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## Commencement 2023



The Northwestern CT Community College graduation ceremony of 2023 was an extraordinary and joyous occasion, marking the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and growth for themembers of the graduating class. Th Warner Theater was abuzz with anticipation as families, friends, and faculty members gathered in the historic building. The air was filled with a sense of accomplishment and excitement, as graduates proudly donned their caps and gowns, symbolizing the achievement they were about to celebrate.







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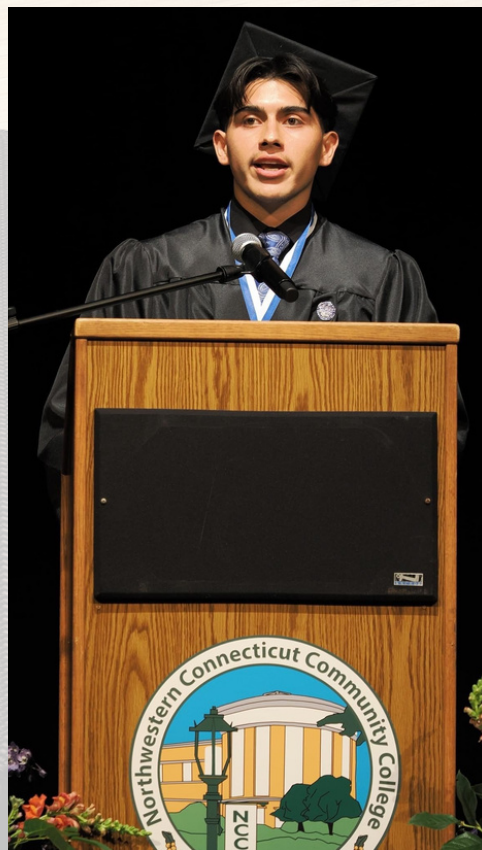
The highlight of the ceremony came as each graduate walked across the stage, one by one, to receive their hard-earned diplomas. The eruption of cheers and applause filled the theater as names were announced, celebrating the individual achievements and their collective success. Proud families and friends captured this moment knowing the significant impact that this milestone would have on their loved ones' lives. The commencement ceremony was a testament to the perseverance, determination, and growth of each Northwestern student. It served as a transformative milestone, not only marking the end of their academic endeavors but also igniting a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, success, and personal fulfillment.







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## 2023 Student of the Year: Sarah Carfiro

Congratulations to Sarah Carfiro for being selected as the 2023 Student of the Year here at Northwestern. Sarah was nominated by Professor of Criminal Justice Michael Emanuel. Below is Professor Emanuel's nomination.



Sarah Carfiro is an exceptional criminal justice student that has a drive like no other! Upon meeting her, I found her to be fully engaged in every class she attended, but a self-starter beyond the normal student, earning outstanding grades each semester. During COVID, she attended every class that she was allowed to do so, remained engaged and assisted other students when they needed help with homework, computer technical support or anything else that!

As our college become more “normalized” beyond COVID, I could truly see how motivated she was to team build, collaborate and “go the extra mile.” Once students came back to in person classes, clubs re-engaged, and our criminal justice club was rejuvenated as a direct result of her involvement. She single-handedly gathered and encouraged students (even those she never met) to be part of our club or any club they felt comfortable being part of a group. She was beyond an educational assistant, an intern or someone that felt motivated be a “cheerleader,” to not only promote NCCC, but to show anyone that she encountered - that NCCC was the place to be! She is a great ambassador for our school and our system, vice president of student senate, always beaming with positivity, beaming with pride, never taking “no” for an answer. She is “ahead of the curve,” always employing forward thinking, planning, and thinking of issues such as insurance, liability, and logistics that even faculty and staff forgot to consider!

Beyond all this was the fact that she continues to pursue more and more of her goals in nursing, student senate, be part of a debate team and create opportunities to grow and “see the country” if not the world.

She was the first in line to volunteer at food banks, homeless shelters, community projects and although it did not work out logistically, travel over 500 miles to assist those in need – a true leader that sets the example to follow. I am certain she will accomplish any goals she sets and encourages others to reach their goals along the way.







## Staff vs. Student Softball Game

### Staff Wins! 27-25!

The annual staff versus student softball game was held on May 17th, the sun shone brightly but a biting cold wind blew as both teams displaying a mix of excitement and modest athleticism. The staff team, consisting of professors, administrators, and support staff, came out victorious. Once up by 14 runs, the staff coughed up a 15-run inning to the students who narrowly escaped the mercy run. The back-and-forth game resulted in the staff squeaking out a 27-25 victory over the students.







# Yard Goats Baseball Game

Staff and students recently attended a Yardgoats baseball game in Hartford. The Yardgoats, a local minor league baseball team, provided an exciting and enjoyable experience for everyone. The event brought together both staff and students as well as their family members for a fun night out. The game took place in Hartford, at the Yardgoats' home stadium Dunkin' Park where they took on the Portland Sea Dogs, the AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. Everyone enjoyed a private patio suite before the game that provided a free buffet and drinks sponsored by the Student Senate.







## Sports Club

The Sports Club organized an exciting and action-packed paintball trip for its members.



## SNAP E&T:

### Get the Skills to Pay the Bills!



SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) is a free, Federal job training program designed to help SNAP (EBT/food stamp) recipients gain skills to increase financial stability.

If a person is receiving SNAP in Connecticut and is not receiving Temporary Family Assistance (TFA-Temporary Cash Assistance), they may be eligible to participate in no-cost job training at any of the CT Community Colleges. Existing students can also apply for assistance with books, uniforms, transportation costs and any other program-related expenses.

SNAP E&T scholarships are offered all year long so it's always the right time to apply!

To get started, contact Erin Kennedy at [EKennedy@nwcc.edu](mailto:EKennedy@nwcc.edu) or (860) 738-6419 for information regarding SNAP E&T at NCCC or visit our website at:

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## Northwestern's FAFSA School Code is Changing!



### **Your FAFSA School Code is Changing!**

*Use **007635** for your 2023-2024 FAFSA.*

If you are applying for federal financial aid for the Fall 2023 semester and beyond, please use Federal School Code 007635 on your 2023-2024 FAFSA. While this Federal School Code will initially identify as Capital Community College on the FAFSA, please know that the US Department of Education will update the college name in Summer 2023.

If you do not list Federal School Code 007635 on your 2023-2024 FAFSA, we will be unable to process your financial aid application for the Fall 2023 semester and the 2023-2024 academic year.

The 2023-2024 FAFSA is available on October 1, 2022, at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

For more information, contact your Financial Aid Office.



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