️



*Timberwolf Day of Service
2025*



Children's Imaginarium

September 20 at 10:01 AM · 🌐

Thank you [Northcentral Technical College](#) students and employees who generously donated their time and talents during the fifth annual Timberwolf Day of Service on Friday, September 12th.

Your dedication to giving back makes a meaningful impact and we're honored to be one of the organizations you supported. Thank you for helping us inspire young minds and build a stronger community! [#thankyouforyoursupport](#) [#communitysupport](#) [#stemforkids](#)



 **Wausau Education Association** · Follow
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Free auto program at NTC



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The Auto Collision Fundamentals Certificate prepares learners for entry into the Auto Collision ...

 **Wausau Habitat ReStore**
Yesterday at 9:00 AM · 🌐

A huge thank you to the amazing volunteer group from [Northcentral Technical College](#) who spent the day with us in our store! Your hard work cleaning and fixing up donated items makes a big difference and helps us better serve our community. We're so grateful for your time, energy, and dedication!



UW-Stevens Point at Wausau
1h · 🌐

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Wausau and Northcentral Technical College are partnering to deliver new degree options to benefit students and serve the broader community. Through the program partnership and the co-location, we will be able to leverage the strengths of each institution, enhance educational pathways, drive workforce development and support regional economic growth efficiently. Learn more about the partnership:

<https://bit.ly/3JXqQsj>



Taylor County - Human Services · Follow

September 5 at 9:41AM · 🌐

Medford Adult Diploma Academy (MADA) is a partnership between the Medford Area Public Schools and Northcentral Technical College to allow adults in our community to earn a high school diploma at no cost.

MADA is located at Northcentral Technical College 1001 Progressive Avenue, Medford, WI 54451
Contact Joseph Greget at the Medford Public Schools for more information: 715-748-2316 ext 3324

or email us at mada@medford.k12.wi.us



Helping Adults Achieve Their Goals

What is it?

Medford Adult Diploma Academy (MADA) is a partnership between the Medford Area Public Schools and Northcentral Technical College. The collaboration was formed and implemented to allow adults in our community a way to earn a high school diploma at no cost to the students.

Where?

Northcentral Technical College
1001 Progressive Avenue
Medford, WI 54451
Please call Joseph Greget at the Medford Public Schools for more information:
715-748-2316 ext 3324
or email us at mada@medford.k12.wi.us

When?

Monday and Wednesday from 4-7 p.m.

Who can attend?

Anyone who is at least 18 years old and whose high school class has already graduated. There is no cost for attendance or materials.

Why?

A high school diploma will help adults in our community improve their employment prospects and be eligible to attend post-secondary schooling.

Who is this for?

- Adults who want a traditional high school diploma.
- Adults who want to get a different job.
- Adults who want to go on to school.

How does it work?

There are 2 ways to achieve a high school diploma through the Academy. You can earn a diploma through earning needed credits or a combination of GED tests along with required classes.



Hardwood Manufacturers Association

September 9 at 2:30 PM · 🌐

NTC Wood Technology Center of Excellence is offering new opportunities for participants to expand their knowledge and take that next career step. Check out these recent offerings and look through the rest of their courses to see what works best for you!

Mill Technology: <https://www.ntc.edu/.../cer.../wood-industry-mill-technology>

Primary Manufacturing: <https://www.ntc.edu/.../wood-industry-primary-manufacturing>



The Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing

Primary Manufacturing Certificate is designed for new and current leaders in the primary wood manufacturing industry who are interested in management, taking over an existing business, or starting their own company. Learners explore the entire primary industry of converting logs to intermediary products.

Veneer
Manufacturing

Composite
Manufacturing

Safe and Efficient
Sawmill Operations

The Science of Wood

Check out <https://www.ntc.edu/> for more information!



The Wood Industry Mill Technology Certificate

Designed for individuals seeking practical experience in Sawmill operations. Learners develop knowledge and skills via a short-term hands-on immersive learning experience using state-of-the-art equipment in NTC's training sawmill.

Log and Lumber
Grading

Skid Boring

Mill Operations

Sawmill Safety

Lumber Manufacturing

Board Measurement

Check out <https://www.ntc.edu/> for more information!



Childcaring, Inc. · Follow

September 15 at 6:00 PM · 🌐

Heartsaver First Aid / CPR / AED for child care providers!

With our partnership with Northcentral Technical College, this training is offered at several of their campus locations and we offer WI Registry Credit!

For more information and additional classes visit:

<https://bit.ly/ntc-heartsaver-cpr>

#ChildcaringInc #NTC #ThrivingCCRR #FirstAid #CPR #AED #ChildCare



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HEARTSAVER FIRST AID & CPR



\$64/PERSON

Heartsaver 1st Aid, CPR/AED training which includes adult, child and infant. Successful completion includes American Heart Association certification that is valid for two years.

Textbook required, can be purchased at NTC's Campus Store.

Available Dates & Locations

Wednesday, Aug. 27 4:30pm - 9:30pm Medford Campus	Saturday, Oct. 25 8:00am - 1:00pm Wausau Campus
Thursday, Aug. 28 4:30pm - 9:30pm Wausau Campus	Saturday, Nov. 1 8:00am - 1:00pm Spencer Campus
Saturday, Sep. 20 8:00am - 1:00pm Antigo Campus	Saturday, Nov. 8 8:00am - 1:00pm Wausau Campus
Saturday, Sep. 27 8:00am - 1:00pm Medford Campus	Monday, Dec. 8 4:30pm - 9:30pm Wausau Campus
Saturday, Oct. 11 8:00am - 1:00pm Medford Campus	Saturday, Dec. 13 8:00am - 1:00pm Antigo Campus
Monday, Oct. 13 4:30pm - 9:30pm Phillips Campus	WI Registry credit will be provided through Childcaring, Inc.

Classes provided in partnership with:



To learn more + register, visit:
<https://bit.ly/ntcheartsaver-cpr>

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION: ☎ 715.803.1667 • ✉ borchardts@ntc.edu



Faith Christian Academy

19h · 🌐

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Did you know Faith Christian Academy doesn't just spend money—we actually help you keep some of it too?

Thanks to our awesome partnership with Northcentral Technical College, our students at FAITH went full-on overachiever mode in the 2024/2025 school year—attempting a whopping 90 college credits through NTC. That's like high school, but with a side of college... and no debt!

Total tuition savings? \$14,585.55.

Thank you [Northcentral Technical College](#) for your partnership!



Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce

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Meet the members of our Board of Directors:



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Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 6PM

the economy added 911,000 fewer jobs over the 12 months ending back in march than previously estimated. let's move on now. uw stevens point and northcentral technical college are teaming up for some new degree options in north-central wisconsin. this collaboration allow you wsp at wausau to relocate to the ntc campus. ntc will continue to offer associate's degrees while you wsb at wausau will offer bachelor's and master's degrees at the ntc campus. starting in the fall of 2026, students will be able to pick classes from either program and leaders from both parties say that there will be a seamless connection between the 2 schools as advisors from



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Madison, WI

27 News @ 10

condition. police say the suspect was also injured. this now marking the 47th shooting at a school in the u.s. so far this year. turning locally uw stevens point and northcentral technical college are teaming up for some new degree options. it's a collaboration which will allow you wsb at wausau to relocate to the ntc campus and tc will continue to offer associate's degrees while you wsp at wausau will offer bachelor's and master's degrees at the ntc campus starting in the fall of next year, students will be able to pick classes from either program and leaders from both parties say that there will be a seamless connection between the 2 schools as advisor from



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Wausau, WI

Good Morning America

>> an update from news 9 w. thanks for joining us this morning. i'm brad miller. well, uw stevens point in northcentral technical college are teaming up. >> for some new degree options. it's all a collaboration which will allow you wspa wausau too relocate to the ntc campus and tc will continue to offer associate's degrees while you wsp wausau will offer bachelor's and master's degrees at ntc starting in the fall of next year. students will be able to pick classes from either program leaders from both of those schools say that they'll be a seamless connection between the 2 was advisors from both will be working together to find the best



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Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 5

this year. but don't worry, there are still plenty to go around. u-w stevens point and northcentral technical college are planning a big partnership. u-w-s-p at wausau will move to the n-t-c campus next year. the two schools will share resources and buildings, including student support services and extracurriculars. u-w-s-p says it plans to increase programs in healthcare and business as part of the move. moving forward, the school and the marathon county board will talk about what to do with the current wausau campus. experts say debt collection calls are on the rise for many consumers it can be tough to tell a legitimate collector from a scammer.



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Wausau, WI

Sunrise 7 @ 6am

green bay pushing for further investment in wisconsin shipyards. right now, u-w stevens point and northcentral technical college are planning a big partnership. u-w-s-p at wausau will move to the n-t-c campus next year. the two schools will share resources and buildings, including student support services and extracurriculars. u-w-s-p says it plans to increase programs in healthcare and business as part of the move. moving forward, the school and the marathon county board will talk about what to do with the current wausau campus. you can't get any better to start the season. the packers beat the commanders 27 to 18. newschannel 7's sports director ben helwig explains how



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Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 5PM

influence shape the future of far be. it was gotta to be on. >> and we talk and we discuss how we can be better as and as northcentral technical college, but also how they can take some of our ideas and and implement them at their colleges. >> attendees also get a taste of what makes wisconsin far be traditional. it's and bothered the future of farming. we have a lot of technology here at our farm. >> from robotic, milking to robotic feeding the event puts at to see the spotlight as his uncle culture is set axe alleges only wiki 5. >> and then he's got his technical college system gives students hansler right here wasa their students have a



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Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 10PM

arrest involving a motorcycle for going more than 170 miles per hour on highway 51 north. sowing the seeds of tomorrow's agriculture. that's what northcentral technical college is hoping to do. hosting a national agricultural conference to celebrate 10 years of training future farmers. >> the three-day event gathering students, educators and industry leaders from all over the midwest focused on growing the future of egg attendees. get a taste of what makes wisconsin farming traditional yet advanced and modern. >> joe farming, we have a lot of technology here at our from robotic, milking to robotic



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Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 6

and finish my bachelor's degree with uwsp because she already gets our building. there may still be another year before the merger takes affect, but both colleges are looking forward to that day arriving. jeannie worden, president, northcentral technical college: being able to provide those flexible local opportunities is the right thing for our community. la vonne cornell-swanson, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, uwsp: here will be access to a variety of student activities that they didn't have access to in our current location. in less than two years-- uw-platteville...uw-oshkosh...an d uw-milwaukee have closed some 2-year campuses. but this partnership will ensure uwsp at wausau stays



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Wausau, WI

Good Morning America

an update from news 9 w. >> sowing the seeds of tomorrow's agriculture. that's what northcentral technical college is hoping to do. hosting a national agriculture conference to celebrate 10 years of training. future farmers. the three-day event gathering students, educators and industry leaders from all over the midwest, all focused on growing the future of agriculture attendees get a taste of what makes wisconsin farming traditional yet advanced and modern. >> farming. we have a lot of technology here at our from robotic, milking to robotic feeding, cleaning that's



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Wausau, WI

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a request for records in this case and we are waiting to hear back. pederson is expected back in court at the end of october. northcentral technical college will welcome 'uw-stevens point at wausau' onto their campus next year. they say

it's to offer better opportunities for students. it'll also allow them to study for the degrees they want, all in one building. n-t-c will continue to offer associate degrees. and uwsp will offer its bachelor's and master's degree programs at n-t-c. jeannie worden, president, northcentral technical college: we received the sweetest note from a student who's already in school at ntc, and she said, i am so happy i can stay at ntc



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the opening ceremony is at 8 a-m with the first wave of climbers hitting the steps at 9-30. in weston, sean white, newschannel 7. at northcentral technical college's 'agriculture of excellence center', you'll find a working dairy farm. but it's not just that. it's also a testing ground for cutting-edge technology. students learn how to manage cows, crops, and equipment. new a-i technology is also tested and shared with farmers across the state. they test things like robotic milkers, drones to catch diseased crops, and self-driving tractors. jackie plank - seehafer refrigeration farm management support "i think it's gonna



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how n-t-c's new safety simulation center works. from an active shooter to an unruly parent or staff member, violence comes in various forms. what would you do in any of those situations? northcentral technical college in wausau is looking to answer just that. newschannel 7's sean white joins us now. sean earlier today you shared who the center is focused around. why is it so important for those people? dale it offers more than just a way to know how to react to a situation. it gives anyone from teachers to religious organizations, a chance to make continuous improvement. n-t-c's new community safety simulation center is an immersive and self-guided training tool. how each scenario plays out is based on how you respond to



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morning, highs will top out anywhere from the upper-60s up north to the mid-70s closer to violence can happen anywhere at any time. so right now, northcentral technical college is finding new ways to keep people safe. the school's 'community safety simulation center' will help train people who deal with critical situations every day. n-t-c worked with local health care, education, and religious organizations to make sure the training is as accurate as possible. for now, those specific fields are where they want to focus their attention. (jeannie warden/president, ntc) "whether it's an upset parent or a student who's non-compliant. we have developed all of those



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