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## New Student Orientation

*\*Mandatory\**

Accessible through myEagle, student orientation is a free series of videos, pictures, and information beneficial to a student's success at NTCC.

A series of quizzes will be scattered throughout the slides to test students' knowledge and attention.

Students have unlimited access to the orientation and may pick up on their progress at any time. Students must review the orientation in their first semester, or they cannot sign up for classes the following semester.

The "I want to learn more about" button will provide additional information on any of the topics at the end of the orientation.

### How to access online student orientation:

1. Go to MyEagle Portal.
2. Select the "Student" tab.
3. Select the "MyEagle Orientation" tab.

## Emergency Notifications

Northeast Texas Community College offers an Emergency Alert Notification System to help keep students, faculty and staff informed in case a situation were to arise. These alerts are used to convey urgent information including safety drills, campus closures, weather notifications or other potentially hazardous situations. Students

are automatically signed up to receive alerts when they get accepted into the college using the phone number provided on their application. It is important to keep all contact information updated. Students can also opt out of receiving emergency notifications at anytime. However, remaining in the system is strongly encouraged.

### How to update your emergency contact information:

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your college  
experience

Reset Password



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## NTCC's Online Content

### MyEagle Portal

To log in to myEagle Portal, you must use their NTCC log-in information.

The username consists of the first initial of your first name, your full last name, and the last three digits of your Social Security number. The password is your eight-digit date of birth, MM/DD/YYYY.

Once logged in, the "Student" tab will be visible. This is where you will find the majority of their information.

### Student Email

Student email accounts will be the official means of communication between you and your instructors and the college.

Your email needs to be checked every day for updates on student activities, college events, announcements, alerts and messages from instructors.

On the "Student" page of myEagle Portal is a "Student Email" tab. Login information for myEagle Portal is identical to that of your student email and Blackboard.

To avoid having to check the email each day, download the Microsoft Outlook app to receive instant notifications of new emails.

### Blackboard

Blackboard is an online schooling platform for all your classes. Here, you can access the class syllabi, assignments, grades and additional information from the instructors.

The profile picture will create a drop down menu when clicked on. This is where you will find grades, updates, and announcements.

On the upper left hand corner of the main page, is a "Student Resource" tab, where you will have access to information about Student Services, tutoring, technical support, the Testing Center and Learning Commons.

You can download the Blackboard app on your smart phone to receive notifications.

### Microsoft Office

Microsoft offers Office 365 to all NTCC students free of charge.

To download, go to [www.office.com](http://www.office.com) and sign in with your student login. From there, select the "Install Office" tab on the upper right corner of the page.

On the Office website, you can download everything Microsoft has to offer, including Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

## President's Welcome

"Welcome to the 2024-2025 academic year at Northeast Texas Community College and to this special edition of the NTCC Eagle. For almost forty years, NTCC has been the College of Choice for the many students who have started here and gone on to pursue rewarding futures in a wide variety of professional careers. I think you have made a great decision to enroll and advance your education with us.

In addition to the more than 100 credit programs available, NTCC offers an active campus life with award-winning student organizations and a rich variety of student, athletic, and world-class cultural events to round out your Eagle experience. I hope you will take every opportunity to explore all the many possibilities. And remember...our caring faculty and staff



always stand ready to focus on your success.

In the words of our college song, "Minds are in the making here, Hearts are in the waking here, Mighty undertaking here...Eagles Soaring On!"

Thank you for choosing Northeast Texas Community College. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Dr. Ron Clinton  
President  
Northeast Texas Community College

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## Student IDs & Parking Stickers


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Jesus said: "If you continue in my word, you will truly be my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8: 32- 33).

Join reverend Mike Kimmel, Dr. Andrew Yox and others on Monday 12:30 – 1:20 p.m during lunch in Humanities 102, on the north end of campus as we consider God's good news for us.



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MONDAY, OCT 14 • 12:30 • HUM 101  
M. J. Hayes, Author/Story Teller

MONDAY, OCT 21 • 12:30 • SUB  
"Bigfoot Booth" (PTK will have a Bigfoot booth at the Club Fair, members will attend the Bigfoot Conference on October 19 in Jefferson)

MONDAY, OCT 28 • 12:30 • HUM 101  
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Speakers: Linda Alford and Chuck Johns

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Work4College students work on “balancing their monthly budget” during this summer’s Mad City budgeting simulation event. Going forward, the new title will change from Mad City to Money Matters. The simulation is designed to help students learn the importance of budgeting their finances.

## NTCC students learn that money really does matter

### Special to the Eagle

Northeast Texas Community College has hosted “Mad City” budgeting events to help its students learn how to manage their finances successfully for the past few years.

The college recently purchased the budget simulation, formerly known as “Mad City” and renamed it “Money Matters.” “Stepping into adulthood can be overwhelming and scary at times,” Linda Forest, NTCC financial literacy coach, said. “At NTCC, we not only prepare our students academically, but we also want to prepare them to be fiscally responsible. The Money Matters budget simulation is just one way we try to do that.”

Forest said they always like for the faculty and staff to volunteer and work

the booths. She said it is “a great way to connect with our students and promote the importance of thinking ahead and budgeting well.”

Participants in the Money Matters budget simulation are given a budget and life scenario that requires them to visit each booth to determine what they can or cannot afford. The will booths are designed so the students have to make decisions on “purchasing” insurance, homes, cars, groceries, etc. The simulation is designed to provide all the information that the volunteers need to help the students make their choices.

“The simulation is a fun and realistic taste of how much it costs to live in today’s world,” Forest said. “Our goal is to help students understand the importance of budgeting and living within their means.”

COME JOIN THE FUN

# NTCC

## ENGLISH CLUB & HONORS SOCIETY

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NTCC students enjoy some play time on the pickleball court located on the north side of campus. The courts are open days and evenings. The pickleball courts are also marked for tennis play.

The Fitness Center offers a selection of machines and weights for any workout.

## Discover student activities on campus

**By : Avery Woods and Jahaziel Chavez**

Staff Writer

While college is full of amazing learning opportunities, Northeast Texas Community College also offers a host of on-campus, fun activities for students to enjoy when they are not hitting the books.

Students are always encouraged to join one of the many NTCC student organizations offered on campus. The full list of organizations and clubs can be found on the NTCC website's homepage by clicking on the "Student" tab and then scrolling down to the "Student Life" link.

Along with the list of organizations, this page also provides information on various campus activities, a how-to for joining the student government association, a PDF version of the student handbook, various registration forms and other student-related material.

Remember, it is never too late to start a workout journey and get in shape by heading down to the NTCC Fitness Center, located on the east side of campus just inside the college's main entrance. The center includes a selection

of weights and workout equipment for both beginners and those who are a little more athletic. Adventurous students are invited to try the latest pastime making its way across the country, pickleball. The tennis and pickleball courts are located on the north side of the main campus right beside the SIM Center.

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It is always fun to hang out with friends while enjoying some JO's coffee and a snack from the Caddo Café. While studying in the college library, located inside the Learning Commons, take some time to enjoy the Caddo Indian pottery and the artwork of famous African American artist and muralist, John T. Biggers.

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The NTCC campus is also home to a seven-hole, disc golf course. The course is located on the college's front lawn and begins just across from the Fitness Center. Students also have access to the outdoor basketball and

volleyball courts sitting just inside the entrance to the softball and baseball field complexes.

Along with ping pong, pool and shuffleboard tables in the SUB, avid gamers have the chance to experience even more exciting action in the new Esports gaming lab located in the Industrial Annex building.

The room includes 15 gaming computers and monitors that offer enhanced graphics for players. The lab is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-11 a.m. on Friday.

Students who enjoy board games are invited to join the Tabletop Club each Thursday from 2 p.m.- 6 p.m. in Humanities Room 102. Film buffs also have a place on campus Thursday night at 6:30 when Film Club members gather in Humanities Room 129 to view a variety of movies.

The Film Club, which is celebrating its 16th year this fall, will feature Robin Hood movies through the month of October during its annual fall film series.

Anyone looking for some culture and entertainment can take in one of the many events held each semester at the



LILIANA TORREBLANCA | STAFF PHOTO

**Welding student Orey Gentry “pushes start” in the new Esport gaming lab located in the IA building. The lab is open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Friday.**

Whatley Center for the Performing Arts.

A list of upcoming events and ticket prices can be found on the NTCC homepage by scrolling down the page and clicking on the “Whatley Center for the Performing Arts” link. Grammy Award winning artist Pam Tillis will begin this year’s events with her performance on the Whatley stage October 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The NTCC Theatre Department also produces a student play each semester under the direction of Dr. Page Petrucka.

The student cast and Petrucka will be performing *Wait Until Dark* written by Frederick Knott on November 14-16. View the Whatley schedule for a list of times for each performance.

It is always time to show some school spirit by rooting for NTCC’s Eagle soccer, baseball, softball, and rodeo athletes. Information on each sport and a list of the game schedules and rodeo performances can be found on the NTCC homepage by clicking on the “Athletic” tab.

The men’s and women’s Eagle soccer teams are currently in their regular season working hard this fall to make it to the playoffs. The rodeo team will host its annual rodeo October 18-19 at the Mount Pleasant Rodeo Association arena on Greenhill Rd. FM 2152. Check the website for performance times.

Local church ministries also offer students the opportunity to take part in a variety of religious-based activities on campus each week.

The Wesley Fellowship provides meals for students on Monday and Tuesday at the Wesley Fellowship Center located on FM 1735 just before the campus’ north entrance. The Wesley Fellowship, which is a campus ministry of The United Methodist Church, hosts its Soup and Salad Monday and Taco Tuesday meals from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Baptist Student Ministry provides a meal and hosts a Bible study for students each Monday night at the BSM building located just off of FM 1735 behind the baseball and soccer fields. The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible study starting at 6.

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant hosts its On-Campus Bible Study and pizza for students each Monday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in Humanities Room 102. Pastor Mike Kimmel leads the weekly Bible study.

So, for anyone who says, “There’s nothing to do around here,” they might want to think again. The Northeast campus offers a variety of organizations and activities designed to enhance the college experience for all NTCC students.

## Student Organizations

- Active minds
- Ag Club
- Bio Chem Club
- Business Club
- Carroll Shelby
- Cosmetology Club
- The Eagle News Media
- Eagle Rodeo
- Eagle Soccer
- Eagle Baseball
- Eagle Softball
- Film Club
- TableTop
- Honor Society
- Library
- Nurse Organization
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Physical Assistant Club
- Psi Beta National Honor Society
- Pride Flock
- Sigma Kappa Delta
- Social Work Club
- Sociology Travel Club
- Student Government Association
- Wesley Fellowship
- Baptist Student Ministries



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

## NTCC cosmetology program offers hands-on learning





# Salon services provided by cosmetology students

By Liliانا Torreblanca  
Editor in Chief

The Northeast Texas Community College is thriving with students from all over the world who are constantly learning, growing and enriching the college community. One of the many programs offered at NTCC is the cosmetology program, which educates aspiring beauty professionals.

Under the direction of Necah Posey, the cosmetology program is designed for students to use hands-on learning to gain practical experience. The students then

have the opportunity to use what they learn by offering salon services to the campus and the community at large.

Students receive guidance from the instructors and learn comprehensive training in hair and skin care, nail artistry and salon management. These skills are then displayed through the services they provide to their customers.

This fall, the cosmetology department will offer a wide range of hair and nail services to NTCC students and staff and the local community at affordable prices every Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from October 24 to December 5.

## MANICURE

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| BASIC MANICURE<br>(hand only) | \$9  |
| SPA MANICURE<br>(hand/arm)    | \$11 |
| HOT OIL MANICURE              | \$13 |
| DRY MANI W/ GEL POLISH        | \$12 |

## PEDICURE

|  |      |
|--|------|
| BASIC PEDICURE<br>(feet only)                                | \$12 |
| SPA PEDICURE<br>(foot/leg) NO MASK                           | \$16 |
| DELUX PEDICURE<br>(choose theme, includes mask & hot towels) | \$20 |
| GEL POLISH   | \$3  |

## ADD ONS

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| NAIL TRIM          | \$2          |
| PARRAFFIN WAX      | \$3          |
| NAIL ART           | \$1 PER NAIL |
| FRENCH POLISH      | \$5          |
| HOT STONES         | \$3          |
| NAIL POLISH CHANGE | \$2 PER AREA |

NTCC Cosmetology  
salon services  
begin October 24

# Cosmetology

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|---|--|---------------|
| Shampoo/Style<br>(flat iron, curling iron, round brush, rollers)                                    | All Over Color<br>(single color)   | \$25          |
| Shampoo/Deep Condition/Style  | Color Re-Touch   | \$15          |
| Style (No Shampoo)  | Deluxe Re-Touch<br>(with glaze)  | \$25          |
| Simple Braid  | Standard Perm/Relaxer  | \$25          |
| Up-Do Style   | Spiral Perm  | \$30          |
| Silk Press<br>shampoo, flat iron, deep conditioning treatment)                                      | Piggy Back Perm  | \$40          |
| HAIRCUT        | FOIL HIGHLIGHTS  | Start @       |
| Woman's Haircut<br>(shampoo included)   | Full Head  | \$35          |
| Shampoo/Cut/Style   | Partial  | \$25          |
| Men's Haircut<br>(shampoo included)   | Accent Foils<br>(up to 12 foils)   | \$20          |
| Neck Trim/Edge Up   | Toner/Demi-Permanent Color   | \$10          |
| WAXING         | Balayage with Toner  | \$40          |
| Eyebrow Wax   | Extra Ounces/Product   | Adds \$5-\$10 |
| Lip Wax   | MAKEUP  |               |
| Chin Wax  | Basic Makeup   | \$5           |
| Full Face Wax   | Glam Makeup<br>(with eyelashes)  | \$10          |
| FACIAL         |  |               |
| Basic Facial  |  | \$8           |
| Spa Facial<br>(with steamer & mask)   |  | \$12          |

### BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

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# What's your learning style?

By Liliana Torreblanca  
Editor in Chief

It is well known in the world of education that absorbing and processing information is crucial for teaching and learning. NTCC director of Mental Health Services Cindy Stansell said the three primary learning styles, kinesthetic, auditory and visual, all play an important role when it comes to both instruction and learning.

She said while most educators recognize and understand the different ways their students approach learning, students may not. "Sometimes I think students don't even really know that there are all those different types of learning, they just know what they do," Stansell said.

Stansell said it is important to acknowledge and accept that everyone learns in his or her own way.

"I know from my background as an educator and a school counselor, I always tried to encourage all the styles and give

students different skills," Stansell said. "If most of the time you can just hear things and you can remember it, if you can write it down, that gives you a second way to be able to actually process that information so that it's sticking when you get ready to retrieve it."

An article on Rasmussen University's website titled "The Four Types of Learning Styles: How to Accommodate a Diverse Group of Students" explains that each learning style has its own strengths and its own way of sharing knowledge and enabling students to gain valuable information. Along with kinesthetic, auditory, and visual learners, the article also discusses a fourth style of learning, reading and writing.

Stansell said that kinesthetic learners do best when they are provided hands-on activities that allow them to immerse themselves in the learning environment. For example, the Rasmussen article explained that kinesthetic learners might benefit from constructing models and

posters, conducting experiments or building a project. In the classroom, the instructor might try and conduct activities that include these types of interactive experiences to meet the needs of kinesthetic learners.

The YouTube video "What Kind of Learner Are You" shares information on the way physical engagement with learning materials can enhance memory retention and problem-solving skills. This approach aligns well with the idea that muscle memory and active participation reinforce the learning process. Stansell said auditory learners excel in learning situations where listening and verbal communication are emphasized. These students understand concepts better through spoken words, sounds and even music. For auditory learners, lectures and discussions play a significant role in their learning process.

Auditory learners are more apt to benefit from listening to lectures, podcast, audio books and participating in group discussions. The Rasmussen University

article said classroom techniques such as read aloud sessions and verbal explanations on the subjects being taught can also help auditory learners to retain information. Stansell said auditory learners often find that they can remember and understand content better when it is presented in an auditory format rather than through visual aids alone.

The YouTube video "What Kind of Learner Are You" highlights the importance of auditory learning to help process information. It suggests that auditory learners often perform better in subjects that involve language and communication, such as literature.

Additionally, incorporating auditory elements into a lesson can enhance overall engagement and comprehension for students who thrive on sound-based information.

Stansell said visual learners rely heavily on imagery, diagrams and written text to understand and remember information. For these learners, visual representations such as charts, graphs and illustrations are essential tools in the learning process. Visual learning emphasizes the use of sight to process and retain information making it a fundamental approach in both educational and everyday life.

In practice, visual learners might use color-coded notes, mind maps or educational videos to learn, understand and retain information. In the classroom, instructors might include visual aids like slideshows and visual demonstrations to engage these learners. Visual stimuli can enhance memory and comprehension created by mental images that make it easier to recall information.

While kinesthetic, auditory and visual learning styles each offer advantages, Stansell said it is important to remember that students often use a combination of the three styles to learn. Therefore, she said it is important for teachers to provide opportunities for multiple modes of learning in the classroom. "When you're teaching, you lecture, show visuals, and give them some hands-on practice and then let them teach other students in class so they can learn all the way around," Stansell said.

Understanding and applying the three learning styles can significantly impact a student's desire to learn, which can also impact their success. By recognizing and addressing diverse ways of learning, educators can enhance their own teaching methods and students can learn and strengthen their desire to learn and achieve their academic goals.



MANDY SMITH | STAFF PHOTO

Student Ziggy Williams, biology major, takes some time to relax in between classes in the Wellness Center. The Center is open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. The Wellness Center offers an inviting and relaxing atmosphere for students.

## Wellness Center welcomes students

**By Keaslie Monroe**  
Staff writer

Back in May of 2023, NTCC founded the Counseling and Wellness Center, which became available for students to use in August of that same year.

The Counseling and Wellness center, located in the Business and Technology building in room 111, is centered around offering mental health services for students. Director Cindy Stansell is a licensed professional counselor-supervisor (LPC-S), and the Wellness Center's main counselor. She also supervises LPC-As and interns that help in the center, but these people can vary from semester to semester.

Ronda Henry, an LPC-A and intern this semester, provided some information about the Counseling and Wellness Center. She said the Center offers both individual and crisis counseling. Individual counseling is based around day-to-day life issues and

the challenges of balancing school, work and home life. Crisis counseling is focused on immediate traumas that need to be addressed quickly. This could be a sudden death in the family, being the victim of or witnessing a violent act, or losing a job.

Henry said anyone who has gone through trauma, is under immense stress, or is going through a major life change can sometimes develop mental health issues, which is one reason self-care is so important.

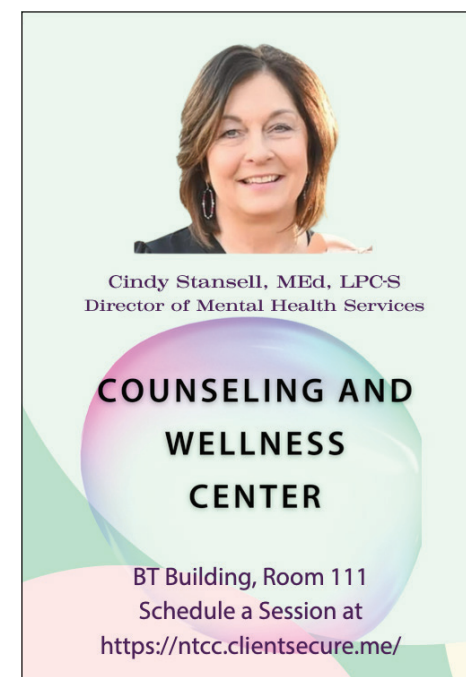
The wellness center counselors provide information on self-care and can help make an individualized plan for each person. Self-care can look different for everyone, but there are some things that anyone can try to do.

Number one, try to get enough sleep each day, which means not sleeping too little or too much. Exercising does not have to be done all at once, but instead can be done in small increments throughout the day. A well-balanced diet is important for

balancing mental and physical health, but on bad days it is good to remember the popular phrase "fed is best." Relaxation can be anything when a person takes the time to slow down and rest. Spending time with family or friends can make people feel connected and less alone.

Henry also mentioned she would "love to see the stigma gone that mental health means there is something wrong." Counseling can benefit everyone. If anyone is unsure about counseling or if anyone thinks their mental health is in good condition, Henry suggested coming in for a "check-up" just like they would at their regular doctor's office.

The best part is that the Counseling and Wellness Center offers their services to students for free. Students can set up an appointment online by going to [ntcc.clientsecure.me](https://ntcc.clientsecure.me) and follow the prompts or call the office at 903-434-8304 and ask to be put on the schedule.





MANDY SMITH | STAFF PHOTO

NTCC student Ariana Jones, stops by the NTCC Care Center's food pantry to grab a few snacks during a break from classes.

## Caring for the campus

*A note from Care Center Mentor Tonya Elmore - The CARE Team is deeply committed to easing the burden of basic need insecurities within our college community. Our mission is to support students by connecting them with essential resources—whether through access to education, nutritious food, advocacy, or empowerment. We believe in every student's potential to succeed; however they define success, and that everyone deserves the chance to have their needs met. It is both our privilege and honor to serve and walk alongside the students of NTCC, ensuring that no one has to face these challenges alone.*



## CARE Center

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**COOK NOOK ~ W M- Th 11am - 1pm**

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## Student Services

### *Student Services Hours*

**Mon-Thur: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Tests must begin by 5 p.m.

**Fri: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Tests must begin by 11 a.m.

### Student Services

- *Testing Center*
- Advising
- Financial Aid
- Admissions
- Transcripts
- Registrar



IAN GRIFFIN | STAFF PHOTO

Nursing students from Left to, Rylee Hutchings, Katie Milhorn take some time off from studying to enjoy Taco Tuesday at the Wesley Fellowship Center.

## Campus ministries offer food and fellowship

By Ian Griffin  
Editing Manager

Northeast Texas Community College has an array of religious organizations for students on and around the campus. As students face academic challenges, these religious refuges allow them to decompress and spend time with fellow classmates who share their faith.

One of the longstanding religious groups on campus is the Baptist Student Ministry, led by BSM director Tim Williams and his wife, Heather. The BSM hosts weekly worship each Monday evening with a meal beginning at 5:30 and Bible study commencing at 6:00. The group also hosts a Bible study each Thursday in the SUB at 6 p.m.

The BSM is supported by local churches through the Harmony-Pittsburg Baptist Association. Williams said the BSM strives to be an encouragement to NTCC college

students. “The BSM exists to engage students with the gospel, equip students to follow Christ and encourage students to transform the world,” Williams said. “Navigating the transformative journey of college life, nurturing one’s spiritual growth becomes paramount.”

Another religious outlet is the Wesley Fellowship Center, located at 2886 FM 1735 Chapel Hill Road, within walking distance, just north of the campus. The Wesley Fellowship Center is an extension of the United Methodist Ministry. The group provides meals two days a week from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in an effort to reach as many students as possible.

As students gather to eat, Brian Walker, Wesley Fellowship director, conducts a short devotional. The Wesley Fellowship, supported by local churches, features Soup & Salad Mondays and Taco Tuesdays.

Dr. Chuck Hamilton, Wesley Fellowship president, said the group provides food

to many who are in need. He said the opportunity for students to fellowship with one another is an added benefit. “What they really like is just to sit and talk. It has been a real game changer for some of those kids,” he said. “They always come. They’re always there.” Hamilton said they usually average feeding around 25-35 students on Monday and around 75-85 students each Tuesday.

Each Monday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Mike Kimmel, pastor of Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, and NTCC History Professor Dr. Andrew Yox

hosts a weekly Bible study and pizza for students in Humanities room 102. Yox said the weekly meeting offers NTCC students from all faiths an opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible. “We basically discuss scripture,” he said. “There are a lot of people who share the commonality of knowing scripture.”

The NTCC campus has several religious ministry opportunities for students to turn to as they juggle the many challenges of college life. Students can lean on their faith as they link up with others while also enjoying a free meal.

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NTCC Agriculture Director Rene McCracken, left, enjoys the Work4College luncheon with Bailey Matej, one of the first students to go through the Work4College program 14 years ago. Matej is now an instructor for the Ag department.

Student Alexander Sarre cleans slides in one of the science labs on campus. Sarre was employed as a Work4College student in the natural sciences department during the program this past summer.

# Work4College program celebrates 10 years

**By Liliana Torrblanca**  
Editor in Chief

For a decade, the Work4College program at Northeast Texas Community College has woven itself into the fabric of the campus and the community. What started as a small initiative to provide students with a chance to work for their education and gain experience in the workforce, has become one of the many staples of the college's identity.

The Work4College program began in 2014 to ease the burden of student debt by allowing students campus employment opportunities during the summer to help pay for classes while gaining valuable work experience. Participants in the program work and earn money for themselves while also saving money for their education.

Over the years, the program expanded its reach and impact. Students gain not only practical skills while participating in the program but also confidence and a sense of responsibility.

"They learn the workplace," Mason May, director of the Work4College program, said. "They are responsible for clocking in and out, showing up on time, communication if they're not going to be there, so they learn all types of life skills."

Students in the program also become part of the workforce and valued members of the campus community. "Now that we are in 10 years, we're actually getting to see the first group start their professions," May said. "We've seen teachers, professors, and we've had several students who were in the program that are now full-time employees at NTCC."

Some of the students who have returned to work for the college are often helping provide the same opportunities they were offered when they were students. Bailey Matej was one of the first Work4College students when the program began in 2014. Today she is an agriculture instructor working alongside Rene McCracken, director of the agriculture department.

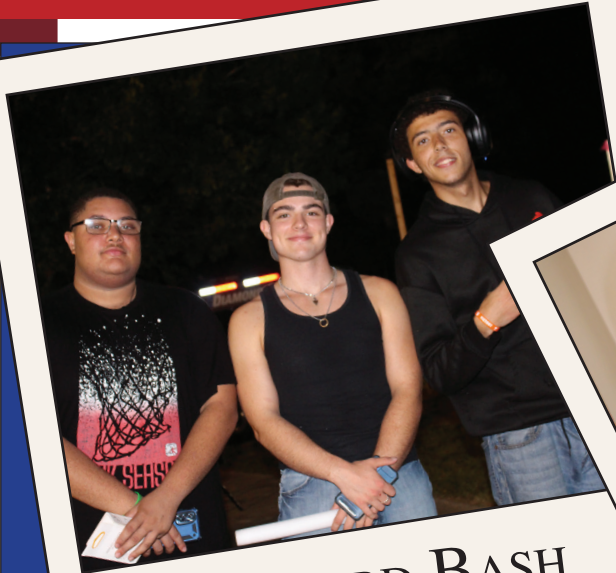
The program's success has not gone unnoticed. Over the years, the Work4College program has become a source of pride for the college and the community. It shows the college's commitment to teaching, nurturing and preparing students for the workforce.

This summer's annual Work4College luncheon, marking the program's anniversary, was eagerly anticipated. The event brought together past and

present participants and current donors to celebrate the decade of growth, learning and achievement. During the luncheon, students had the opportunity to meet and talk with their sponsors and show appreciation for their continued support. During the celebration, the college administration took the opportunity to showcase the students' success and accomplishments and thank the sponsors and donors of the Work4College program.

Looking forward, May said the college plans to continue growing the Work4College program by adding student workers year-round.

The hope is that the small initiative that began 10 years ago will continue transform lives through education and work experience and help students adapt to an ever-changing world.



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