On May 28, Northwestern celebrated the 49th Commencement of 185 graduates on the green across from the College. In her address to the graduates, President Barbara Douglass said, “Please know that Northwestern Connecticut Community College is proud to have been an important part of your journey, and will always be here to help you reach your destination.”

Kelly Walker was recognized as Valedictorian and Melissa Amicone received the Alumni Award. Rhea Drozdienko, Student Senate President, gave the student address. Commencement Speaker, Jonathan M. Daube, president emeritus of Manchester Community College, reminded students not to forget where they came from and to be proud of what they have accomplished. “...and remember, this is just the beginning — commencement. Each of you is going on to more great things.” Congratulations Class of 2015!!!
Thirty-nine scholarships totaling $41,048 were awarded to new, continuing and graduating students at the annual Awards and Scholarships Convocation held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Awards and scholarships were presented to the following NCCC students:

Valedictorian—Kelly A. Walker  
Salutatorian—Mark J. Cristaldi  

**Service Awards**

- **NCCC Community Service Awards**—Early Childhood Education, Student Senate, and Abigail P. Halloran  
- **Academic Success Center Volunteer Tutoring Award**—Rhea J. Drozdenko, Jenna Mazziotto, and Rebekah N. Quint  
- **All-USA & All-Connecticut Academic Team Award**—Ryan M. Callinan and Rhea J. Drozdenko  
- **CT General Assembly Citation**—Mark J. Cristaldi and Kelly A. Walker  
- **Central Connecticut State University Merit Scholarships**—Ryan M. Callinan, Jennifer J. Lucia, and Kelly A. Walker  
- **NCCC Students of the Year**—Ryan M. Callinan, Rhea M. Drozdenko, and Kelly A. Walker  

**NCCF Scholarships**

- **John A. Albani Scholarship**—Jacob E. Wujcik  
- **George J. Atcheson Scholarship**—Rhea J. Drozdenko  
- **Raymond W. Atcheson Scholarship**—Rhea J. Drozdenko  
- **Sarino and Marguerite DiMauro Scholarship**—Mikayla M. Perlotto  
- **Draper Scholars Scholarships**—Amanda F. Hoxie and Xelia M. Laurer  
- **James L. and Shirley A. Draper Scholarships**—Jenna F. Mazziotto and Gavin L. Morrell  
- **Mary and James Duffy Scholarship**—Darcie S. Martineau  
- **Regina M. Duffy Scholarship**—Charles K. Frazine and Mikayla M. Perlotto, Gretchen L. Sauer, Christina R. Bell, and Tannia A. Salazar  
- **Regina M. Duffy Scholarship**—Kelly A. Walker  
- **Marion William Edwards Scholarships**—Justin M. Bridges and Ryan M. Callinan  
- **NCCF Scholarship**—Rebekah N. Quint  
- **NCCF Nursing Scholarship**—Katherine Kwasnick  
- **George L. Sherwood Scholarship**—Ryan M. Callinan  
- **Mary Ellen Serafini Scholarship**—Jennifer J. Lucia  

**NCCC Awards and Scholarships**

- **Business and Management Administration Award**—Tahnee Y. Garay  
- **Elizabeth A. Rigney Memorial Award**—Dennis E. Donis  
- **Gemma C. DiMauro Award**—Mark J. Cristaldi  
- **Early Childhood Education Excellence Award**—Courtney Bailey  
- **The College English Award**—Jacqueline M. Lovejoy  
- **The Literary Award**—Ryan M. Callinan  
- **Nursing Award**—Tiffany L. Cattey  
- **Anatomy and Physiology Award**—Amy L. Austin  
- **Spanish Language Award**—Amy L. Austin  
- **Veterinary Technology Award**—Jessica T. Fairchild  
- **Professor Greg Banks Scholarship**—Justin M. Bridges  
- **Raymond and Mary Banks Scholarship**—Maranda L. Kimberly  
- **Barkhamsted Lions Club-Lattizori Family Scholarships**—Gavin L. Morrell and Marissa M. Zabriskie  
- ** Classified Staff Scholarship**—Angelique C. Lewis  
- **Professor John F. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship**—Ryan M. Callinan  
- **John G. Groppo Scholarship**—Jenna F. Mazziotto  
- **Marie L. Hill Scholarship**—Rhea J. Drozdenko  
- **Catherine M. Jespersen Scholarship**—Robert F. Cusati  
- **Lucy B. LaMere Memorial Scholarship**—Candice L. Dietlin  
- **Dr. Elaine Stewart McKirdy Scholarship**—Kimmie L. Stack  
- **Mildred M. Murdock Scholarship**—Kelly A. Andros  
- **NCCC Student Employee of the Year**—Morgan A. Tullock  
- **Helen Case Foster Scholarship**—Janessa M. Webb  
- **NCCC Honors Scholarship**—Travis T. Lang  
- **Gautam K. Shah Memorial Scholarship**—Jhonna P. Harrington  
- **Robert C. White Scholarship**—Christina R. Bell  

Congratulations to all award and scholarship recipients!!
NEW STUDENTS — WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

Welcome to Northwestern!

The following are some important dates and general information to help you be a successful college student:

⇒ Orientation for new students will take place on Tuesday, August 25th at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 27th at 8:30 a.m. Please plan on attending one of the two orientations. New Student Orientations are fun, informative, and important! Watch your mail for more information!

⇒ The first day of class is Monday, August 31st.

⇒ If you have not already gotten on the student portal, myCommNet, please do so as soon as possible. Here is a link to information on myCommNet. For assistance with logging in the first time please contact the Computer Center 860-738-6367.

⇒ An indication on your schedule that a class is held on T/R means that the class meets on both Tuesday and Thursday.

⇒ The College will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Here is a link to the full 2015-16 academic calendar.

⇒ The Academic Success Center is holding Tutoring Open Houses on September 15th and 16th. All students are encouraged to drop in during one of the Tutoring Open Houses to learn about tutoring services and other academic support that is available to students. The Academic Success Center is located on the third floor of Founders Hall. Come for the food and stay for the support!

⇒ Monday, September 14th is the last day to add or drop a course. If you wish to add or drop a course, please come to the Center for Student Development, in Green Woods Hall, or speak to your professor before the deadline.

⇒ On Tuesday, September 22nd (rain date Thursday, September 24th), NCCC will hold a club fair and picnic for ALL students. More details will follow. This will be a great way to meet other students, faculty, staff, and win prizes. You must be there at time of drawing to win prize(s). Put it on your calendar...you don’t want to miss this!

⇒ If you are considering withdrawing from a class after September 14th you should first speak to your professor and then come to the Registrar’s Office in Green Woods Hall. You can withdraw from a class without penalty until Monday, November 16th.

Please feel free to ask faculty and staff questions!
We want to help you succeed!!!
Student Activities - The Year in Review

17th annual Students vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Tournament—October 8, 2014

Boston Bus Trip—October 25, 2014

NCCC Gives Back Week—October 20-25, 2014
Student Activities - The Year in Review

Climbing Wall and Ropes Course—February/March 2015

Super Smash Bros Tournament—February 20, 2015

Art Festival / Pie Throwing Contest—April 9, 2015
History Association’s 9th annual Jeopardy Challenge—March 13, 2015

Students vs. Faculty/Staff Softball Tournament—April 23, 2015 (and yes … that is snow!)

All-USA & All-Connecticut Academic Team Award
April 24, 2015 - Rhea Drozdenko and Ryan Callinan (center)

Legislative Intern Day at the Capitol—April 22, 2015
Ben Schutz, President Barbara Douglass, Ethan Napolitano

... and the winners!!
CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry

June 2015

On Thursday, June 18, we served 167 households through the CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry. Items off the truck included potatoes, mango, noodles, yogurt, yogurt drink, baguette & various other breads, peppers, lasagna, pumpkin pie, cabbage, tortillas, tofu ribs and cheese. Many happy customers : )

It was a pleasure to see many faculty volunteering at the truck, along with a smattering of students and staff. One thing I have learned from the years of doing this – don’t panic because NCCC volunteers will always come through. Thanks for the great support!

NCCC partners with Beardsley & Memorial Library on National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grant

Beardsley & Memorial Library, in collaboration with Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC), is proud to announce it is a recipient of a grant of $15,000 to host The Big Read. A program of the National Endowment for the Arts, The Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Managed by Arts Midwest, this initiative offers grants to support innovative community reading programs designed around a single book. Beardsley is one of 75 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive a grant to host a Big Read project between September 2015 and June 2016. The local Big Read will focus on the novel When The Emperor Was Divine, by Julie Otsuka. Activities will begin in September of 2015, and will include companion reading programs for children and youth.

According to Library Services Director, Karin Taylor, The Big Read will be a collaborative effort with Northwestern Connecticut Community College. NCCC Director of Library Services, James Patterson, and English professor, April Dolata, were key partners in the planning and writing of the grant and will share in the hosting and implementation of The Big Read programs and activities. The Friends of the Library have also pledged $1,000 to support The Big Read programs.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, "The Big Read is a powerful example of how the arts can bring communities together and help us to connect with one another. These 75 organizations, including Beardsley and NCCC, are creating valuable opportunities for their communities to share wonderful stories and characters and to have meaningful conversations."

For more information about The Big Read please visit neabigread.org.

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the NEA supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. For more information, visit arts.gov.

Arts Midwest promotes creativity, nurtures cultural leadership, and engages people in meaningful arts experiences, bringing vitality to Midwest communities and enriching people’s lives. Based in Minneapolis, Arts Midwest connects the arts to audiences throughout the nine-state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. One of six non-profit regional arts organizations in the United States, Arts Midwest’s history spans more than 25 years. For more information, please visit artsmidwest.org

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FREE!

50TH ANNIVERSARY CAR SHOW & CONCERT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
NCCC Campus, Park Place East
Winsted, Connecticut

Special Parking for the First 50 Classic Cars from the ‘50s and ‘60s
Music by 60’s Satisfaction in East End Park
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the FH Auditorium.)

Rain or Shine
A FREE Community Event!
For more information: 860-738-6300

For more information about The Big Read please visit neabigread.org.
### Our Fall 2015 Book Circle titles for your summer reading pleasure!

- **My Beloved World**
  by Sonya Sotomayor

- **Edith’s Story: The True Story of How One Young Girl Survived WWII**
  by Edith Velman

- **The Invention of Wings**
  by Sue Monk Kidd

- **The Girl on the Train**
  by Paula Hawkins

Call ahead to reserve a copy of one of the Book Circle fall selections!
860-738-6479

### CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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For more information, check out the online Campus Events Calendar log on the College’s homepage at http://www.nwcc.commnet.edu/

### Summer Library Hours

The NCCC Library, located in the Learning Resource Center, will be open from 8:30am—4:30pm during the summer.

### Registration Information

The Fall 2015 course schedule is available online at [http://www.nwcc.commnet.edu/](http://www.nwcc.commnet.edu/). Click on Search for Courses on the right side. Register early to ensure you get the courses you need.

### Lost and Found

**Lost and Found** services are maintained in the Information Center (FH 104) and the Student Activities Office (GW 110).

If you have lost an item while on campus, please check with Darlene at the Information Center (FH 104) or by phone at 860-738-6300 or the Office of Student Activities at 860-738-6343 (Susan) or 860-738-6344 (Kathy) as soon as possible.

Positive ID is required when collecting your lost item.

Any items not claimed by the end of the semester will be donated to Goodwill.

### Academic Success Center

**Math tutoring** is available on Tuesdays and Thursday 4-5pm in FX010 from July 7 through August 13th.

Here are some tips for success in summer classes:

1. Summer classes are accelerated so attending all classes is a must.
2. Make a friend and form a study group. Study groups can help you understand the material in new ways—and expand your social circle!
3. Manage your schedule and stay organized! With beautiful days, vacations, and the beach calling your name, managing your schedule in the summer is challenging. If you are taking an online or hybrid class, try setting weekly reminders. For instance, by Wednesday at lunch I will post at least my first post on the discussion board.

### Student Club Meetings

- Dungeons and Dragons, Thursdays, 10am-2pm, ASB Atrium
- Writer’s Club—Fridays, 2:30-4:30pm (except 7/3), in The Oasis Center (behind Founders Hall)