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10. Everyone's a Nebraskan.

Chadron State College prides itself on its affordability. Thanks to Eagle Rate, out-of-state students are charged just \$1 more a credit hour than the reasonable rate Nebraska residents pay. As a result, about half of our students come from outside Nebraska, representing more than 40 states and 30 countries.

9. We are FAR from ordinary.

CSC is the only four-year Nebraska institution of higher education that serves the western half of Nebraska, which encompasses Frontier and Remote (FAR) communities. Chadron is classified by the USDA Economic Research Service as FAR level three, which means Chadron is located more than 60 minutes from a population center of 10,000 or more people. Only about 1.4 percent of the U.S. population lives in FAR level three communities.

8. We are good at show and tell.

Chadron State provides many opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and the community to explore cultural and scientific collections. CSC has the only museum in the world dedicated to the history of the Sandoz family, the Planetarium is one of only five planetariums in Nebraska, and the C.F. Coffee Gallery features the ranching history of the High Plains. In addition to the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, CSC boasts the High Plains Herbarium, the Eleanor Barbour Cook Museum of Geology, and the Arboretum.

7. Our roots run deep.

Since 1996, the Chadron State Alumni and Foundation Office has honored 69 families with the Family Tree Award. The Family Tree Award is presented to families who have a minimum of three generations of graduates from Chadron State. CSC has also awarded 16 honorary doctorates, 105 Distinguished Service Awards, 66 Distinguished Alumni and 51 Distinguished Young Alumni.

6. We like to horse around.

The CSC rodeo team currently has 39 cowboys and cowgirls who compete in rodeos during the fall and spring semesters throughout Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. The rodeo team has long been a source of pride for the school, especially now with the Rangeland Complex as its home. In 2016, the women's rodeo team had a na-

tional champion in goat tying. In 2014, the women's team secured its highest-ever finish at the College National Finals Rodeo placing second.

5. Our faculty are always learning.

Before they even step on campus, new faculty receive tools to help ensure their transition to CSC is smooth. The Teaching and Learning Center facilitates an onboarding program, providing new faculty and instructors relevant information before the semester. This information exchange continues in the New Faculty Orientation Program, which engages the new cohort during a full-day orientation in August and over 12 meetings in the fall and spring semesters.

4. We use the past to build our future.

Chadron State College is proud to have five structures listed with the National Register of Historic Buildings. The buildings are the former men's dormitory now known as Crites Hall, the former gymnasium located in what is currently Miller Hall, the former women's dormitory in what is now Sparks Hall, the former library in what is now the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, and the women's dormitory at Edna Work Hall.

3. We know how to spruce things up!

For years, Chadron State College had the Nebraska state champion blue spruce tree. After what is believed to be an 84-year-old residency, the standard bearer was felled in 2015. In 2016, the college received word another blue spruce on campus was now the state champion. And not only that – the college also has the state champion white spruce. Thanks to great efforts by the college's horticulturist, the grounds crew and other employees and volunteers, the campus canopy blossoms.

2. We keep the cadavers in the Gross Anatomy Lab.

Students in Anatomy and Physiology have the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the human body. Each year, the college receives four donor bodies (two adult males and two adult females) from the Nebraska Anatomical Board. This hands-on experience in the Gross Anatomy Lab is a tremendous teaching tool to supplement the class lectures and textbooks.

1. We'll take you just the way you are.

CSC accepts all students who have graduated from an accredited high school or who have passed the General Educational Development examination. In 2014-2015, 93 percent of full-time undergraduate students received financial aid and 41 percent received Pell grants. Forty-five percent of that class consisted of first-generation college students and our students represent all levels of academic achievement.