



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Classified Staff and campus partners, the 2025 CWIE Conference was a true success. We are all looking forward to the 2026 CWIE Conference!

We're already dreaming big for 2026. Stay tuned — the best is yet to come!

Arbor Day/Volunteer Day

In attendance were the whole grounds crew (**TJ Vaughn (Grounds Technician)**, **Will Bowen (Grounds Technician)**, Ryon student worker, **Andy Titus (Grounds Supervisor)**), Arborist Jeff, Forestry Division field rep Matt Emerson, and two volunteers from campus, Danette Conover and Shanna Montgomery. The crew has planted two trees this spring – a sweet cherry pie tree and a Mount Royal Plum. They will hopefully produce this year with how early they were planted, but most likely we will have to wait until next year to see a good batch come from them. There was also plenty of tree maintenance for some trees that needed some love and care. It was a little cold out so Andy said he was thankful for the volunteers that stuck it out with us and made this day possible!



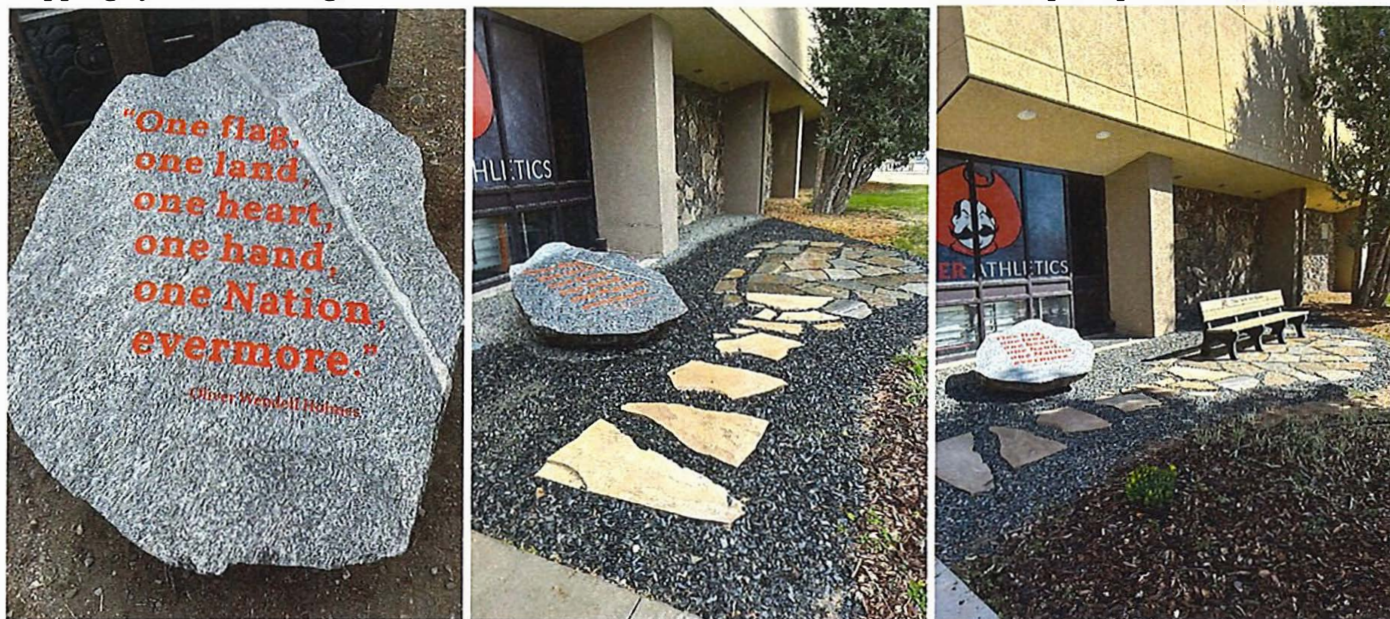
Veterans Memorial



CWC received a grant from the State, Senate File 146 Military-Friendly Institution grant. This grant is for a veterans/military memorial display for our campus. **Andy Titus (Grounds Supervisor)** elected to use the grant to build a seating/viewing area dedicated to those who served. There was previously an eyesore in the area where the memorial was placed due to the waterline project from last summer. This was a perfect idea to make it beautiful again! **Andy** and the grounds crew **TJ Vaughn (Grounds Technician)**, **Will Bowen (Grounds Technician)**, and Ryon built a pathway leading to a patio out of flagstone and iron ore crushed rock. The funds allowed CWC to purchase a beautiful 8-foot veteran's bench dedicated to those who served. Wind River Stone in Hudson sold

us a bench as well as a beautiful 6 ft by 4 ft boulder that the company engraved. Cody Myers, our head of CWC security and Veteran, provided the following quote: "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one Nation, evermore." This was sand-blasted on the surface and painted with our school color orange. Heather Holbert, Payroll Supervisor and Marine Veteran, also helped with some of the landscaping ideas and placement of the bench and patio. **Andy** stated "It was a pleasure getting the help and ideas for the project from some members

who served for a project dedicated to those who serve! If you haven't seen it, I would highly recommend stopping by and admiring this beautiful memorial dedicated to those who served past, present, and future!"



Testing Center Updates/ACT Testing

The testing center stays consistently busy. From month to month, the only things to really change are the number of tests we give and which ones we give more of. April has brought an uptick of math tests and ALEKS assessments. Our numbers continue to increase into the May finals.

On April 5, 2025, the National ACT exam was held on campus with 30 high school students registered. Our central location is convenient for surrounding towns and counties with a steady enrollment on each exam date. **Kelly Dempster (Instructional Technology Specialist)** coordinated, and Amanda Peterson and Retha Reinke proctored. Deep appreciation for the CWC staff and retirees who continue to volunteer their Saturdays to make our location available to these aspiring high school (and potential CWC) students.

After Prom at the Grind

The Grind was open for "The After Prom" private event on April 26th. We made over 250 drinks in the span of 3.5 hours. That equates to 1-2 drinks per minute. **Audrey King (Barista)** and her student workers prepare for this event all year. "This is what we train for." The prom theme was "Rapunzel" so the drink special was a Sundrop Flower Red Bull Spritzer which includes edible glitter. Attached are pictures taken from the RHS After Prom Facebook page. "I currently have a seasoned staff that made this event flawless. Opening for this event wouldn't be possible without my student workers. They were exhausted but learned so much about kicking it into 2nd and 3rd gear for hours straight. That is an essential skill in the restaurant industry."

