



Northwest State Community College
Alumni & Friends
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Letter from the Alumni Director...



I woke up on March 12 not knowing just how drastically our lives would be changed by COVID-19. It started with practicing extra cleaning in our offices, washing hands more often, and cancelling large events. Before I knew it, the virus grew into a pandemic; that meant working from home, staying physically distant from community members like you, and shifting gears into the [very] unknown. Numerous measures were taken at NSCC to keep our community and learners safe – from offering our services remotely to creating a responsible re-opening plan, our focus on serving YOU has remained – and grown even stronger.

If your COVID-19 experience is like mine, you can't help but wonder what lies ahead. Know that Northwest State will work continuously to support you in your educational and professional goals. Whether it's assisting your personal or business's growth through Custom Training Solutions or fundraising for essential scholarships, we are working to help you navigate these trying times. Together, we remain **#NSCCProud**.

Robbin Wilcox
Director of Foundation and Alumni Relations

We want to hear from you! Drop us a line at alumni@NorthwestState.edu to share your story and update your information, and be sure to "Like" our Alumni and Friends Facebook page (Facebook.com/NSCCAlumniAndFriends).

Remember to **discover** **NORTHWEST STATE** on November 7! NorthwestState.edu/discover-nsc



Here for you...when you need us most.

See the full story inside.



A "Brighter Future" is Ahead – Thanks to You!



When the NSCC Foundation couldn't host its annual Green Carpet fundraising event, we turned digital! Our Building a Brighter Future Campaign raised \$65,675 for student scholarships. Thank you to our supporters and sponsors. Together, we change lives!

Ready to Grow in Your Career?

At Custom Training Solutions (CTS), a division of Northwest State, we help local individuals and businesses get to the next level by providing customized training needs. "Knowing no two businesses are alike, our custom solutions bring the finest hands-on training, labs and equipment directly to the workforce," said Jim Drewes, Vice President of Workforce Development. COVID-19 continues to impact businesses in all industries, but CTS continues to thrive by doing what they do best – adapting to an ever-changing climate. "We pivot along with our business partners in northwest Ohio, adhering to all safety procedures, social distancing, etc. We are here to serve, to help keep our local economies strong," Drewes said.



We're Here to Help!

Although our campus and classes have undergone tremendous change lately, our Advising Center staff have been continuing to provide the excellent guidance you have come to expect.



Since the start of our COVID-19 journey, they have helped our learners through virtual advising appointments and Express Advising days via Zoom during May and July. The Advising Center is ready to serve you again on campus and help learners succeed and stick to their plans during this uncertain time.

Want to contact one of our advisors? Call 419.267.1390 or email Advising@NorthwestState.edu today!



There's Something for Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our virtual Discover NSCC Day – Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Explore NSCC programs and discover how we can help you on the path to a rewarding education and career!

FREE event - all are welcome!

Visit NorthwestState.edu/discover-nscc on November 7!

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A Story Still Unfolding: Serving You through COVID-19

Turning on a Dime

It all started with an unexpected visit from the Governor at a Community College Presidents' meeting – the virus we had all been hearing about on the news was likely headed our way. In order to protect others and save lives, we were going to need to make changes – and make them quickly. In a matter of a week's time, our faculty moved their classes to remote learning, our physical plant team started making preparations to ensure campus safety, and NSCC employees and students started the long journey of finishing the semester from home. Though we are now back on campus serving our students, we had no idea just how long it would take to get here.

Student Success by the Numbers

When Northwest State changed to remote learning, our students adjusted to education and communication mostly through a screen. This new and challenging circumstance didn't keep them from finding success – 95% of spring semester students completed their courses on time. We also enjoyed virtual celebrations for 270 graduates and 282 scholarship recipients, who received a total of \$661,000 in scholarship dollars. Our students' desire for learning didn't stop there; Northwest State saw a 10% growth for the fall semester – an increase that demonstrates how education is needed now more than ever.

Together as a Team – Even in Distance

It wasn't just students who were navigating



Taking temperatures using touch-free technology is just one of the ways Northwest State is keeping our learners safe.

through these new waters of COVID-19. Faculty and staff had to find a way to provide the best education possible while remaining safe at home. Countless hours were spent on video conferences, figuring out how to lead our learners to the end of the semester successfully. Our faculty also worked diligently to provide fun and safe activities at our summer camps. When realizing the tremendous change – and accomplishment – that NSCC experienced, faculty member Mike Vanderpool thought to bring together the higher education community for a virtual #OhioLeads Summit. This is where they shared, as Mike says, "what went right, what

went wrong, and what [we] might do differently going forward" in delivering higher education during a crisis.

No matter where COVID-19 has brought you to in your own story, our doors are open, and we are waiting to serve you.

Want to inspire hope in students' lives as our story unfolds?

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