



The Chadron State Foundation Today March, 2021

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Connecting Dots

This marks the one year anniversary of a Chadron State Foundation Today that hasn't mentioned Covid-19! How the world has changed. One of my favorite commencement speeches is Steve Jobs address to the graduating class of Stanford in 2005.

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards.

So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. Believing that the dots will connect down the road will give you the confidence to follow your heart even when it leads you off the well worn path, and that will make all the difference." - Steve Jobs'

It's a quote I've often reflected upon. This last year has certainly scrambled our "dots". As a supporter of Chadron State College I want to thank you for enabling students to find their trust that the dots will connect in the future through an education at Chadron State College.



A New Phonathon... The annual phonathon, held in February, has concluded as a success. Alumni from across the country contributed over \$135,000 in gifts and pledges over 13 calling days. 2021 also was a milestone as the Foundation implemented a computer based calling system for the CSC student callers. While planning for phonathon in the Covid-19 Era, the Foundation understood that the traditional paper and dial operations would not be compliant with directed health measures. Students enjoyed the use of the computer

system and hopefully our alumni didn't notice much of a change. Thank you to all who contributed, whether financially or simply engaging with a current student.

CSC Value... Recent data from the Nebraska State College System to support funding from the 2021 Nebraska State Legislature showed that a degree from Chadron State College will have an average overall cost that is \$19,977 less than peers. Chadron State remains a great value proposition in higher education, even as tuition costs continue to rise.

Congratulations... Chadron State College's Director of College Relations Alex Helmbrecht '05, received the national Blue Key Outstanding Advisor Award for 2021. "He seeks out opportunities to serve students and the campus in ways that make students a top priority. All of these activities reflect his innate leadership abilities and eagerness to assume leadership responsibilities; his role as Blue Key Honor Society advisor is one such example," Dr. Tracy Nobiling, Professor of Justice Studies wrote.

Student Travel Returns... Not yet, but faculty and students are hard at work planning and preparing for a 2021/22 academic year that allows for student travel to resume. The London and Dublin program is specifically tailored for students in Art, Business, Education, Justice Studies, Counseling, and Psychology. "Life on Two Wheels: A Travelogue of American History and Culture" will be new in 2021 with CSC courses preparing students for a summer 2021 coast-to-coast ride. More information is available at csc.edu or contact us if you'd like to learn more about these programs and how you can be a part of or support this opportunity for students.

Eagle Athletics... For all the latest on Chadron State athletics go to chadroneagles.com

Thank You Foundation Board... February Foundation Board meetings are held in Eastern Nebraska, however meetings held last Friday, February 26, were once again held via Zoom. Everyone has officially been diagnosed for "over-zoom" disease over the past twelve months, but thank you Foundation Board members for your service.

National History Day Impact... Chadron High School history teacher Mike Sandstrom '13, '17 is one of 15 teachers from across the country selected to help create new student guides for the five History Day project categories. History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn says the group will use resources from the Library of Congress to write and test a series of 5 student guides. The 15 teachers come from 13 different state, but Sandstrom is the only one from the Northern Great Plains.

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 Bit of History: Argentinian Rangeland... In 2011 ten rangeland management students spent the first two weeks in January in northern Argentina observing agricultural, rangeland and wildlife management practices.



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.

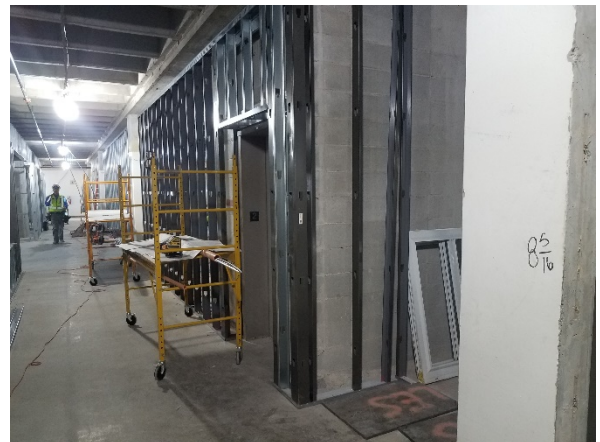
Ashley Jackson of Mitchell, was the recipient of the Dr. Alfred Blinde Scholarship. Dr. Blinde served 25 years as a music professor at Chadron State, directing the choir and the Eaglaire, a select vocal group that he founded.

"Thank you for awarding me the Dr. Alfred Blinde Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will help me greatly in my journey to complete my degree in music education. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity."

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.

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 Regg and Danielle Hagge, Chuck Hoffman and Dr. Rachel Forster, Sharon Payne, Barbara Blyth, Jeff Wood, and Kay Ashelford** 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.



Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall told an audience at Chadron State College that he wishes he were young again because he feels the United States is on the threshold of great opportunity, although it must revise its national priorities while speaking in 1991.

"The next 10 years should be the most interesting and hopeful period in my lifetime," said Udall, who was the first cabinet member selected by President John F. Kennedy following the 1960 elections. With the Cold War ending Udall added that the nation has placed too much focus on self and needs to stress the building of health communities. "Wouldn't it be great if our number one questions about a community again would be, "is it a good place for children to grow up?" he said.



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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