



The Chadron State Foundation Today February, 2022

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Ring Ring!

The spring semester is upon us and as the days graciously get longer, thoughts turn to spring and summer. But there's much to be done between now and then. February is the Foundation's month to work with current CSC students to call alumni as part of the annual Phonathon. Student-workers love the opportunity to visit so please take a few minutes to chat with them and, if you're so inclined, make a donation to support the life of Chadron State College.

The Math Science Center of Innovative Learning is rapidly coming together. Substantial completion is scheduled for March. Faculty and students are eager to move in and start classes this fall. Having toured the facility, we are very excited for the chance to share this amazing learning environment with you.

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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 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 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.

Home On The Range... The Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District (UNWNRD) partnered with Chadron State College and the C.F. Coffee Family Foundation to host the sixth annual Range Day.

Range Topics included: Good, Bad, and the Ugly of Weedy Plants by Chis Helzer with The Nature Conservancy; Alfalfa Weevils: Positive vs. Negative Bugs by Jeff Bradshaw, University of Nebraska Lincoln entomologist; Day Weather by Don Day with the Cheyenne Weather Service; Pollinator Habitat; and Natural Resource Conservation Service Federal Benefits.

Music Department Plans Spring Performances... The music department's spring schedule includes 19 events. In addition to recitals by CSC faculty and students, three guest artists will take the stage. See the full calendar here <https://www.csc.edu/news/story.csc?article=12431>

Data Analytics... The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees met in January. The Board of Trustees approved CSC to begin offering a data analytics minor, beginning with the fall semester. The School of Business, Mathematics, and Science will instruct the minor online with the intent of educating students who could improve efficiencies with future employers because of their data analytics expertise.

Training During Lockdown...In March 2020, Chadron State College alumnus Isaac Holscher took the opportunity of a COVID-19 lockdown to impact the lives of young athletes. Holscher, a Scottsbluff, Nebraska, native, studied sports and recreation management with an option in exercise science at CSC and served as a linebacker for the football team. Read the full story here <https://www.csc.edu/news/story.csc?article=12614>

Eagle Athletics... Winter sports are in full stride and spring is around the corner. For all the latest from CSC Athletics go to chadroneagles.com

Student Composition Airs on Public Television... A music composition by Chadron State College student Thomas Hughes aired Jan. 6 during Nebraska Public Media's television series "What If," a show about innovation, entrepreneurship, and creativity in Nebraska. The theme music, "Swashbuckling Revelation," is Hughes' first concert band score.

Thank You... Thank you to **Martin and Monika, Giselle, Rachel, and Helen Fleming** for creating the **Chisna Henry Fleming Endowed Scholarship**. The scholarship will be awarded to students from the Nebraska Panhandle or western South Dakota, with a preference to first-generation students majoring in a math or science field.

Connect CSC... Chadron State College and the Chadron State Alumni & Foundation are working together to launch new ways for you to continue to be involved in the life of CSC. We are proud to announce the first part of Connect CSC, Handshake, as a tool for alumni to connect with job-seeking Chadron State students. For more information go to handshake.csc.edu. Connect CSC will continue to add new features in 2022 - stay tuned!

A Bit of History: 2002... A new \$1.1 million Maintenance Services Building in the southwest corner of the campus was completed, replacing a wooden structure that was located in the center of the campus, causing hazardous conditions.

Recollections



The 1969-70 Chadron State College swimming team that won the District 11 championship shows off the plaque it received. In front, from left, are Lance Antonson, Bernie Eusepi, Rod Cook, Wedg Taylor, Rick Daniels, Ron Chun and Scott Alderfer. In the second row are Lee Floerchinger, Mike Heath, Willy Levine, Randy Amundson, Rex Page and Mark Peyton. In the back are Coach Pat Colgate, Jake Yost, Bill Emick and Assistant Coach Jerry Cullen.

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.

Swimmers Did the Impossible by Dr. Pat Colgate. The year was 1969. "Once upon a time in the

early years of swimming at Chadron State College, it has been said that four young men were called upon to do the IMPOSSIBLE.

"They were charged with the duty of winning a 400-freestyle relay in a District NAIA Championship in order to win the championship for their 11-man squad who had swum their hearts out to win the college's first championship.

"Who was called on to do such a task? Who could rise to such a challenge? There were four: The first leg was to be swum by a thin 50-yard freestyle swimmer of questionable endurance, a small backstroker was to be second man off the blocks, the third man to enter the water was a stocky and a breastroker and the final leg was charged to a freshman middle distance swimmer.

"Did they rise to the occasion? Did they do the Impossible?" For the complete story contact the Alumni Office.

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.

Gary Bunner attended CSC as a veteran and a War Orphan whose father was killed in WWII. He received veteran's benefits from both his service and that of his father. In addition, the Nebraska American Legion paid for tuition because of his War Orphan status. The Gary and Shannon Bunner Scholarship was created to indirectly pay back the benefits that he received, in hope that recipients will benefit from their education at CSC as he benefitted from his. Nicholas Quinn of Hot Springs, South Dakota is a recent recipient of the scholarship and is majoring in business administration.



"The shared sentiment of higher education at Chadron State College is appreciated. The increased value of my education returns more to my future plans as an Eagle Alumnus. I also have my father to thank for pursuing my higher education, and for so many more things."

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.



This February, a Chadron State student will call to hear about your college experiences and discuss how you can make a difference in the lives of current students. CSC Phonathon, February 6-24, 2022.



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