Fall Open House: 5-7 PM Nov. 6

We’re gearing up for our Fall Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 5-7 PM – and this Open House will also have a special focus on the Industry & Transportation programs:

**Collision Repair Technology • Automotive Technology • Honda PACT • Aviation Technology**

The Aviation Technology program teaches students how to repair and maintain aircraft by working on real airplanes NCC has on site in the Aviation Facility.

The Collision, Automotive, and Honda programs also use real-life projects to give students the hands-on experience they need to succeed. At Open House, industry partners, students, and faculty will be present, and student work will be on display in the Aviation and Automotive Lab. In the Gym, all NCC programs will be represented, and student ambassadors will be giving tours of campus.

**Open House will also feature**

**Culinary Arts Demonstrations**

Culinary Arts faculty and students will be in the gym demonstrating how to prepare Banana Foster at 5, 5:30, 6, & 6:30PM during Open House.

**Nursing Information Session**

The Nursing Information Session will be held at 6 PM during the Open House. See the state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab, and meet staff & faculty! Prospective students and families welcome!

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1. Don’t wait until the last minute to start your scholarship search! Start as soon as freshman year!
2. Create a list of people who will give you a recommendation. Coaches, teachers, mentors, employers, etc.
3. Search for scholarships that highlight your interests, skills, accomplishments.
   a. Don’t forget to ask your high school’s resource center about local scholarships!
   b. Ask your enrollment counselor or financial aid office at the colleges you’re looking to attend!
4. Ask Parent’s and Student’s employer if they offer scholarships!
5. There are many online search engines that house hundreds of scholarships. This is a convenient way to search and apply for many scholarships! For example [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).
6. Beware of SCAMS! If they are asking you to pay money to apply for the scholarship, it most likely is fraud.

**Our Scholarships!**

We offer an easy to use online application for our internal scholarships through AwardSpring.com. This allows you to complete ONE application and apply for ALL the scholarships you are eligible for! Here are a few you may not know about!

- **NH Valedictorian Scholarship:**
  - A NH High School Valedictorian will receive a one year tuition only scholarship.
- **NH Scholar Scholarship:**
  - $500 tuition waiver for any student who completed the NH Scholar Core Course of Study.
- **NASA Space Grant Scholarship:** STEM program students
- **Bonnie Newman Scholarship:** Leadership and Service student

*Many scholarships go without being awarded due to no applicants!*
Student Life Snapshot

On Oct. 15, members of the NCC Rotaract Club volunteered at the 45th Annual Spaghetti City at the Nashua Senior Center! Spaghetti City has become a perennial favorite to many Nashua area residents. Volunteers include:

• Julissa Castro – Rotaract Club President
• Jessica Sandoval – Rotaract Vice President
• Summer Northrup – Rotaract Club Secretary

The Rotaract Club leads community service projects throughout the year, such as the “giving tree” during the holidays, and clothing drives. The team has also fund-raised to travel to areas devastated by natural disasters to help rebuild communities. For instance, students traveled to Houston in spring 2018 to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

Other clubs include World Languages, Gay Straight Alliance, “Nerd Club” for gaming, GAINZ for indoor & outdoor recreation, Autocross, and more.
The NCC Admissions Office is open Monday - Thursday from 8 AM - 7 PM and Friday from 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

Looking for a tour of campus or a one-on-one meeting with an Admissions Enrollment Specialist? We can set up an event to accommodate your group’s needs. We welcome visitors to campus, and we are happy to come to you.
Information Sessions
General Information, Industry & Transportation, & Nursing upcoming dates

General Info Sessions
Starts at 5:00 PM

- Tuesday, November 19, 2019
- Tuesday, December 17, 2019
- Tuesday, January 21, 2020
- Tuesday, February 18, 2020
- Tuesday, March 17, 2020
- Tuesday, April 21, 2020
- Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Tour our academic and wellness facilities
Meet our Admissions team
Learn how to Apply, & use our free “Career Coach” tool
Get info on our 50+ associate degree & certificate programs
Learn about financial aid, scholarships, dual enrollment, & transfer pathways
Information Sessions

Nursing Info Sessions
Starts at 3:00 PM

• Wednesday, November 6
• Thursday, November 7
• Thursday, November 21
• Thursday, December 12

Industry & Transportation Technology Info Sessions
Starts at 5:00 PM

• Tuesday, November 13, 2019
• Wednesday, December 4, 2019
• Wednesday, January 15, 2020
• Wednesday, February 19, 2020
• Wednesday, March 25, 2020
• Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Dual Enrollment
Get college experience • Save money with discounted tuition • Begin your college transcript

**RUNNING START**
Earn College Credit in High School!

**WHAT IS IT?** Running Start allows high school students to take Community College System of NH courses for both high school AND college credit on their high school campus.

**HOW?** Running Start classes are college courses taught at the high school by CCSNH-credentialed high school faculty as part of the daily schedule.

**COST?** Sophomores, Junior & Senior students can take up to 2 STEM* courses FREE. The regular cost for Running Start courses is $150 per class, but need-based scholarships are available, and can drop the price to $75 per course.

* (Science, technology, engineering & math) per academic year

**EARLY COLLEGE**

**WHAT IS IT?** Early College invites high school junior & senior students to earn college-level credits on the NCC campus OR online.

**HOW?** NCC’s Dual Enrollment Coordinator help students select general education courses or classes in a specific program. Classes are available during the day, evening, weekend, online, winter break, and throughout the summer.

**COST?** Early College credits are 50 percent less than regular NCC credits, which is $215/credit for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students can also take up to two STEM* courses free per academic year in Running Start OR Early College.

Meet NCC’s new Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Patrick McGinnis!

Patrick oversees the Running Start and Early College programs at NCC. Prior to coming to NCC, Patrick served as a Recruiter for the NH Army National Guard for seven years, and has also served as an Adjunct Faculty at Manchester Community College.

Patrick lives in Derry with his wife, children (Aiden, Ryder, and Charlie), three cats, chickens and ducks! He can be reached at 603.578.6915, or pmcginnis@ccsnh.edu.
Interested in having NCC visit your high school?

Nashua Community College can come to you for events like express application days, financial aid reviews, program overviews with faculty guests, “undecided nights,” & more!

Enrollment Specialists work with high school partners to best meet the needs of each school. Readers are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office anytime!

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Thank you for reading our Fall Newsletter! Stay tuned for more news from NCC!

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- **NCC Mission Statement**
Hundreds join ‘Democracy Now!’ at NCC
Oct. 17, 2019

From Bob Dylan singalongs to debating the Electoral College, faculty and student presentations at “Democracy Now!” examined democratic systems of government around the world. “Democracy Now! An exploration of Democracy’ is intended to give multiple perspectives and broaden horizons toward a deeper understanding about what democracy is and means to us as Americans and citizens of the world,” said Professor Stephanie Roper, program coordinator of history and political science at NCC. Roper organized the event along with a team of faculty and staff from the NH Humanities Collaborative from the Community College System of New Hampshire and UNH-Durham, and funding support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The program’s goal was to enhance the engagement of students, and educate, involve and empower citizens to participate in the civic life of their local, national, and global communities.

Students brought classroom learning into practice, such as NCC American Literature students did with their exhibit, “American Literature students explored the endurance of democracy through rich media tools in PowerPoint and video presentations that incorporated fiction and poetry from the Realism period and contemporary poetry of National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman,” said Sally Bashalany, NCC professor and chair of the Arts, Humanities, Communications & Design department, “The ‘Democracy Now!’ event provided the students the perfect opportunity to share their enthusiasm about the works of their selected writers with members of the public.”

Professor Jayne Barnes teamed up with David Ripley from UNH, and bassist John Hunter for a sing-along of patriotic and American protest songs in the cafeteria. Attendees were given lyric sheets, and one student joined in with his mandolin.

English program coordinator Jennifer Tripp said the event was a success, and that students from her “ethics in the workplace” class tackled ethical issues within a democratic environment. “They had to think of what recourse people had because they live in a democracy - they were able to be whistleblowers, take a company to court, and use media outrage - these are not possibilities afforded to everyone,” said Tripp.
Laurie Storey-Manseau’s students presented a photo exhibition of students who came to NCC from outside the U.S. “This was such an important learning experience for our students, particularly during these political times. The interaction between students who have grown up in the United States and students who are immigrants to our country taught them what life in another’s world is like. They learned – really learned – about each other and just what an honor it is to live in America and enjoy the freedoms our democracy protects. They also learned about the challenges immigrants face as they make a home in our country,” said Storey-Manseau. “My class has spent the semester learning about communication, and to have the opportunity to apply some of the things they’ve learned in order to communicate with students who might not speak English fluently was essential to the learning process. They now have tools they can rely on in order to interact with others, and it might not be so intimidating the next time they speak with someone who doesn’t speak English well, or who may come from a different culture.”

High school partners & students are welcome to public events like Democracy Now at NCC! Check the Guidance Newsletter for upcoming events, or talk to your enrollment specialist.

The next planned event is a Veterans College & Career Fair on Nov. 13 from 4 - 7 PM. Have a veteran in your life looking for educational opportunities and a new career pathway? Spread the word! The VA will be there, along with veteran-friendly employers and NCC programs such as Electronic Engineering Technology, Aviation Technology, and Precision Manufacturing.