



## The Chadron State Foundation Today May, 2022

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### Who You Are Now Doesn't Limit Who You Will Become

That was one of the lessons shared by Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System Chancellor, at this Saturday's commencement in the Chicoine Center. 200 graduates joined the Chadron State Alumni Association and received their diplomas on a beautiful morning in northwest Nebraska. "You will be presented with a wide range of opportunities in the years to come, and those opportunities will evolve you in ways you can't even imagine today. Don't let people's perceptions of you today define you or influence which opportunities you chose to take." As

alumni and supporters of Chadron State College I think Dr. Turman's message is something we can all carry with us, even if graduation day is a memory from long ago.

Thank you for creating opportunities and supporting the life of Chadron State College.



**Math Science Center of Innovative Learning**  
**Chadron State College and the Foundation** are committed to ensuring the Math Science project can meet the requirements for STEM education at CSC. This \$32.1 million renovation and new construction is rapidly moving toward completion with move-in scheduled for this summer. The 50-year old facility has also been renamed the **Math Science Center of Innovative Learning** as part of its transformation. A major component of funding comes from the state of Nebraska, however private support is required to make this project

a reality. **Thank you to all the generous donors who have made this project possible.** For information on how you can help move this project forward, contact the Foundation at 308-432-6366.

### **Thompson Preserve Gets New**

**Trees...** Thank you to the Education Club (pictured above) for planting trees on the Thompson Nature Preserve, which was established through a land donation to the Chadron State Foundation in 1976.



**Campus Landscaping...** For those of you who have been to campus recently, you've no doubt been inspired by the beauty of CSC. That didn't just happen. Take 5 minutes and learn how Lucinda Mays has re-imagined how campus fits in the natural landscape of northwest Nebraska. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cGD3Uldzdl>

**Last Chance - Don Beebe Golf Tournament...** The CSC Golf Classic Don Beebe Tournament will be held Memorial Day weekend. Please register as soon as possible if you plan on playing in this fundraiser for CSC Athletics. Register at <https://www.csc.edu/alumni/events/golfclassic.csc>

**Partnership with Rocky Vista University...** The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees had a regular board meeting, April 21, on the campus of Peru State College and approved a memorandum of understanding with Rocky Vista University to create an early acceptance program for Health Professions students.

**Rural Business Leaders Initiative(RBLI) Experiential Learning...** Twenty-three RBLI students and five employees met with western Nebraska business owners and operators March 31 and April 1. RBLI Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Business Dr. Cassandra Ritzen said the purpose of the trip was to help expose students to the opportunities and resources in rural communities. Stops in Scottsbluff and Gering during the two days included Twin Cities Development, Paul Reed Construction, Papa Moon Winery, Ciderhouse, Hotel 21, and Flyover Brewery.

**Eagle Athletics...** Another year of Eagle athletics is drawing to a close with only Track & Field still competing for spots at nationals. For all the latest from CSC Athletics go to [chadroneagles.com](http://chadroneagles.com)

**IDEA Space Opens...** Chadron State College's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee was pleased to announce the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Space at an open house on April 26. The IDEA Space is a safe space for underrepresented students, faculty, staff, and others to meet, organize, research, and study, and to foster community, solidarity, and trust. The DEI Committee hopes the dedicated space on campus will cultivate a culture of care and spread inclusivity.

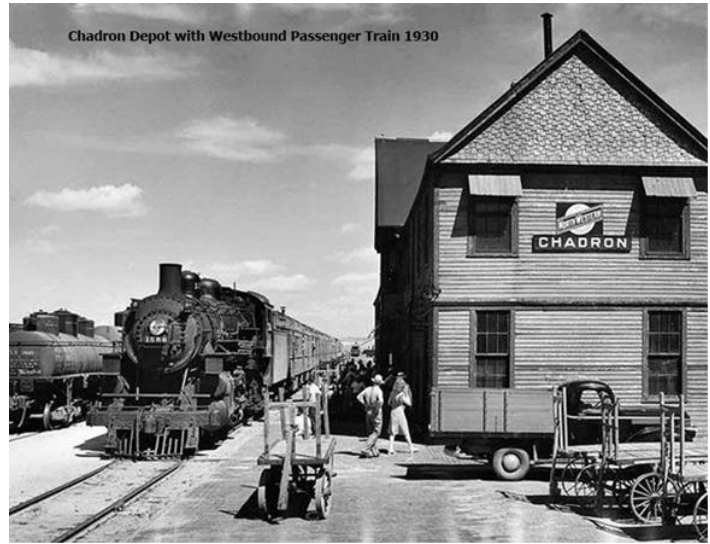
**A Bit of History: 2012...** Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Sam Rankin resigned as president of Chadron State. He filled the position almost 12 years.



## Recollections

Recollections are excerpts of stories submitted to the College for the 75th Anniversary book written by Con Marshall. If you are interested in reading the full story please contact the Alumni office. The following is an excerpt entitled "Rode Train To and From College" by Delma Adamson Gregersen.

"In 1935, my 15-year-old brother...and I graduated from Cody High School. We both enrolled in what was then called Chadron State Teachers College in the fall of 1936. Our father, Walter, had attended Chadron Normal in 1911 and it was his wish that we attend college in Chadron. At that time, the passenger train was running from Chadron to Nenzel on a schedule that permitted us to go home frequently on weekends. It left Chadron Friday afternoon or evening and a westbound train departed from Nenzel Sunday afternoon or evening to bring us back to the college. We had a suitcase where we placed our laundry and therefore did our washing at home much of the time. A number of other students who lived along Highway 20 also traveled by train to and from college. It certainly prevented us from becoming homesick during our first year away from home."



## In Their Words



Scholarships make education attainable and allow recipients to focus on their studies at Chadron State College. In Their Words demonstrates the impact scholarships make in students' lives.

The **Chadron Alumni Reach for Excellence (CARE) Scholarship Program** was initiated in 1987 by alumni of Chadron State College. The award is given to new, non-

traditional, and returning students and has awarded hundreds of scholarships over the last thirty plus years. Alyssa Springer of Indianola was a recent recipient of the scholarship.

"Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. it means so much to have the support of CSC Alumni and Friends. I am so excited to continue my education as an Eagle and this scholarship will help me achieve my goals."

Giving to The Chadron State Foundation creates opportunities and enables positive outcomes wherever they may be. As new students come to campus hundreds of opportunities enable CSC attendees to broaden their horizons. Your gifts help to support the entire educational experience.

## Rising Sophomores

Supporting Chadron State students as they progress is essential to ensuring that those who start their education can continue to strive to meet their goals. Fifty-nine Rising Sophomores awards are presented to freshman nominated by faculty and staff at a ceremony on April 8. You can support scholarships for these students by going to

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/CSCrowd/team/RisingSophomore>



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