Greetings from the NCC Admissions Team!

Thank you for reading our third Guidance Newsletter from Nashua Community College! The Admissions Team at NCC is excited to share the inside scoop on NCC news and events with our high school partners. Please take a moment to check out our latest announcements, and feel free to contact our office anytime with questions, or to schedule a campus visit.

Thank you & have a great spring!
- Theresa Dupont, Alicia Jean, Karen Lavoie, Susan Smith, Chris Cox, Lizy Gonzalez

The Admissions Office can be reached at 603.578.8908, or nashua@ccsnh.edu.
Alex Alvarez overcomes struggles, returns to NCC to work toward 2 degrees

A second-semester student studying Automotive and Collision Repair Technology, Alex said he was drawn to Collision Repair Technology by Program Coordinator Karl Wunderlich. “One day I was driving by and saw the sign for an Open House for later that night, Professor Wunderlich was the first person I met. I asked about the programs, and his really stood out because it was really hands on with great potential of a promising career,” he said.

Prof. Wunderlich, who also leads the Industry and Transportation Department, described how students move through the program to reach their goals. “He broke down every semester and all academic credit needed for achieving a degree. He made it really simple to understand,” Alex said, adding he came back again for Tool Day at NCC; an event housed in the Automotive Lab where students in machining and industry & transportation programs come into purchase supplies directly from vendors at a discounted rate.

“I kept coming to Open Houses, and I came to Tool Day, and I decided I should do the Automotive Technology program also, and leave with two degrees,” he said. However, after Alex’s car was stolen, he was left with little option to get from Manchester to Nashua to attend class every day.

“I had to take the semester off, but I never forgot about coming back to school,” he said. But the unfinished semester left a balance he needed to settle. “When I came back, Prof. Wunderlich told us all about these scholarships, and I applied to three, and I got all three,” he said. Alex was awarded the AAA, NASA and NH Automotive Education Foundation scholarships. Reflecting on his triple award, he said, “I felt like I won the lottery and was at a loss for words.” Alex said he moved to New Hampshire from a city in New Jersey with high rates of violence, looking for a better life.

After moving back to Nashua with his family, and earning three scholarship awards, things are looking up.
“Fee-Free” Application, Orientation Process to Ease Barriers

New Hampshire’s Community Colleges will no longer charge an application fee!
Effective April 9, 2018, applications can be submitted free of charge, in a move designed to remove a barrier for prospective students to attend college.

Previously, applicants paid a $20 fee to apply to any of NH’s seven community colleges. For those who applied to more than one community college, they paid multiple application fees. System officials believe this cost could deter prospective students from exploring the best options to meet their educational and career goals.

“There are many components to affordability and CCSNH is focused on them all,” said Jeremy Hitchcock, the newly-elected chairman of the Community College System’s board of trustees. “Tuition is the biggest element, and thanks to a real effort to prioritize affordability, working with the State and through internal measures, tuition at NH’s community colleges is the same today as it was in 2012. But we know that students are also affected by other costs, including the fees colleges charge. By removing this early barrier to college attendance, we hope to attract more students to consider college and from there, attain the kind of education and training that can turn an investment of $15,000 or less into a $500,000 boost in lifetime earnings,” said Hitchcock.

The board voted on the removal of the application fee at its meeting April 5. In addition to a fee-free application, the colleges will also not charge an orientation fee. College officials say students are encouraged to attend orientation in order to help them successfully transition to college, but because of the $30-40 fee many students chose not to attend and miss important information and opportunities to learn about the campus, scheduling, advising and other aspects of college life.

Applying to NH’s community colleges is also eased by the fact that students can submit an application at any time of the year, including the week before classes start for many programs. But Hitchcock encourages students to take the step of applying now. “We offer a broad portfolio of courses and programs that are linked to very desirable and in-demand career fields. It helps to explore the options and figure out what works for you,” he said. Advisors can also help students with financial aid and explore other sources of funds such as scholarships. Some programs, such as nursing and dental hygiene, do fill well before the start of a semester.

In-state tuition at NH’s community colleges is $210 per credit, which translates into $630 tuition for a three-credit course or approximately $6,300 tuition for two semesters of full-time study. Most associate degree programs can be competed in two years depending on the number of credits required for a particular program, or taken part-time to accommodate other obligations. NH community colleges also offer shorter certificate programs that are aligned with high-demand career fields, from business and IT to healthcare, hospitality and advanced manufacturing and more. Many fields served by community college programs are seeing steady employment demand with employers clamoring for applicants. A list of programs can be downloaded at www.collegeinthe603.com.
The NCC Running Start program will have 8 new courses across NH programs in fall

The Running Start program enables high school students to take Community College System of NH (CCSNH) courses for high school AND college credit. Courses offered through the Running Start program are college courses taught at the high school by CCSNH college credentialed high school faculty as part of the daily class schedule.

List of new Running Start courses for 2018-2019 School year

Nashua CTE North:
- ARTS120N Graphic Design Theory

ConVal High School & CTE:
- ARTS120N Graphic Design Theory
- ENGL101N College Composition

Merrimack High School:
- CHEM130N General Chemistry I
- PHIL109N Intro to Philosophy

Souhegan High School:
- CHEM130N General Chemistry I
- BIOL111N Human Anatomy

Campbell High School:
- PHYS130N Physics I

Running Start students gain experience with college-level coursework, and save money since tuition for Running Start courses is only $150. Credits transfer to colleges and universities around the U.S. See the full list of Running Start courses and participating high schools online here.

Questions? contact Running Start Coordinator, Louise Goulet, at lgoulet@ccsnh.edu, or 603.578.8900 Ext. 1449, or visit http://www.nashuacc.edu/academics/running-start.

Governor’s scholarship to fund STEM courses

Funding is available for Junior and Senior students to take up to 2 STEM courses (science, technology, engineering and math) per year.

See the list of qualifying courses online here.

Left: NH Governor Chris Sununu
2018 – 2019 Gene Haas Scholarship for New High School Graduates

This scholarship is funded through a grant by the Gene Haas Foundation to support NCC machine tool students in achieving a degree. Five $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to new high school graduates entering an eligible machine based training program at NCC.

Scholarship Criteria:

➢ Graduated High School in 2018 (provide copy of high school diploma or final transcript)
➢ Essay: “Why I am a good candidate for this scholarship?” (one page, double spaced and typed)
➢ Enrolled in one of the NCC machine based training programs listed below:

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Applicant Information (please print):

Name: ___________________________ Student ID: ______________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________ State: _____ Zip: __________ Tel: _________________

Return completed application, copy of high school diploma or final transcript, and essay to the NCC Financial Aid Office by June 29, 2018. Only recipients will be notified.

Release of Information and Certification:

I certify that all of the information I have provided on and with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I give permission for Nashua Community College (NCC) to disclose to the Scholarship Committee information in connection with this scholarship application for the purpose of the review of my application and the administration and promotion of the scholarship program. This may include information from my educational records, such as my official transcript, enrollment, and financial aid information.

In the event that I am a recipient of this scholarship, I grant permission to NCC, its employees and agents, to take and use visual/audio images of me. Visual/audio images are any type of recording, including photographs, digital images, drawings, renderings, voices, sounds, video recordings, audio clips, or accompanying written descriptions. I agree that NCC owns the images and all promotional purposes, such as, but not limited of websites, publications, podcasts, advertisements, commercials, and posters. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished promotional pieces.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and competent to sign this release. I have read this release prior to signing. I understand its content and I freely accept the terms.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

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2018-2019: New Hampshire Scholars Award Application
Priority Deadline: August 3, 2018

The NH Scholars award at Nashua Community College is a $500 tuition waiver for students who have graduated from a participating NH Scholar High School and who have completed the NH Scholars Core Course of Study. NCC may grant up to twelve (12) $500 NH Scholar awards. See www.nhscholars.org for a list of participating high schools.

Eligibility criteria:
- Completion of the Core Course of Study recognized by New Hampshire Scholars;
- Matriculation in a degree program at NCC;
- Enrolled at least half-time (6 credits) for the upcoming semester;
- Completion of a 2018-2019 FAFSA and Financial Aid requirements; and
- Minimum High School GPA of 3.0.

Incomplete applications or applications missing required documentation will be returned to applicant.

Completed applications (in ink) and required documentation may be submitted to:
NCC Financial Aid 505 Amherst Street, Nashua NH 03063
Last: ____________________________________________ First: ____________________________________________
Street: _________________________________________ City: _____________________ State: NH Zip: __________
Email: _________________________________________ Tel: ____________________________
High School: __________________________________ Graduation Date: ________________

Required Documentation:
- High School Diploma (NCC must see original) with NH Scholar designation and Final Official High School Transcript
- Final Official High School Transcript with NH Scholar designation

OR: If your High School does not put the designation on the Diploma/Final Official High School transcript, then a letter from your High School certifying that you graduated with the NH Scholar designation and your Final Official High School Transcript.

**While priority will be given to high schools within their regions, Presidents, at their discretion, may offer scholarships to students outside their respective regions. Scholarships are not transferrable to other CCSNH colleges.**

The award is valid for one year following the student’s high school graduation date.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Student Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________________________
Emerson, Boston University, Keene State College, Suffolk University, UNH-Manchester...

These are some of the institutions to which NCC Communications graduates have transferred at junior status. Now in its third year, the Associate in Arts in Communications degree program prepares its graduates through a variety of introductory media studies courses plus a 15-week internship during the second year of study. The curriculum includes survey courses such as Introduction to Media Studies and Introduction to Media Writing. Students choose from a variety of electives ranging from Introduction to Public Relations, Blog Writing, Screenwriting and more.

The internship brands the NCC Communications program unique as it allows the students to explore a particular medium in which they are interested in pursuing as a career path. Internship sites have included WZID-FM, The Telegraph, Symphony NH, HR Synergy, Accurate Staffing, and United Way. Bob Cox, president and general manager of the Manchester Radio Group receives multiple inquiries about internship opportunities each year.

“To make the process orderly and fair, I ask each potential intern for a written request and an explanation of what they expect to get out of working with the Manchester Radio Group [and]… invite the top respondents in for a face to face interview,” Cox explained.

“For the past two years we have chosen students from Nashua Community College to be a part of our program,” he continued.

Cox has found the NCC students “focused, prepared, engaged and ready to learn while expecting to contribute” to the daily operations at WZID-FM.

“I’ve been impressed with the level of research they have done in advance. Working with NCC has been a wonderful experience; from the students they send, to the staff follow up…top notch,” he said.

Graduates of the Communications program have pursued areas of study in marketing, public relations and social media.

An advisory board provides current industry requirements, helping to mold and adjust the curriculum as warranted. Board members represent the fields of radio and television, newspaper, and public, media and community relations.

For further information, contact Sally Bashalany, Program Coordinator, at 603-578-6876 or sbashalany@ccsnh.edu.
NCC hosted Career Discovery Day April 5. Faculty, staff, and guest speakers were excited to welcome student guests to campus! Nearly 300 students from 7 area high schools registered for 59 workshops on campus.

We want to thank visiting high schools for helping make the event a success - and for providing valuable feedback for us to continue to improve exploratory events like this for future visitors.

Below on left, students attend a nursing panel on April 5. Right, students visit the Automotive Lab at NCC for the Honda, Collision Repair, and Automotive Technology workshops.

Below, Marylynn Costa of USNH Shared Services reviews resources available for NH students and guidance counselors; particularly transfer pathways within the state of New Hampshire! More info: www.nhtransfer.org/
NCC Open House: May 10, 4 - 7 PM

OPEN HOUSE

- Apply
- Learn about financial aid
- Tour our campus
- Explore transfer pathways
- Discover career opportunities
- Enjoy refreshments & prizes
- Learn more about The NH Dual Admission program

May 10
Open house | 4-7pm

www.nashuacc.edu/openhouse
505 Amherst St. | Nashua, NH 03063 | 603.578.8908

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Year-long schedule designed to boost focus, retention for students

Starting Monday, April 23, students registering for courses at NCC can choose a year’s worth of classes at a time.
NCC leadership has designed block schedules to condense each program’s schedule, making it easier to manage a work-life balance during the semester.
Students will no longer have to choose classes scattered across the day - instead convenient block schedules will be offered with courses clustered together. Options for taking summer and winter terms to break up busy semesters are also available for students!

Questions? Call NCC Admissions at 603.578.8908

Spring breakers who wear school colors to register at NCC get special deal!

DURING HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK WEEK any High School student who wears their school colors and shows their ID will be entered in a Prize giveaway RAFFLE and sign up to take the ACCUPLACER for Free!
Are your students undecided on their future careers?

Career Coach is an online application using real-time job data to provide an interest and skills assessment that will match the student to local careers and a relevant program of study. Free for students, the survey suggests a range of potential career paths of interest, including salary ranges for the student’s zip code, and the app also lists the corresponding educational program to prepare for each career path.

Visit Career Coach to take the career and education mapping survey at: nashuacc.emsicc.com

Or scan the QR code with your phone to take the survey on your mobile device now:

Thank you for reading our April Newsletter! Stay tuned for more news from Nashua Community College

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