

President's Updates
May 21, 2025

President's Outreach and Professional Development Activities (via Zoom and in person)

- Apr. 23 - Attended Boys & Girls Club Breakfast Honoring Mary Axthelm
 - Radiant Nuclear Debriefing meeting
 - Attend TRIO Graduation Celebration Luncheon
 - Met with Jackson's First in Family Board Members
- Apr. 24 - Met with WACCT Executive Director Erin Taylor, WCCC Director Ben Moritz, and Executive Council
 - Interviewed with County 10 and Wyoming Public Radio
 - Attended CWC Foundation Meeting
- Apr. 25 - Native Voices Interview Wyoming Public Media
 - Attended ATEA Special Meeting
 - Attended CWC Band Showcase
- Apr. 28 - Presented to Teton County Commissioners in Jackson
 - Met with CAEL regarding CWC partnership
 - Met with UW staff regarding Wind River Water/Ag Symposium
- Apr. 29 - Attended WIP PSG meeting
 - Attended Moves Management Fundraising Strategies meeting
- Apr. 30 - Presented to Professor Mike Hoyt's Economics class
- May 1 - 3 - Attended Native Voices events in Jackson
- May 5 - Met with VPs
 - Attended from Passion to Pitch: Empowering CPL Champions
- May 6 - Attended CAEL Training on Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)
 - Met with CWC Association Presidents
 - Attended and did greeting at the Native American Graduates Celebration at the WR Casino
- May 7 - Met with Legal Counsel, Tara Nethercott and CWC Staff on Draft Gun Procedure
 - Debriefed with Mike Hoyt, Jennifer Marshall Weydeveld and Ari Banerjee on India trip
 - Toured CWC Meat Facility with Secretary of State, Chuck Gray, and other folks
 - Attended CWC Board Study Session
- May 8 - Met with ACCT Board Consultant about Board Retreat
 - Attended End of Year Ag & Equine Celebration
 - Attended WPBS screening of "Headwinds" at the Lander Barry's Theater.
- May 9 - Gave opening welcome at RIDE Celebration Conference with Governor Mark Gordon and Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder.
 - Attended sessions of both the RIDE and Ag Water Conferences at CWC
- May 10 - Attended Ranch Horse End-of-Year Banquet
- May 12 - Attended Discussion with CWC/Teton County BOCES
 - Attended Finals Feed for Students
- May 13 - Attended Special WCCC meeting
 - Attended MOVES Management Fundraising Strategies Meeting
 - Attend CWC Film Festival
- May 14 - Attended Riverton Cow Belles Luncheon Meeting
 - Presented to staff at CWC Listening Session
 - Dropped by to support Eagle's Hope

- May 15 - Attending CWC Nurses' Pinning Ceremony
 - Attended Riverton Men's Group
- May 16 - Attended All Staff Luncheon
 - Attended both CWC Commencements
- May 17 - Attended CWC Jackson Graduation
- May 19 - Attended WIP Scaling Group subcommittee meeting
 - Hosted luncheon for Cabinet members
 - Met with Association Presidents
- May 20 - Attending CWC/Hot Springs discussion
 - Attended WACCT Evaluation (of Executive Director) Meeting
- May 21 - Attended Board of Trustees meeting

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May is the month when all supervisors are to complete their conversations and performance evaluations with their faculty and staff. I completed mine with my nine direct reports: Cory Daly, Paula Hartbank, Joanna Kail, Jennifer Marshall, Beth Monteiro, Willie Noseep, Catherine Truth, Kathy Wells, and John Wood.

We have been nervously waiting to see if the CAEL and the EPCE would approve CWC to be their newest education provider for the energy sector across the United States. They have! Our next step is to draft and sign a contract. CWC will be joining Bismarck State College, Clemson University, WPI, and Excelsior University. CWC will be starting with our AAS in Technical Studies and BAS in Org. Man. & Leadership. Once we sign the contract and set up online classes, we will be marketed by CAEL and EPCE nationally for these two programs. We hope to expand our offerings once we can show success with these first two programs. (CAEL = Council for Adult and Experiential and Learning. EPCE = Energy Providers Council for Education).

Sandy Chio, Dean of the Jackson Campus, and I presented financial requests for additional funding for the Jackson Campus this month via their Human Services/Community Development grant process. From Teton County, we requested what we have for the last few years - \$360,000 for Programs and Systems Coordination and also an additional \$220,993 for Employee Retention and Competitive Compensation, for a total ask of \$580,993.

In the past, we have not requested funds for the Town of Jackson but this year we requested \$237,949 for two new full-time positions - a Student Services Coordinator and a CTE Faculty/Program Manager. The total request to the town and county was \$818,942. We expect to hear back in about another month.

CWC is also exploring more sustainable funding via the CWC-TCSD BOCES. We have had several meetings and hope that in a year or so both parties can agree on increasing the mill to allow for better CWC services to high school students at the TCSD and when they matriculate at CWC. CWC is requesting that the Teton BOCES board recognize the costs CWC incurs to operate the program and make the necessary adjustments to the CWC BOCES mill levy in order to fully fund the needs of the Teton County dual/concurrent enrollment program - not to mention college matriculation support for TCSD students. A school district can levy up to .50 mill for a BOCES. The current levy is .15 which will not generate sufficient revenue to fully fund the CWC program.

I and many other employees at CWC have been putting in a lot of time investigating the potential impact of various presidential executive orders. We see potential impacts in the following areas, but it is too early to know that fully. It is likely that there will be a substantial impact should some of these executive orders make it through the courts and/or congressional push-back:

To Federal Financial Aid

1. Pell eligibility
 - a. FT students must take 15 credits, not 12
 - b. PT students must take 7.5 credits, not 6
2. Work Study Funds
3. Liability to pay for a percentage of defaulted student loans
4. Elimination of unsubsidized part of loans
5. Elimination of the SEOG (the supplemental grant to Pell-eligible students who are most at risk and need supplemental funds)

To TRiO and GEAR-UP programs

GEAR-UP is generally spoken as it is one of the TRiO programs but since it is under a separate Congressional statute, the proposed budget from the Executive Branch separates them out. These TRiO and GEAR-Up students are students with exceptional potential, typically first-generation to college, at-risk, and have a high ROI to society and the students themselves. With 85 percent of CWC's students at-risk by Federal definition (Either/and First Generation, Pell Eligible, or Non-college ready ACT score), cuts to these programs would be devastating.

1. At CWC we have the following **pre-college** programs:
 - a. GEAR-UP, Upward Bound, and Talent Search
2. At CWC we have the following **at-college** student support program:
 - a. Student Support Services (SSS)

To Other Non-Trio type Grant Programs

1. National Science Foundation (NSF)
2. National Institute of Health (NIH)
3. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
4. United States Dept of Ag (USDA)
5. Native-American Serving non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI)
6. Humanities and Art Council Type Grants

To Wyoming PBS

WPBS is working to clarify what it means to "cut PBS" since PBS is not a television network but rather a content provider.

To College Libraries

There is an Executive Order (EO) to end the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) but the US District Court in the District of Columbia has granted a temporary restraining Order. Some funds for state library databases come from the IMLS. It's not yet clear how and which databases might be impacted.

Request for more State Funds:

This past month, the presidents and WCCC have put in a lot of time preparing a Budget Exception Request to present to the Wyoming Governor and legislature. I had the honor of presenting this request to the WCCC board for their approval. They did approve it on May 13, 2025. This request will next go to Governor Gordon and the Joint Interim Appropriations Committee (JAIC). We have requested:

- A. \$48 Million for all the colleges over the next biennium (\$24 Million/year) for inflation impact since 2011-12.
 - 1. It is calculated only to cover fixed cost inflation since enrollments (a major component for our variable costs) dropped system-wide 29.3% since 2011-12.
 - 2. This \$24 million/year to the colleges equates to about \$2.4 million to our CWC annual base budget.
- B. \$14 Million over the biennium (\$7 million/year) for impact of 2024 and 2025 Property Tax Cut Legislation
 - 1. We only asked for covering our fixed costs.
 - 2. This \$7 million/year equates to about \$700,000 per year to our CWC annual base budget.

Academic Affairs (VP for Academic Affairs Kathy Wells)

There is no Academic Affairs report this month.

Student Affairs (VP for Student Affairs Cory Daly)

Vice President for Student Affairs Cory Daly participated in an HLC peer review of a community college in rural Illinois April 28-30.

A 1.2 million grant from the Department of Energy's Office Of Legacy Management concluded on March 31. Through this grant, CWC was able to remodel and outfit a science lab at the Lander center, purchase equipment for science in Jackson (including an electron microscope), purchase an ultrasound machine for ag and equine students, and two industry-quality drones for ag, host STEM summer camps in 2024, provide scholarships for STEM students, STEM marketing, send STEM faculty and students to conferences, and fund a greenhouse at the Lander center.

Within Student Affairs, we are watching the federal proposals to significantly reduce access for our vulnerable students. They include pushes to: