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IMPROVING JOB PLACEMENT

According to the most recent report by the National Council of State Boards for Nursing, 97% of Naugatuck Valley Community College nursing students passed their NCLEX-RN licensing exam between April and September 2013, making the program the most successful in the state and placing it in the top 5% nationally. Connecticut currently offers 23 associate, baccalaureate and master’s level programs.

The Department of Labor’s 2010-2020 Occupational Projections identifies Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA) as the fifth fastest growing labor market for associate degree earners. The past three PTA classes have sustained a 100% employment rate for graduates, with the majority of students securing employment at the facilities where they are placed for their internship.

The Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center (AMTC) awarded 113 Level I and Level II certificates in its second year of operation. Of the 49 Level II graduates, 35 have been offered full-time employment and several others have offers pending. Grant applications have been submitted to create a Level III certificate program and the College continues to partner with the Smaller Manufacturers Association to meet the needs of our students and local manufacturers.

The AMTC was recognized by Connecticut State College and Universities (CSCU) at the first system Manufacturing Arts Ceremony for its impressive start. NVCC student Darlene Blumenthal was honored with the Outstanding Student Award. Douglas Johnson, vice president of operations for The Marion Manufacturing Company in Chesire and member of the NVCC Manufacturing Advisory Council, received the Industry Partner Award.

The Job Placement Center (JPC) hosted mock interviews, a job fair, and a variety of career panels for students to interact with executives from aerospace, engineering, logistics, management, social services, criminal justice and information technology among a variety of other fields. It also organized a behind-the-scenes tour of Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino for hospitality students.

Maximizing Effectiveness

In spite of a reduced budget, the College continued to earmark tuition revenues to provide scholarships for students.

Capital Bond Funds supported planning for a Campus-wide Improvement Plan, the renovation of Founders Hall into the Center for Health Sciences and the renovation of three science labs.

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A reinvigorated NVCC Alumni Association built up its presence over the year, culminating in the first annual Alumni Social in April.

The College repurposed space in Technology Hall for the Inter-Faith Center, which will support students spiritually on campus.

The Northwest CT Workforce Investment Board also continued to support the College Connection programs, which cross-enroll high school students in College Connections certification courses.

The Smaller Manufacturers Association, which continues to occupy an office at the College, assisted students with job placement and helped create additional opportunities for students to work with local manufacturers.

Through the efforts of the NVCC Foundation, the College added five new scholarships and doubled the amount of scholarship money granted in the first annual NVCC Night of Heroes. The Career Connections Program and ACE open on weekends during the spring semester and raised $60,000 to support the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center. Through the development team, the College qualified for Title III support.

COLLABORATION BY THE NUMBERS

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| 1,700 | potential students were actively recruited to campus through information sessions, high school visits, workshops and conferences, the second annual NVCC Open House, and other outreach. |
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The college-wide Advisement Initiative was rolled out in the Fall of 2010 and is in full swing. Faculty and staff advising trainings are underway and an advising handbook is being developed to ensure accurate and consistent guidance for students.

NVCC is positioned to support the State of Connecticut Go Back to Get Ahead program this summer, which offers Connecticut residents the opportunity to earn a certificate or a degree in high demand industries.

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