

DECEMBER 2023

CAMPUS VOICE

Connecticut State Community College Northwestern Campus



Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future



Criminal Justice Club at the F.I.S.H Annual Coat Drive



Important Announcements, Events, News & More!

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

Email Andrew Wetmore awetmore@nwcc.edu or call 860-738-6344



Criminal Justice Club Lends a Hand

Members of the Criminal Justice Club assisted in F.I.S.H.'s annual coat drive - and their "shopping" giveaway on November 19th at St. Peter's Church in downtown Torrington.

Several hundred community residents braved the rain to get warm coats, jackets, pants, shirts, gloves, and hats for their families for the upcoming winter season - as part of the annual drive to end hunger and homelessness in Northwest CT.



The club handed out a trunk load of candy to youngsters from the greater Winchester area at the Town of Winsted's Trunk-or-Treat event celebrating Halloween.

For four plus hours, Sarah Carfiro, Kenna Might, Joclyn Angamarca, and Mirakel Spellman of the Criminal Justice Club volunteered at the F.I.S.H (Friends In Service to Humanity) homeless shelter/food bank in Torrington. These four young ladies worked nonstop for four hours bagging 300 bags of food for families for Thanksgiving.





American Mural Project's Recycled Runway 2023

Three Northwestern Art & Design students participated in American Mural Project's Recycled Runway 2023: Yanelis Vargas (model), Dakota Jarest (model), and Alivia Pharr (stage crew). The event raised more than \$16,000 for AMP and 15 other charities. Twenty-nine designers and teams unveiled their eco-friendly fashion creations, crafted from recyclable materials. A sold-out crowd of more than 200 attendees and supporters gathered for the fashion show.

To view more of the fashion show visit:

<https://www.americanmuralproject.org/runway-2023>





Team Success Scholars Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

As the crisp autumn air settled in yet again in the Northwest Hills, the Team Success Scholars held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Friends, peers, classmates, staff and faculty all gathered to enjoy a traditional thanksgiving meal. Once again, the event helped foster a sense of community that extends beyond the classroom and allowed for our campus community to reflect on what they are thankful for.





2023 Staff v. Student Volleyball Game

The Northwestern students showed no mercy this year as they crushed the staff 24 to 2 in the annual Staff vs. Students Volleyball game. With ice in their veins, the students won this years event putting an exclamation point on the two decade old campus tradition.



DEI Excellence Award Program Our DEI passport is NOW available!

What is the DEI Excellence Award?

- An initiative to increase awareness, knowledge, and skills in inclusive, cultural awareness & social justice.

How do I get more information?

- Talk to your CCS 1001 Instructor
- Email NW-DEIExcellence@groups.ct.edu

How do I get started?

- Pick up your DEI Participant Journal at one of the designated locations:
 - Your CCS 1001 Instructor, Library, Dean of Faculty & Students Office (FH103), Office of Disability Services (GW303), Student Activities GW110)





Library Resources

The holiday tradition returns to the Northwestern Library and supports our Student Emergency Fund. To date, the Scholarship Tree has raised \$3,784. Help us decorate our Scholarship Tree once again this year. Purchase an ornament for \$1.00 at the Library. You can sign your name or the name of a loved one on your ornament and place it on the tree.

Proceeds from the Scholarship Tree go to the Student Emergency Fund.

Purchase ornaments in the Library through December 21st!



PTK Fundraisers

Phi Theta Kappa Fundraiser: Two gift purchasing opportunities to raise money for PTK and support our students. Shop at Ridge Runner Soaps and Maple Craft Foods this holiday season.

Maple Craft Foods

CT State - Northwestern's Phi Theta Kappa chapter is partnering with Maple Craft Foods based in Newtown.

13 Flavors of organic maple syrups, maple cream, meal kits, and gift boxes! A perfect gift for the holidays!

Maple Craft is donating 30% of each sale to support PTK and "Food for Thought", the college food pantry!



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Use code "ANE" at checkout

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Or order online at "<https://www.ridgerunnersoaps.com>"

- use the code "ptkpickup" to pick up at our college food pantry, "Food for Thought"
- or "ptk" to get the order shipped to you!

Order before January 5!

Ridge Runner Soaps is donating 25% of each sale to support PTK and the food pantry!



Northwestern Celebrates International Day of People with Disabilities.

In order to bring awareness and celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities, CT State Office for Disability & Accessibility Services (ODAS) and CT Student Disability Council are portraying messages/quotes and information that our students wrote in a unique way and we will display them proudly.

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles". - Christopher Reeve

Plan to stop by the Northwestern Office for Disability & Accessibility Services for a treat.

When: December 4th
Where: 3rd Floor Greenwoods Hall/Northwestern campus



OXFORD CONSORTIUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Are you interested in human rights? Do you love to travel? Then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Students are encouraged to apply for the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights conference held at Oxford University in England. This year's conferences are:

- Human Rights in Climate Emergency and War – March 18th-24th, 2024
- Human Rights and New Technology – July 1st-7th, 2024

Scholarships are available for students interested in applying. You can apply here: <https://forms.office.com/r/8NEgZArqdT>. The application deadline is October 27th with a notification of acceptance or denial by December 9th.

For more information, please reach out to Jessie DePonte, Program Director of Team Success Scholars (jdeponte@nwcc.edu).





Basketball Team Sign Ups!

NWCC BASKETBALL TEAM

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THURSDAY (12/7) 1-3 PM
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Captains:

Madison McLaughlin: mmcla0031@mail.ct.edu

Jake Gladding: jglad0011@mail.ct.edu

Please reach out with any questions!



Gingerbread House Contest

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

12/7/23 11AM- LIBRARY



Rules:

- Students who participate must pick up their gingerbread kit in Student Activities (GW 110) starting on **November 28th**. They must sign for a kit. 1 kit per student and while supplies last.
- Students must use the kit provided but can add anything else they wish, but the house provided must be used.
- **Completed houses MUST be brought to the Library on December 7th, 2023 by 10:45am. You also MUST remove your house by 3pm or it will be discarded.**
- CATEGORIES TO WIN & PRIZES:
 - Best Overall (1st Place)- \$100 Amazon Gift Card
 - Neatest/Cleanest House- \$50 Amazon Gift Card
 - Most likely to be Condemned- \$50 Amazon Gift Card
 - Most Colorful- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
 - Most Creative- \$25 Amazon Gift Card



Northwestern Makerspace

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Monday: 11:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday: 11:00am-4:00pm



Room GW #124

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Student, Faculty, or Staff



If you have an Idea, We have the tools
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Contact
Professor Doug Hoffman
Dhoffman@nwcc.edu
860-738-6332

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Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office is planning to have on campus FAFSA workshops every Wednesday in the month of December from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Keep an eye on your student email account for more details.



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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 860-738-6315



Kids Klostet

The Kids Klostet 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!

Located in Founders Hall Room 207 (ECE Classroom)

For hours and more information, use this QR code to view our site

Make Appointment with Tracy Smith-Michnowicz
tsmith-michnowicz@nwcc.commnet.edu

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STUDENT SUPPORT LINKS

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STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

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Emergency Fund

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

Dr. Ruth Gonzalez, Director of the Office of Student and Community Life
Goulet House, 1st floor (56 Park Place)
email: rgonzalez@nwcc.edu | phone: 860-738-6315

To review the guidelines for applying and to find the application form please visit:
<https://nwcc.edu/nsef/>



FALL 2023 SEMESTER ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST

August 25 – CC Faculty Semester Begins

August 28 – CSU Work Year Starts

August 29 – CSCU Classes Start

SEPTEMBER

September 4 – Labor Day, NO CLASSES

NOVEMBER

November 7 – CC Reading Day, NO CLASSES

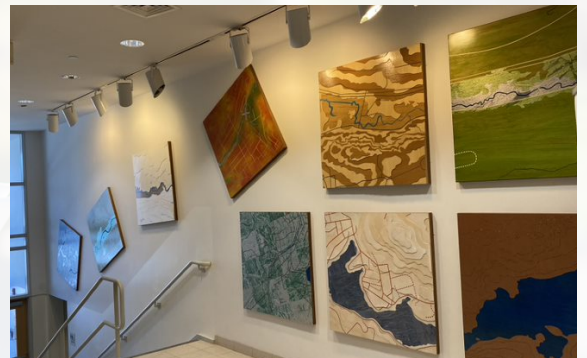
November 22-26 – Thanksgiving Recess, NO CLASSES

DECEMBER

December 11-17 – CSU Final Exams

December 12-18 – CC Final Exams

December 23 – CC Faculty Semester Ends



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