

Letter from the President...

Northwest State Community College
Alumni & Friends
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I am excited to share the good news going on at Northwest State Community College. For nearly 50 years, students have brought us their hopes and dreams. Northwest State is a safe place to explore those hopes and dreams, and it is our pledge to you that we will continue to train and educate every student to the best of our abilities. We want to help strengthen northwest Ohio for generations to come by helping our alumni gain the skills necessary to earn family-sustaining wages. We do this one student, one family and one community at a time. As a proud

alum of the College, a community member or a donor, it is important that you continue to see the positive impact we have in the region. I hope you enjoy the newsletter, and join us in celebrating the success of our students from yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Enjoy the newsletter and please let us know what you would like to see in future publications. Drop us a line at alumni@NorthwestState.edu, and be sure to "Like" our Alumni and Friends Facebook page ([Facebook.com/NSCCAlumniAndFriends](https://www.facebook.com/NSCCAlumniAndFriends)). Together, we are all #NSCCProud.

Michael Thomson

Dr. Michael Thomson
NSCC President

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Congratulations
to our 2018 graduates!



NSCC PROUD

May 12, 2018: A Day of Celebration

Distinguished Alumni Awards: The day began with a luncheon honoring the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: Todd Grisier ('80), Danielle Spring ('98), Anna Trubey ('08) and Janette Wagner ('98). Their plaques will be added to the prestigious Alumni wall of award recipients in the E wing.



Spring Commencement

Our 48th Commencement Ceremonies were up next, recognizing 400 graduates from the fall, spring or summer terms. Dr. Thomson honored President Emeritus Dr. Larry McDougale and former president Dr. Tom Stuckey, noting their countless hours of service. Page Doornbos (pictured) was the student speaker, Tony Gefetos (13abc) gave two great keynote addresses, and the President's Outstanding Student Award recipients were Sydney Critten and Haley Oehler.



Green Carpet Event

"Denim & Diamonds"-- The NSCC Foundation recognized and celebrated Ed and Carol Nofziger (Individual), Parkview Physicians Group (Business), and Quadco Rehabilitation Center (Organization) at the 2018 Green Carpet Event. The event included performances by Kerry Patrick Clark (musician) and "Magic With Eli", gourmet food stations, a cash bar and silent auction. The Green Carpet Event is also a major fundraiser for the College, with all proceeds going directly towards student scholarships.



NSCC Proud Day: June 30, 2018



Rachel & Rick
NSCC Proud
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Display your NSCC pride by posting a photo or video of yourself on our Alumni & Friends Facebook page, or mention us on Twitter (@NorthwestState), and use the hashtag #NSCCProud. Contact the alumni relations office to request FREE t-shirts and/or Alumni Proud signs at 419.267.1460 or rwilcox@NorthwestState.edu.

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The Impact of Scholarships: Brandon Allen

Angels & Demons

Until age ten, Brandon Allen's life consisted of abuse, crimes, and confusion. The exposure to this way of life influenced the future choices he would make. Love, joy and Christ were brought into Brandon's life at age 11 through a father figure. He enjoyed school so much that he made honor roll and even skipped the 6th grade. As the years passed, the wheels started to fall off. Brandon left home as a minor and began living with high school friends. After repeating the 9th grade three times, he dropped out of school with no hope of graduation.

Rock Bottom

Brandon began surrounding himself with toxic people, and began experimenting with heroin, prescription pills and cocaine. He was eventually admitted into several rehab programs, and even lived in a homeless shelter on multiple occasions. Five years of drug dependency and abuse was enough, and he started on the difficult road to recovery.

Redemption

While in jail, Brandon obtained his

GED, thus rekindling a love for education. Now four years drug-free, Brandon is proud to use the following words to describe himself: husband, father, student and friend. "Patience, perception and love gave me hope again and allowed me to believe literally anything is possible. In May of 2019, I will graduate with an Associate degree in Mechanical Engineering. As a 9th grade dropout, I never imagined this to be possible," he noted.

AT&T Aspire

As a full-time college student, Brandon is committed to pursuing his education as a means to better himself, his family and his community. In spring 2018, Brandon was awarded the AT&T Aspire scholarship. AT&T is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. The company's signature philanthropic initiative, AT&T Aspire, drives innovation in education to promote student success in school and beyond.



Impact

The Aspire scholarship was part of a record-setting NSCC Foundation Scholarship Awards event, where \$600,000 in financial support was awarded to 310 students. Like many NSCC students, Brandon's education may not be possible without the generous support of NSCC Foundation Scholarships. Think back to your college education, and how instrumental it was to your success, and you can easily appreciate how much positive impact these scholarships have on today's students.



Fall Semester begins August 22

All roads begin at Northwest State.