

MARCH 2023

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## Northwestern Students Chosen for Hartford Art School Exhibit

Northwestern CT Community College is proud to announce that five of their art students were chosen to participate in the Community: Transfer Student Exhibition at Hartford Art School, University of Hartford in West Hartford.

Natalie Albanese, Darren Arias-Montesino, Daneisha Gomez-Ortiz, Kaylee Naumowicz, and Carol Pelizzari exhibited their work in the show that ran from February 9 through 15 in the Donald & Linda Silpe Gallery.

The annual show invites all twelve of the state's community colleges' art students to submit work for consideration. Students are required to submit a portfolio of ten pieces, as well as an essay, artist statement, and documented faculty support.

“As one of the smallest campuses, we are honored to have five students selected for this prestigious show,” said Art Professor Courtney Puckett. “The students selected from Northwestern, as well as the other community college campuses, represent the quality and dedication to their craft our students demonstrate.”

Albanese, Gomez-Ortiz, Naumowicz, and Pelizzari are second year students who plan to graduate this spring and transfer to continue their studies. Arias-Montesino is a first-year student who plans on continuing to study at Northwestern



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**HARTFORD ART SCHOOL**





# Northwestern Student Received National Scholarship

Northwestern CT Community College student, Renee Rivera Restivo, has been awarded The Harvey Lincoln Student Scholarship through the national Achieving the Dream organization. The scholarship is a need-based scholarship for community college students who have persisted in their studies despite educational, personal, or financial obstacles. The award is \$2,000. Rivera Restivo is one of two in the country to receive the award.

“Coming to the college (Northwestern) gave me a voice,” said Rivera Restivo. “I felt supported and like there are people out there that care about me as a person and see my struggle and that makes it mean so much.”

Rivera Restivo is a returning student pursuing a degree in Health Information Management. She is also involved in many campus activities including the Student Senate, the campus student podcast, The Bookish Club, and is founding member and president of the campus Student of Color Alliance.

“It's so refreshing to see this world in another light,” she says. “Like I thought I knew what the world was and what it was about but ever since coming to the college I have learned about a whole new world that I never knew.”

Achieving the Dream is a national organization that helps community college students, particularly low-income students, and students of color, stay in school and earn a college certificate or degree.



## Student Emergency Fund

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

The Northwestern Student Emergency Fund (NSEF) was established to provide a source of funds for current and enrolled NCCC students who encounter unexpected emergency expenses, which fall within the parameters of eligibility. Students should contact Dr. Ruth Gonzalez, Director of Student Development prior to applying for funds.

### NEED FINANCIAL HELP?

DO YOU HAVE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS?  
A FINANCIAL BURDEN OR  
DEFICIT THAT IS IMPACTING YOUR STUDIES?

The Northwestern Student Emergency Fund is here for you!

NSEF can provide financial assistance to students with immediate financial need.

For more information contact  
**Ruth Gonzalez** at  
[rgonzalez@nwcc.edu](mailto:rgonzalez@nwcc.edu)

**NSEF** Northwestern Student  
Emergency Fund







## Lounge Parties!

### ***NCCC Lounge Parties!***

Lounge Parties sponsored by the Student Senate will be held in the Greenwoods Student Lounge in March and in the Founders Hall Student Lounge in April. Lounge Parties will start at 12:00pm on the dates listed below and will go until the food runs out, food is free of cost.

#### ***Greenwoods Student Lounge***

**March**

***2nd***

#### ***Pizza Party***

Students, come enjoy a pizza party in the Greenwoods Student Lounge at 12:00pm!

**March**

***9th***

#### ***Sandwiches***

Stop by the Greenwoods Student Lounge and enjoy a sandwich at noon!

**March**

***23rd***

#### ***Assorted Wings***

Enjoy some chicken wings in the Greenwoods student Lounge at noon!

**March**

***30th***

#### ***Pasta***

Stop by the Greenwoods Student Lounge and enjoy some pasta at noon!

#### ***Founders Hall Student Lounge***

**April**

***6th***

#### ***Tacos***

Tacos will be served in the Founders Hall Student Lounge at 12:00pm, enjoy!

**April**

***13th***

#### ***Desert Day***

Come by the Founders Hall Student Lounge and enjoy assorted deserts at noon!

**April**

***20th***

#### ***Pizza Party***

Come by the Founders Hall Student Lounge and enjoy a pizza party at noon!

**Contact [awetmore@nwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:awetmore@nwcc.commnet.edu)  
with any questions**





# Food for Thought Food Pantry

## PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY, 10:30AM – 12:30PM

TUESDAY, 10:30AM – 12:00PM

WEDNESDAY, 11:00AM – 3:00PM

THURSDAY, 10:30AM – 12:30PM, 4:00PM – 5:30PM



PLEASE FILL OUT OUR APPOINTMENT FORM ON OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.NWCC.EDU/FOOD-PANTRY/](http://WWW.NWCC.EDU/FOOD-PANTRY/)

- FOR ALL FIRST APPOINTMENTS, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT SOME PERSONAL INFORMATION. ALL INFORMATION ENTERED IN THIS FORM WILL BE KEPT 100% CONFIDENTIAL. DUE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CT FOOD SHARE, WE ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION ONCE A SEMESTER.
- YOU WILL THEN BE ASKED TO CHOOSE AN APPOINTMENT DAY AND TIME. WE DO NOT TAKE SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS, AND WE DO NOT HONOR APPOINTMENTS MADE AFTER 3PM THE DAY BEFORE A REQUESTED APPOINTMENT.
- YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMING YOUR APPOINTMENT. YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM US REGARDING YOUR APPOINTMENT IF THERE IS A PROBLEM.
- YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR SUPPLIES AT “FOOD FOR THOUGHT” IN THE FOUNDERS HALL ANNEX IN ROOM #319. BESIDES SUPPLIES, YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE A \$20.00 GIFT CARD FROM STOP AND SHOP.
- PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE OR IGNORE YOUR APPOINTMENTS. THIS HAS A SERIOUS IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO SERVE YOU AND OTHERS.



# NCCC Makerspace

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# Makerspace

## Spring 2023 Hours (GW 124)

Monday 2:45pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday 1:15pm – 4:15pm

Thursday: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Free for students,  
staff & faculty to use!

Drive  
1lb combat robots!

Laser cutter! 3D – Printers!  
CNC Router!  
Learn how to use them!

Want to make something?  
Come down to the Makerspace!

Contact Doug Hoffman ([dhoffman@nwcc.edu](mailto:dhoffman@nwcc.edu), 860.738.6332) for more information





# Are you ready to GRADUATE?

GRADUATION IS NOT AUTOMATIC!

## Deadline to apply: March 31st

If you have completed all the requirements for your major (or the classes are in progress) and you plan to graduate May 2023, please complete a Graduation Application by March 31st.

After we receive your Graduation Application, we will review your file then send you an email letting you know what requirements you need to complete. Please check your student email account on a regular basis, all graduation communications will be sent to your student email account.

If you have any questions, you can email:  
Briana Kratzer [bkratzer@nwcc.edu](mailto:bkratzer@nwcc.edu) or  
Kris Kennedy [kkennedy@nwcc.edu](mailto:kkennedy@nwcc.edu).



## Transfer Visits

### TRANSFER TUESDAYS

10:00 -1:00

ASB ATRIUM

#### MARCH

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<i>Western New England U.</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

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<i>UConn</i>	<i>Post U.</i>
<i>Sacred Heart U.</i>	<i>Quinnipiac U.</i>
<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

#### APRIL

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<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

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<i>UConn</i>	<i>U. New Haven</i>
<i>Post U.</i>	<i>Central Connecticut State U.</i>
<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>





# Library Services

**Do you need a graphing calculator?**

Come borrow a graphing calculator for the semester from your NCCC Library!

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GRAPHING  
CALCULATORS FOR  
THE SEMESTER AT  
THE NCCC LIBRARY

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## Library Spring Hours

**Monday - Wednesday  
8:30 am - 8:00 pm**

**Thursday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm**



- Library Contacts -

Chat with a Librarian  
Click the chat icon



Text a Librarian  
860-735-4623

Email us at  
nw-librequests@nwcc.  
commnet.edu



Call us at  
860-738-6480



## March Display Case

**"St. Patrick's Day"**



featuring a collection of books and DVDs related to) St. Patrick's Day.

Discover the best fiction and nonfiction books & DVDs selected by our staff. Explore our picks every month!.







# Timely Care

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## Emotional Support When Students Need It

- Unlimited 24/7, on-demand triage mental health support, coaching services, and crisis management by behavioral and health professionals.
- Provides support for a variety of issues, including critical situations.
- Eliminates the possible days or weeks of wait time for a student to get emotional support.
- Removes possible stigma of a student walking into clinic seeking mental health resources.
- Helps manage demand for counseling center services with virtual visits.
- Patient records can be shared back to counseling center.

Contact Dr. Ruth Gonzalez regarding how to access these services- [rgonzalez@nwcc.edu](mailto:rgonzalez@nwcc.edu) 860-738-6315





## 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: <https://www.nwcc.edu/snap/>



Save the Date

# NORTHWESTERN RETURN OF THE COMM-CON

APRIL 27, 2023

**Student Comic Convention & All Things Nerdy & Entertainment**  
**Contact Student Activities for more information!**







Staff vs. Student Dodgeball!

**STAFF VS STUDENT**  
**DODGE**  
**BALL**  
**Game**



**MARCH 30TH, 12 - 1PM**

**GREENWOODS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**EMAIL [AWETMORE@NWCC.COMMNET.EDU](mailto:AWETMORE@NWCC.COMMNET.EDU)  
OR STOP BY GW ROOM 110 IN STUDENT  
ACTIVITIES TO SIGN UP!**





# Kids Kloset



The Kids Kloset is a collection of gently used clothing, books, and toys available for Northwestern students to freely take for children (own kiddos, cousins, neighbors, etc.)



Come choose items during open hours or make an appointment!

LOCATION	OPEN HOURS
Founders Hall	Mondays 11:30am-4:00pm
Room 207	Tuesday 8:30am-2:30pm
(ECE Classroom)	Thursdays 11:30am-2:30pm

Make Appointment with Tracy Smith-Michnowicz  
[tsmith-michnowicz@nwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:tsmith-michnowicz@nwcc.commnet.edu)





# Northwestern Care Closet



Northwestern  
**CARE CLOSET**

Contact Dr. Ruth Gonzalez to make an appointment: [rgonzalez@nwcc.edu](mailto:rgonzalez@nwcc.edu), 860-738-6315  
Located in the Goulet Building- First Floor

<u><b>Men's Clothing Available</b></u>	<u><b>Women's Clothing Available</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Jackets</li> <li>• Button Down/ Collared Shirts</li> <li>• Pants</li> <li>• T-Shirts/ Undershirts</li> <li>• Underwear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Jackets</li> <li>• Skirts/ Pants</li> <li>• Dress Shirts/Sweaters</li> <li>• T-Shirts</li> <li>• Lounge Wear</li> <li>• Shoes</li> </ul>



# Moosecast Podcast



This podcast allows students, staff, faculty and guests to talk about issue and topics of their choice; serious topics, funny, outrageous, personal and everything in between are open for discussion. Recorded Wednesdays in GW110 at 10am. If interested in participating, contact [awetmore@nwcc.edu](mailto:awetmore@nwcc.edu).

Listen in on Apple Podcast and Spotify by searching Moosecast and don't forget to follow!



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- 2-1-1 Child Care
- 2-1-1 Child Development Infoline
- Mobile Crisis Service



2-1-1 is supported by the State of Connecticut and Connecticut United Ways.





## 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.



[www.ct.edu/admission/financialaidguide](https://www.ct.edu/admission/financialaidguide)





# February Snow at Northwestern

