



The Chadron State Foundation Today October, 2021

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Creating Opportunities



The past eighteen months have certainly created new challenges and opportunities. The Annual Report should be in the mail over the next couple weeks and it truly highlights how Chadron State College and the Foundation have progressed in spite of the pandemic. In a large part that is thanks to people like you, who continue to invest in making Chadron State a better place, and lessen the financial burden of students pursuing their degree.

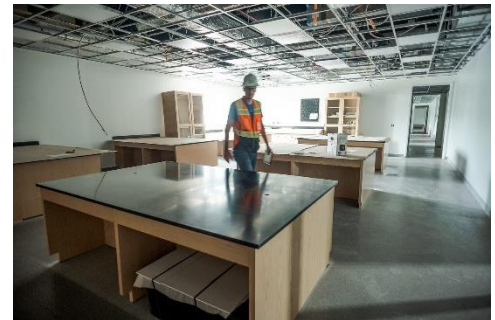
The Foundation Board of Directors recently approved record scholarship support levels for the 2022-23 academic year.

Endowed scholarships will distribute \$731,591 and a \$100,000 Grant to Campus will provide campus leadership funds to recruit and retain students. In March 2020 I certainly would not have thought this was the trajectory we were on, but thanks to generous donors and thoughtful governance by the Board of Directors we hope to continue to support students and campus.

As a friend of Chadron State College, thank you for 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 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 donors who have contributed to this project** for your support and leadership. For information on how you can help move this project forward, contact the Foundation at 308-432-6366.





The Artist as Muse... Memorial Hall is hosting a Sheldon Statewide exhibit featuring paintings, photographs, and prints by Robert Arneson, Milton Avery, Alexander Brook, Jim Dine, Christopher Felver, Robert Haiko, David Hockney, Dwight Kirsch, George Benjamin Luks, Arnold Newman, Betye Saar, Andy Warhol, and Weegee. It also features portraits of artists including Peggy Bacon, Robert Henri, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Man Ray, Andy Warhol, and more. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Hispanic History Month... Begins this month and is a suitable time to announce that Dr. Marty Ramirez '67, was selected as the 2021-22 Jackie Guaghan Multicultural Center Influencer Award. The award honors an individual who embodies inclusive excellence and continues to create positive, sustainable change in their community.

Women's Equality Day...Chadron State social media honored alumna Dr. Gretchen Glode Berggren and her former CSC science professor Minnie Lichte. Dr. Glode Berggren is the first CSC alumna to attend UNMC in the 1950s.

An Ideal Community... In a recent youth survey completed by the Nebraska Community Foundation of youth in 17 Nebraska communities view small town as the ideal community. Survey participants identified the best employment opportunities for the future in small communities in education and the agriculture and medical fields.

An Irish Dancer... Congratulations to alumna Amber (Peterson) Gurley '05, who recently placed fourth in the U.S. National Irish Dance Championship in Phoenix.

Eagle Athletics... The Eagle football, volleyball, and cross-country teams all kick off their 2021 campaign this weekend. For all Eagle Athletics news go to chadroneagles.com

Trending Up... New Vice President of Enrollment, Dr. Tammy Selby, hit the ground running in July. As of September 1 the College is pleased to report a slight enrollment increase over the same date last year.

For Podcast Listeners... College Relations staff Alex Helmbrecht and Daniel Binkard record The FARCast monthly, interviewing people across Chadron State College and the community. Find it wherever you listen to podcasts.

A Bit of History: 2006... After being closed two years because of statewide budget problems, the Nebraska Business Development Center office reopened at Chadron State. The center continues to assist new businesses and those planning to expand under the direction of Dr. Gary Dusek.

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.

Yakov Smirnoff is a Ukrainian-American comedian, actor, and writer. He began his career as a stand-up comedian in Ukraine, then immigrated to the United States in 1977. The comedian gave two performances in November 1993 at Memorial Hall.

"What a country!" Those were the magic words comedian Yakov Smirnoff used to help captivate his audiences in Memorial Hall. Smirnoff expressed his love for his adopted nation both by poking fun at it and by telling some of the advantages it holds over the former Soviet Union. Smirnoff said he didn't have much of a chance to practice comedy in Russia, his script there had to be reviewed by the Department of Jokes, and it could include nothing about politics, government, sex or religion. One of the nice things about America, he said, is "the warning shot." There is no such thing in Russia, he related. Instead, they shoot someone to warn the next guy.

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.

Three generations of the Brennan family have enjoyed accomplishments associated with Chadron State College. The association began with the appointment of Terry Brennan to his twenty-four-year tenure as CSC Director of Library Services. His wife Carolyn graduated with honors in 1991. The family created the Brennan Family Endowment to support a Chadron High School graduate pursuing a degree in the health professions. Kaitlyn Jensen of Chadron received the scholarship as she entered the Health Sciences program with the goal of becoming a nurse.



"Thank you so much for the Brennan Family Scholarship. It is because of your generosity that I am able to focus more on my studies instead of worrying about financial situations. This award is very meaningful not only financially, but emotionally as well, as it has strengthened my belief in myself."

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 Crowdfunding

We are Chadron State College. We are Eagles. Together we can soar higher. The Chadron State Crowdfunding platform will provide an opportunity for you to help the next generation take flight. You can join other students, faculty, staff, and alumni in supporting projects and activities by making gifts through the CS Crowdfunding platform. And because the platform is managed by the Foundation, all campaigns are screened and verified, guaranteeing your contributions will support the intended purpose.

The first round of crowdfunding has launched with the following projects: CSC Rodeo roping chute, Biking USA, Social Work conference, scholarships for Rising Sophomores, and CSC women's wrestling.



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