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Important Announcements, Events, News & More!

Want to place an announcement or something you wish to share next month?

Email Andrew Wetmore [awetmore@nwcc.edu](mailto:awetmore@nwcc.edu) or call 860-738-6344



# Touch-a-Truck



The Touch-a-Truck Event was sponsored by the Criminal Justice and Early Childhood Clubs collected over \$340 dollars for the Student Emergency Fund and a trunk full of food for the Food for Thought Pantry. In addition, students collected \$500 from Charlotte Hungerford and \$200 from Avon Prime Meats, which have also gone to the Student Emergency Fund. Best of all, the community had a fun and free event to enjoy!





# Comm-Con Returns

Northwestern's comic convention comes back after a 3 year hiatus!

## Costume Contest Winners



**Best Group**

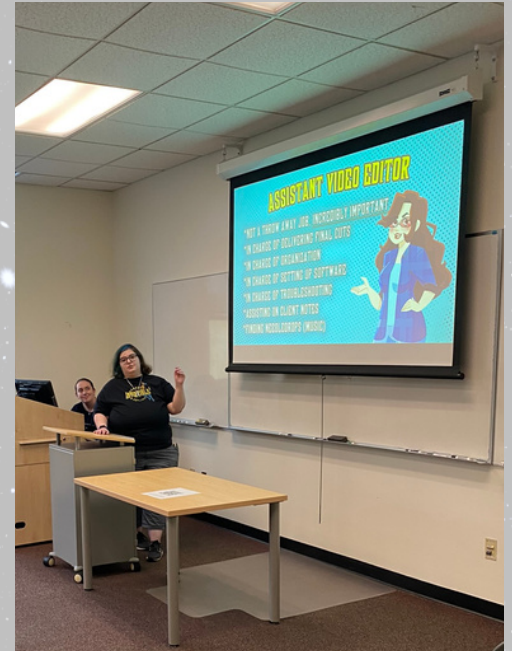
**Most Accurate**

**Best Villian**

**Best Hero**

**Cutest**

**Best Overall Costume**





# Pride Palooza



## PRIDE PALOOZA

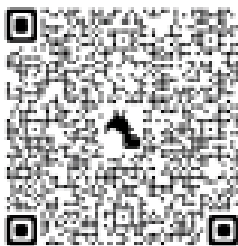


# Northwestern Students You Are Invited to Attend Pride Palooza 2023 LGBT Conference

Conference workshop topics include:



- **The Giant Woman Within;** tapping into your inner fabulousity with Northwest CT's premier drag legend,
- **Emotional Intelligence,** to understand, use, and manage our emotions,
- **Exploring Identities,** inviting students to think and talk about what gender is and what their own attitudes are towards gender
- **"What Do I Say?": Boundary Setting for Self-Disclosure,**
- **While Paris Was Burning, Hartford Sizzled,** See rare footage and learn about the "Houses" of Hartford and the first drag ball, *Hartford Sizzles*, held in 1993,
- **Zines Workshop,** see examples, get some ideas, and leave with a one-page zine ready to distribute,
- **10s Across the Board: An In-Depth Look into Voguing, Ballroom, and Black Queer Culture**



Use the QR Code to Register  
You must register to attend by May 1



## Med Cruise

The Nursing Program held their yearly med cruise. It is the start of the journey for a nurse to safely administer medications to patients at their clinical sites. During this fun post- spring break day wearing beach attire, students go from island to island, each one representing a different method of medication administration. After this day, students can then administer meds to real people, with the help of their clinical instructors.

It is a big step forward for nursing students and we are so proud of them!

-Bree, Nicole and Dodie Freshman instructors of the Nursing class of 2024





# Upcoming Job Training Programs



## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN:

DATES: Online 5/30-9/5

## EMT:

DATES: On Ground 5/22/2023-8/2/2023 Mon, Wed, Thurs 6pm-10pm and Sat 8am-4pm

## Central Sterile Processing Technician:

DATES: Online with optional on ground dates 6/12/23-8/28/23

## Basic Life Support (BLS):

DATES: On Ground 6/10/23 Saturday 9am-2pm

## Certified Nurse Aide (C.N.A.):

DATES: On Ground 5/19/23-7/5/23 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-2:30 ---OR---

DATES: On Ground 7/7/23-8/22/23 Monday and Friday 3:30-9pm

## Medical Laboratory Assistant, EKG Technician & Phlebotomy Technician:

DATES: On Ground 8/29/23 -12/18/23

## ServSafe: Food handler/manager

DATES: On Ground 6/10/23 Saturday 9am-4pm

## Pre-Manufacturing:

DATES: Hybrid 5/15/23-6/22/23 Mon, Wed, & Thurs 4pm-7pm

## IT Bootcamp:

DATES: Online/LRON 6/28/23-7/19/23 Wed 1pm-4pm

\*\*\*For information, contact Erin Kennedy at [EKennedy@nwcc.edu](mailto:EKennedy@nwcc.edu) 860.738.6419\*\*\*



## 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



## 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/>



## Sports Club Trip

The Northwestern Sports Club on their trip to the Flight Indoor Adventure Park





## New Class:

# ENG 266: Gay and Lesbian Literature (3 credits)

**When:** Mondays & Wednesday  
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
May 22 - June 27

**Where:** In-person  
Northwestern CT Community College

**With:** Professor Bilal Tajildeen

This is a survey course in literature written by, about, or for queer people in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We will study a variety of representations of queerness in a selection of fictional and non-fictional texts. The course will examine the concept of queer literature as a genre in order to better understand the relationship between literary expression, personal identity, and our modern views on sexuality as a society.

*This class is offered to students of all sexual orientations and gender identities and is for those who are interested in queer identity as it is represented in literature.*

This class will be a safe space for any questions or comments related to the literature we read, class discussions, or other related themes that will emerge over the course of the summer session.

## Register today!

This course will fulfill Directed Humanities Elective requirements, as well as most general electives (but speak with your program coordinator to confirm)!





# Library Services

**Class of 2023**



The NCCC Library Staff is proud of our graduates!

You're just the best!  
It was a pleasure to be your library!



The book drop is located at the bottom of the ramp in the lower parking area of the library.

**Are you studying for final exams, feeling worried or stressed out?**



Study and take a break at the library!  
We will be serving hot drinks and snacks.

Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5

## Library Hours through Friday, May 12

Mon - Wed 8:30 - 8:00  
Thurs & Fri 8:30 - 4:30

## The Library is open during summer!

**Summer Hours:**  
Starting Monday, May 17

Mon - Fri 8:30 - 4:30

## How to contact us:

Telephone (voice)  
860-738-6480

Email  
[nw-librequests@nwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:nw-librequests@nwcc.commnet.edu)

Chat with a Librarian  
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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



# 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



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 11:30am. 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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# Scholarship Opportunity



Connecticut Association of Professional Financial Aid Administrators

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Connecticut Association of Professional Financial Aid Administrators (CAPFAA) is pleased to announce the CAPFAA Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. We are excited to be able to award six (6) non-renewable \$1,000 scholarships to three (3) eligible undergraduate and three (3) eligible graduate students in pursuit of higher education in the State of Connecticut.

### About CAPFAA

CAPFAA consists of financial aid administrators from postsecondary institutions and members of educational institutions, government agencies, and private and community organizations concerned with the support and administration of student financial aid. CAPFAA was established in 1969 to serve the interests and needs of students and their families through the financial aid process. Specifically, CAPFAA assists in promoting and developing effective programs of student financial aid. The association additionally facilitates communication and cooperation among educational institutions and sponsors of student aid funds by sponsoring conferences and training sessions on relevant issues in student financial aid. Please visit our website at [www.capfaa.org](http://www.capfaa.org).

### Eligibility Criteria

In order to be an eligible applicant for this scholarship award, all candidates must be attending current CAPFAA member institutions and meet the following requirements:

- **For Undergraduate Students:** be enrolled in a postsecondary institution as a full-time undergraduate student in a degree program OR in a certificate program of at least 900 clock hours, 24 semester hours, or 36 quarter hours.
- **For Graduate Students:** be enrolled in a postsecondary institution as a graduate or professional student in a degree or certificate program on at least a half-time basis.
- Have completed a minimum of one term or semester of full-time study or at least one half of a clock hour or non-term-based program.
- Must have a maximum Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$7,000 or less, per the student's most recent FAFSA submission in 2023-2024, and be eligible to receive federal financial aid.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent).
- Must have performed unpaid community service or volunteer activities in the past twenty-four (24) months, not related to educational credit.
- Not be a prior CAPFAA Scholarship winner, CAPFAA member, or an immediate relative of a CAPFAA member.

### Other Information

Each recipient and guest will be invited to attend the CAPFAA Annual Business Meeting held on June 7, 2023 for the Scholarship Presentation (Location details to follow). Upon verification of enrollment, the scholarship check will be made payable to and sent directly to the recipient's institution in the Fall of 2023.

Application and all required attachments must be **received no later than Friday, May 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm** by postal mail, or email to the CAPFAA Scholarship Committee Chair:

Mail to:

Julie B. Savino  
CAPFAA Scholarship Committee Chair  
Sacred Heart University  
Office of Student Financial Assistance  
5151 Park Avenue  
Fairfield, CT 06825-1000

Email: [SavinoJ@sacredheart.edu](mailto:SavinoJ@sacredheart.edu)



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## HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?



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- 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)