

President's report to the Board of Education – June 14th, 2023

- **It is graduation week** – the actual graduate numbers are still changing daily but at last count UCC will have granted 642 credit-bearing credentials. Plus 102 GEDs. 103 non-credit professional certifications: 70 CDL credentialed truck drivers, 10 Police reserve academy certificates, fifteen phlebotomy certificates, 8 pharmacy technician certificates and 62 students who received a certificate from the industry leadership Bootcamp. For a grand total of 809 lives transformed and counting.
- We have a new **weekend truck driving class** that adds to our highly successful weekday offering. This program takes place two full days on the weekends and for 4 hours each evening. Students can complete the program in 4 weeks. We hope this will fill a niche for those who have day jobs who want to advance their careers in this lucrative and growing career field.
- I want to **thank the News Review** for the recent coverage of our students and programs. They have done a great job of covering our EMS department, our science department our athletics programs and highlighting a number of student success stories. It is great to see the local media reflecting the positive things they see at UCC and across the community.
- Josephyna Hedrick became the **100th student to pass the GED** this academic year. The Woolley Center had a goal of one hundred students passing the GED and they have now exceeded that, and the number is still rising.
- The college has hired **two interns** this summer. One will work in the foundation, and one will be deployed in various areas around campus to support summer operations. This is a great way for the college to fill some gaps in our positions for the summer months when many students are signing up and onboarding and also to give paid summer internships to students from Douglas County who are returning home from universities around the country.
- The college is moving ahead as quickly as possible with renovations to our three downtown buildings. We will be asking the board to give their approval for us to use the **alternative contracting method** whereby we are able to select a design-build contractor to help us reimagine and remodel the Hawks Nest, The Old Newberry's building, and the Old Post Office as one project.
- **UCC has a new website!** It is clean and modern and much easier to navigate. We have had a few broken links and one instance 3 days in when the site was unavailable for a few hours but other than that students are finding it easier to navigate. I want to commend everyone involved in this project for their hard work and dedication.

Upcoming events:

- The **Nursing Pinning ceremony** is at 10 am on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> in Jacoby Auditorium. Please join us if you are able – it is always an inspiring few hours of celebration of the nurses who will care for our community.

- **Graduation** is on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Swanson Auditorium. We anticipate between 300-400 graduates this year and we look forward to celebrating with the students and the community.
- I will travel to Seattle next week to confirm the outcome of our accreditation visit with the **NWCCU board**. My understanding is that this is a formality to complete the 7-year accreditation process.
- The UCC theatre department presents the musical **The Johnny Cash Story** July 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> at the Swanson Amphitheatre, starring UCC theatre students and community members.