



## The Chadron State Foundation Today February, 2021

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### February '21

One year ago this month, the Chadron State Foundation Board of Directors met on the University of Nebraska Medical Center Campus. The first Covid-19 patients were being brought to the bio-containment unit at UNMC. Little did we know how much the world would change within the next three weeks, nor the duration those changes would be with us all. Chadron State students returned in mid-January for the spring semester, happy to be on campus and in the classroom. Our campus continues to make its way through the new operational challenges and procedures and are hopeful for the future.

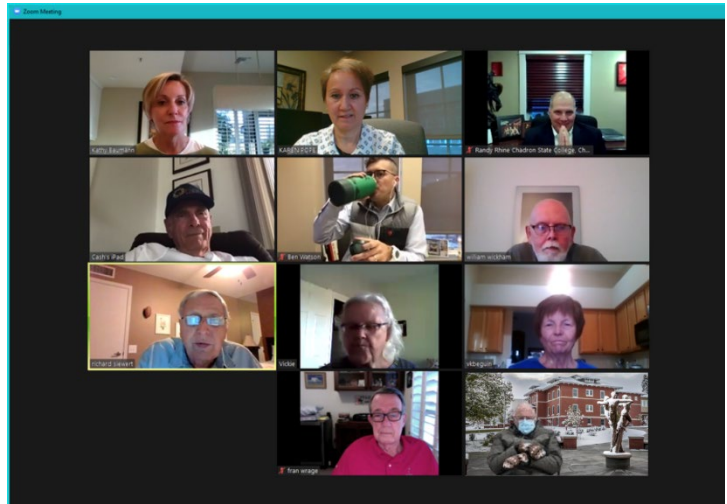


Thank you for your continued support of the life of Chadron State College.



Chadron State students, administration, faculty, and staff participate in a march for Martin Luther King Day as part of a full day of festivities this January.

**Alumni ZOOM...** Arizona based alumni joined Chadron State President Randy Rhine and Director of Alumni Karen Pope for a Zoom happy hour instead of meeting in person this year. If you have a group from CSC that you would like to bring together for a virtual reunion please contact Karen at [kpope@csc.edu](mailto:kpope@csc.edu). Virtual reunions could be based on your class year(s) at CSC, academic program, student club, athletic team, or more! We'll be excited to help bring Eagles together!



**Track and Field Press Box...** A cold windy day saw the Frank Ferguson Press Box at the outdoor CSC Track raised in December. Chadron State Alumni Chad and Cheryl Emanuels company CFE solutions, donated the construction and installation of the Press Box. Dr. Frank Ferguson and wife Sandy are long-time supporters of Chadron State College supporting scholarships and athletics. A ribbon cutting will be held later this spring.

**Academic Programs...** Additions to the degree offerings were approved by the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees in January. The Board approved a Masters of Science in Athletic Training, three graduate focus areas for the MBA program, and a mental health and addictions undergraduate minor.

**New English Opportunities...** Following the theme of "Find Your Story," a variety of new courses and a new major have been added for students of English and Humanities at Chadron State College. "The changes to our major will allow students to chart a variety of paths: To find their stories in creative writing, certainly, but also in literature, philosophy, and interdisciplinary studies," Dr. Matt Evertson said. According to Evertson, Chadron State's English and Humanities curriculum began changing several years ago, when instructors took note of increased interest in creative writing courses at colleges across the country and the department hired its first full-time writing specialist. From offering a single creative writing class in 2014, the college now has creative writing courses in non-fiction, fiction and poetry, seminars in narrative theory and poetics, and a minor in creative writing.

**Eagle Athletics...** For all the latest on Chadron State athletics go to [chadroneagles.com](http://chadroneagles.com) Thank You... To the Chadron State Foundation Trustees who completed the recent survey. We have collected the results and will have some big news and opportunities later this spring.

**Alumni Oral History – Story Project...** The alumni office has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to collect stories from as many alumni as possible and compile memories in a *Chadron State College 2021 Oral History Publication*. By sharing your memory, you'll ensure that the rich history of CSC will be preserved for generations to come. PCI will contact you via mail, phone, and email asking you to participate and also update your contact information. Thank you for your participation.

**A Teachers College...** In 1981 Chadron State was cited by the American Association of Teacher Educators for having a "distinguished program in teacher education."



### 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.

Johanna Foster of Gothenburg, was the recipient of the Ed Bieganski Develop Your Potential Scholarship which was established by alum Mitch Bean to recognize the influence dedicated and caring persons have on others. Mitch was the recipient of scholarships during his time, and although he didn't know who funded them, complimented their generosity to complete his degree, the first in his family.



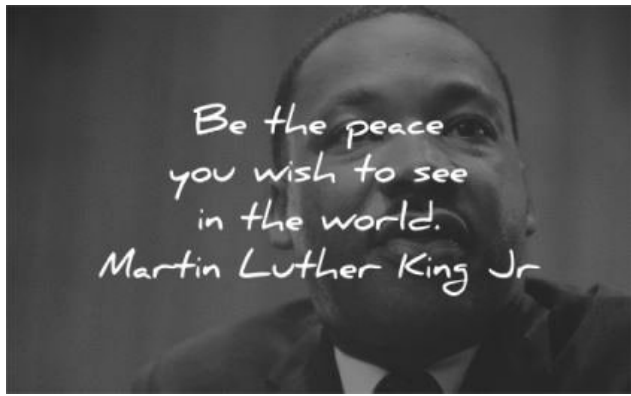
*"Thank you so much for the incredible opportunity to follow my dreams. If not for the scholarships, my chance at college would be nonexistent. Thank you for the opportunity to discover what I truly want to do with my career. This is big for me, and I'm so happy to have your help."*

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.



**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 will drastically change the landscape of not only the Chadron State campus, but for generations of future Eagles. The fifty-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 James Fitzgibbon, Lindsay McLaughlin, Thomas and Lori Watkins, Dennis and Keanna Leonard, Mike and Vicki Mitchell, Matthew and Stephanie Summers, Barb Dutrow, Ryan Deterding, Pam Burks, Cheryl and Paul Davis, Doug Richardson, David Avey, and Eric and Jennifer Barp** for your support and leadership. For information on how you can help move this project forward contact the Foundation at 308-432-6366.



### Say That Again

**Say That Again, Stories Told By Speakers at Chadron State College** is a recent publication by CSC news reporter Con Marshall. The 45-page publication is a summary of over 30 presentations across 35 years. If you are interested in obtaining a full copy of the work or the story please contact Con at 308-432-6478. The Chadron State Foundation Today will include snippets from the full publication.

**Dr. George Garrison, chairman of the Black Studies Department at the University of Nebraska-Omaha spoke via telecommunications in 1994 to Chadron State students as part of the Phi Alpha Theta History Fraternity speakers' series.**

"No other American did more to eliminate inhuman and illegal conditions. Dr. King tried to make America live up to its responsibilities as a civilized nation," Garrison said. The program at CSC was the first involving the Nebraska Humanities Council and was beamed to classrooms in Alliance and Scottsbluff. Dr. Garrison said when King is honored "we bring honor to the best that America stands for."

### Eagles Rise

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chadron State College students are dealing with unprecedented changes in higher education while maintaining their educational goals. Chadron State is sensitive to how this situation is affecting you and your family, and we are humbled by the generosity of those who have stepped forward to ask: "How can we help?" For those who are able and interested in providing support to our students, CSC and the Foundation have identified avenues to make an impact.



Thanks to the leadership of the Chadron State Foundation Board of Directors, up to \$50,000 has been committed to create a matching fund: The Eagles Rise Student Relief Fund. Over \$11,000 has already been distributed to students facing hardships over the past couple months. The fund has helped students who may not have been eligible for the \$540,000 in federal CARES Act funds.



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