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STATEMENT OF MISSION

The mission of NCMC is to assist individuals in our educational/business community to attain their goals through open admission, reasonable costs, and progressive curriculum and services delivered by a caring, competent staff in a safe, technology-rich learning environment.

Beliefs

1. NCMC cares about the success of individuals and provides them with the resources and environment necessary to achieve our fundamental purpose: teaching them to learn how to learn.
2. NCMC values the potential of individuals and promotes their personal and intellectual growth as lifelong learners.
3. NCMC employees model the responsibility and integrity we expect from others in the college and community.

Objectives

1. Increase the availability of and optimize the management of resources to achieve an excellent educational environment
2. Form and enhance strategic alliances to sustain a dynamic organization
3. Tailor the curriculum and services to help individuals meet the challenges of an ever-changing world
4. Attract and retain a caring and competent staff by valuing the talents and potential of each individual

HISTORY

North Central Missouri College is located in a community that has long valued the benefits of higher education. College opportunities have been a tradition in Grundy County for more than 130 years.

Grand River College, organized in 1850, was the first school west of the Mississippi to open its doors to women. The second institution, Trenton College, opened in 1867, followed by Avalon College, which came to Trenton in 1890. Ruskin College, organized by Walter Vrooman (from England), became the center of a socialistic educational experiment. These early institutions are now defunct.

North Central Missouri College, formerly Trenton Junior College, was founded in 1925 and is the second oldest publicly supported community college in Missouri. In the beginning, it was located on the top floor of Trenton High School in a building located on East Ninth Street in Trenton. The College shared facilities, administration and staff with the high school until the facility became overcrowded. In 1967, the College moved to its present location in the former Central School Building on Main Street. The campus has grown since then to include eight buildings used as instructional facilities, a community center, a student center, a career center, an art gallery, two residence halls and a technology center. In 2007, land was officially given to the College to establish a second campus with an emphasis in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Trenton Junior College officially became an independent entity by action of the voters at a municipal election in April 1986; in July 1988 the College's name was changed to North Central Missouri College.

North Central Missouri College continues to exemplify the values of higher education traditionally important to the citizens of north central Missouri.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

North Central Missouri College is accredited as an institution of higher education by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and The Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (800-621-7440, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org). Also, specific programs within the College carry accreditation by the Missouri Association of College Teachers of Education, Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and the Missouri State Board of Nursing. This recognition and accreditation assures students that work satisfactorily completed at NCMC will be recognized at full value by other colleges, universities and professional schools.

Institutional memberships are maintained in several organizations, including American Association of Community Colleges, Association of Community College Trustees, Chambers of Commerce, Missouri Community College Association, and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Individuals within the College also maintain memberships with professional and collegiate organizations such as: American College Personnel Association, Association of Career & Technical Education, Missouri Association of Collegiate Registrars and Officers, Missouri Association of College Teachers of Educations, Missouri College Personnel Association, Missouri League of Nursing, Missouri Press Association, National Association of College Teachers of Educations, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, National Council for Resource Development, National Council of Teachers of English, and others.

GOVERNANCE

North Central Missouri College is governed by a six-member Board of Trustees. The trustees are elected by patrons of the College district and serve a six-year term without pay. They are charged with the primary responsibilities of setting College policy and the selection of a President to administer those policies. NCMC operates under the general supervision of the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

THE CAMPUS

Located in America's heartland, the campus is centered in uptown Trenton, Missouri. Campus facilities have more than doubled in recent years to include eight structures for instruction, a student center, a success center, two residence halls, an art gallery, and a community center. A progressive campus plan was recently adopted outlining the College's development and planned growth for the next 15 to 30 years.

The Alexander Student Center, just south and east of Geyer Hall, is a one-stop center for most student-related services. The upper level contains the Students Services Department including offices for the Dean of Student Services, Admissions, Counseling, Financial Aid, Registrar, and Student Accounts. A career and financial aid resource center is also located on the main level.

The lower level contains offices for Graceland University and Northwest Missouri State University outreach programs and offices of the Student Senate. It also has a large meeting room and testing room.

Dr. Albert and Vera Cross Hall, located at the northwest corner of campus, contains classrooms and labs for nursing and other health science programs plus faculty offices and a commons area.

Barnes Hall and Freeman Hall are located on the east side of the campus and contain the Academic Resource Center, Student Support Services, the Upward Bound Program and faculty offices.

The Barton Farm Campus is a 138-acre gift from the late Elizabeth and Arthur Barton family and is located on the southeast edge of Trenton. Plans include the construction of numerous classroom buildings and laboratories to enhance the Agriculture and Natural Resources programs of NCMC. Other long range plans include the construction of a greenhouse, test plots, a maintenance building and other physical improvements to expand the college's certificates and degrees in Agriculture and natural Resources.

Baseball/Softball Training Facility located at the corner of 13th & Lulu Streets is an indoor hitting facility for the baseball and softball programs.

Building B, located on Crowder Road north of the campus is the home of the Art Department for the College.

Ellsworth Hall, a residential facility for men, opened its doors in 1994. This modern complex offers students many on-campus advantages. Each room has its own heating and air conditioning unit, a sink plus the convenience of Internet access and cable TV which are provided at no additional charge. NCMC's facility also includes handicapped accessible rooms for students with physical impairments, a laundry area, a computer room, mailboxes and easy access to parking.

Frey Administrative Center, located east of Alexander Student Center, hosts a variety of activities and functions. Offices located in the Frey Center include those for the President, Development, Computing Services, Marketing, Public Relations and Business Offices. The building also features an interactive television (ITV) classroom and the Dorris Rider Art Gallery which houses a permanent art collection and hosts numerous traveling exhibits.

Geyer Hall houses administrative and faculty offices as well as classrooms. The library entrances are located on the first and second floor. The O.G. Sanford Clock Tower above the front entrance, which is named in honor of the College's first president, and the ship's anchor outside are campus landmarks. An elevator and handicapped bathrooms are located in the north entrance addition. A beautifully landscaped central green, with sitting walls and walkways, makes Geyer Hall a community show piece.

Hoffman Hall, located just north of Geyer Hall, houses classrooms, faculty offices and laboratory facilities. A recent expansion doubled the size of the facility with new classrooms, computer labs, science labs, offices and access to a commons area.

Hoover Memorial Quadrangle is the beautiful landscaped area with walkways, sitting walls and open student space located in front of Geyer Hall. Outdoor arts programs, student activities and special events are often held on the quadrangle. The red brick circle in the center is named Henderson Circle.

Ketcham Community Center, completed in the spring of 1998, includes a gymnasium, exercise/weight area, walking track, and coaches' offices. The facility provides for NCMC athletic programs, physical education classes, large group functions as well as community activities and events. The building includes the Sugg Conference Room and the Jeanette Hoffman Robison Auditorium.

NCMC Bookstore, located at 1314 Main Street, offers textbooks, classroom supplies, college apparel, healthcare uniforms and general merchandise to students and the public.

NCCMC's Maintenance Department can be found on Lulu Street, east of the Ketcham Community Center and contains both the General Education Degree (GED) classroom as well as the offices of the College maintenance staff.

The Layson Building houses the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) administrative offices and is located south of campus in the downtown district.

Rehard Plaza, located between Ellsworth Hall and the Alexander Student Center, is highlighted by a brick-red concrete walkway. The local Shakespearean Circle has developed a Shakespeare garden within the plaza. A lovely metal arbor was erected in honor of Virginia Holmes and Maurine Embry and adds beauty to the scenic greenspace.

The Ritze Building, also located on Crowder Road is the home for the Missouri Adult Education & Literacy Professional Development Center.

Selby Hall, a residential facility for women, was completed in 1997. The beautiful facility mirrors Ellsworth Hall with rooms and living areas similar to the men's hall. Selby Hall has a spacious lobby/TV room, lounge and computer room for student use. A full-service cafeteria and dining hall is located on the lower level and provides a comprehensive food service for all resident students as well as commuters, staff and the public.