



Welcome to the First NCC Alumni Newsletter

See the latest news

Dear Alumnus,

On behalf of NCC, I welcome you to our newly formed Alumni Network and our first NCC Alumni Network Newsletter! These newsletters will be a way for us to share alumni success stories, events happening on campus, alumni events, new and updated program offerings, Alumni Network and advisory board meetings and more!

The college recognizes the importance of keeping alumni connected to Nashua Community College. The NCC alumni network will strive to provide opportunities for lifelong learning, strengthen ties to our community, establish engagement opportunities, reinforce and grow relationships, contribute to our institution, and highlight success stories of our Alumni.

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As alumni, you help serve an important role in shaping the future of Nashua Community College and we hope you will continue to stay involved and updated as we move forward with the alumni network. In this edition of the newsletter, you will stay updated on recent NCC happenings, including Graduation, our 100% percent online Data Analytics program offering, Electing officers to the alumni advisory board, and more!

If you want to get more involved with the NCC Alumni Network or Alumni Advisory Board, please reach out to me anytime at MMurphy@ccsnh.edu or by phone at 603-931-9896.

Wishing you all the best!

My Best,

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Welcome from



NCC President Lucille Jordan

Dear NCC Alumnus,

Thank you for taking the time to connect with the Nashua Community College Alumni Network. While the Alumni Network is new, the group has already been an incredible source of information, news, and guidance for our college community.

50 Years of Wisdom

Since the Alumni Network launched this March, the NCC Community has enjoyed hearing from students who graduated in the 1970s through our most recent graduating class. Alumni have contributed wonderful stories about their career and educational paths, and shared valuable advice for the next generation of students.

Get Connected

You can help shape the future of the Alumni Network by attending meetings and making your voice heard. Currently, the Network hopes to:

- Share alumni news through this digital newsletter
- Provide opportunities for alumni to connect professionally
- Invite alumni to help shape the future of Nashua Community College through feedback, volunteerism, or contributing to the Foundation.
- Develop an Alumni Advisory Board comprised of members from the Alumni Network to guide the priorities and future of the Network. Officers will be selected at Alumni Advisory Board meetings this summer.

I look forward to hearing more from our talented alumni, and I encourage you to reach out to the Alumni Network to take full advantage of the resources available for our former students. Even though you have graduated, you will always be an important part of our community.

My Best,

President Lucille Jordan





Data Analytics goes online

The 8-course Data Analytics certificate at Nashua Community College is now 100 percent online.

“The program is built for being online since it is primarily computer based,” said Data Analytics student at NCC, Warren Hollinshead. “Also, remote access resembles professional environments more and more today. It seems that remote work is the new normal and I can’t tell you how many online meetings I have with colleagues across the planet every week. This format is here to stay.”

Hollinshead is an analytical chemist and wants to expand his role within his current company, “I took part in the data analytics program to gain knowledge of the avenues used for organizing and understanding large sets of clinical data. My intent is to work with drug design and development in early stage pharmaceuticals.”

The certificate prioritizes flexibility for working professionals. Current students work full-time across industries, from retail and education to health science. While students may come in with experience or degrees in a related area, the certificate is accessible enough for beginners to use to prepare for an entry-level position.

Students can also pick up professional certifications along the way, as the course curriculum aligns with professional certifications in Excel and Tableau. According to Data Analytics Professor Kim Seefeld, “This really is a focus for me because I am angling the data analytics certificate as a ‘job ticket’ type program.”

Data Analytics student Kim Jansen enrolled in the program seeking a career that helped people, “I researched Data Analytics and found I can combine that with my love of law. This way, I can work to protect the rights of people without having to go to trial. My career goals are to work on research, fix the data breach issues, and present easy to read, transparent information to the public.”

For those interested in earning an associate degree, the coursework from the certificate can be applied to the current degree program offered at NCC in data analytics

“Invest in yourself and your future by spending your time in this program,” said Hollinshead. “You will gain more out of it than you could ever expect. The material covered in this program touch on many aspects of a professional career and allow for personal growth in any position.”

Fast track your certificate

Fit a full-time course load around a full-time work schedule through our Accelerated Lifelong Learning (ALL) pathway.

To learn more, contact CTE Continuing Education Coordinator Mackenzie Murphy at mmurphy@ccsnh.edu.

Learn More about Data Analytics at NCC

Contact Professor Kim Seefeld at kseefeld@ccsnh.edu.

Nursing Pinning & Graduation

Nursing Pinning Ceremony Honors 20 Nursing Grads, May 13



From left: Grad Dina Katanga receives her candle at the ceremony, Director Lisa Gray at the podium in Judd Gregg Hall during the Pinning

Last week, NCC celebrated its 18th Pinning Ceremony, a tradition marking the completion of the nursing education program. At the Ceremony, Honorary Guest Speaker and NCC Nursing Professor Erin Beck gave the group her full confidence. “Your ‘Professor Beck’ is now ‘Erin’ to you. I consider you a colleague and would work beside you any day of the week.”

Nursing Director Lisa Gray said grads overcame a difficult year. “This class had to deal with COVID from last spring and throughout the previous two semesters,” said Gray, “Usually, we inform our students that nurses must be flexible, but this group made being flexible look easy.”

Graduate Rachael Desmond praised her peers. “I could not have asked for a kinder group of people to take this journey with, you are all going to be incredible nurses.”

NCC President Lucille Jordan emphasized the importance of their work, “You have the opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life every day. There is no doubt that each nursing candidate here today is truly needed.”

[See story in The Telegraph](#), [Photo album on Flickr](#), [Event Recording on YouTube](#)



Celebrating the 50th Commencement Ceremony for NCC, the Class of 2021 comprised 245 associate degree & certificate graduates, with more than 150 attending in person Friday, May 14.

"I could not find it more fitting that this class be the 50th graduating class of NCC as you reflect the values we embrace: courage, resilience, excellence and hope. As a class, you brought much purpose and humility into our lives during the most challenging time in our 50-year history," said President Lucille Jordan in her commencement address.

"We as an institution hold a deeper understanding of the resilience of our students, and the day-to-day struggles to keep up during such a time of challenges. You have been an inspiration to all. You rose up."

Criminal Justice graduate and Student Senate President Dharma Paradis, spoke to her peers' resilience and dedication to finding their way. "To everyone in the audience and watching at home: thank you for believing in us. And to my fellow graduates: thank you for believing in our community and yourselves. We all know what it took to get here today, and I am so proud of each and every one of us."

Nursing graduate Tamara Amador said while the road to graduation was challenging, it inspired growth for the Class of 2021, "As cliché as it is, there's no gain without a measure of pain, life is about gaining maturity, and you must be perfected by trials."

Amador thanked faculty, family, and friends. "It took teamwork to survive this. We had each other's backs, and I believe these are the kind of people who will always be there for us when we need them," she said. "I look out at this graduating class, and myself, and I see a bright future ahead of us."



Left: President Jordan presenting the President's Award for Academic Excellence to Business Accounting grad Jessica Sennott at the 10 AM ceremony.

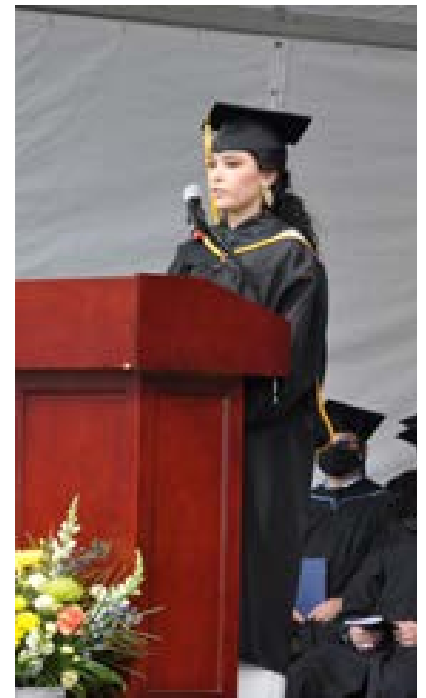


Computer Networking graduate Jessica Elkins (right) received the President's Award for Academic Excellence at the 1 PM ceremony.

>>Commencement 2021

A limited number of family and friends attended in person, with many watching a live stream broadcast from home.

See the story in [The Telegraph online](#).



Top photo - the 10 AM Commencement Procession. Bottom row, left to right: Psych Grad Rachel Caliguiri waits in the lineup; Senate President & Criminal Justice grad Dharma Paradis speaking at the 10 AM ceremony; Nursing grad Tamara Amador speaking at the 1 PM event.

College & Community Events

Community Food Drive

The NCC Alumni Network will be teaming up with the United Way for a food drive outside the Hannaford in Hudson on July 17 from 9am-2pm!

Sign up [here](#) to participate. We need at least 2 more volunteers to help out that day.

Thank you in advance and please email Mackenzie with any questions at MMurphy@ccsnh.edu



NH Gives: Support Student Scholarships at Nashua Community College

NCC is participating in NH Gives, which is a 24-hour online fundraising campaign June 8th-9th. All funds raised will support student scholarships.

An NCC Alumni anonymous donor has also agreed to match donations up to \$1,000. In addition, there will be a \$10,000 matching gift from one of The Foundation for NH Community College's anonymous donors! You will be receiving emails from me to remind you of this 24-hour campaign.

However, if you do not want to wait until NH Gives to donate, you can do that [now](#).

Your support will make an impact and a difference in the lives of our students. Thank you!



Save the Date!
Give Opportunity to NH Community College Students
24 hours of online giving
JUNE 8-9

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#NHGives



Meeting Invite & Elections

At the next Alumni Network meeting **7 PM Wednesday, June 16**, we will be nominating individuals for officer positions and a survey will be sent out to vote on your next Alumni Advisory Board Officers.

Want to run for a position? See the position descriptions and the explanation of the Alumni Advisory Board below.

What is the Alumni Advisory Board?

Purpose - The Advisory Board exists to further the mission and vision of the Alumni Network and serve in a consultative capacity to the leadership of Nashua Community College.

Membership & Officers

Individuals serving on the Board shall be known as Members. Members elected to serve in an official leadership function of the Board shall be known as Officers.

1. Alumni Advisory board will vote on officer descriptions
2. Nominations will be sent out via google form to the alumni network
3. A Meeting will be held by the Alumni network to nominate and elect new officers. Candidates will give a speech as to why they would like to run for a given position.

Officers

The following officer roles shall be elected by majority vote.

Chair

- Responsible for general oversight of the board
- Calls Special Meetings as needed
- Communicates with other officers and members of the Alumni Advisory Board
- Presides over meetings
- Ensures all business conducted by the board upholds the bylaws
- Represents the board in communication with College leadership
- Serves as a tie-breaker in case there is a tie vote

Co-Chair

- Performs functions of the Chair in his/her absence and as delegated
- Collaborates with the Chair in oversight of the Board
- In the event that the Secretary can no longer perform his/her duties, the Co-Chair shall fill the role until the nomination and election process can take place
- In the event that the Treasurer can no longer perform his/her duties, the Co-Chair shall fill the role until the nomination and election process can take place

Secretary

- Documents all business conducted by the board
- Compiles minutes of board meetings
- Maintains record-keeping procedures in accordance with the bylaws
- In the event that the Co-Chair can no longer perform his/her duties, the Secretary would fill the role until the nomination and election process can take place



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Treasurer

- Oversees the Alumni Network budget and expenditures
- Works closely with the Faculty Liaison to execute funding and ensure events are within the club's budget
- Assists with fundraising initiatives for the alumni network/advisory board
- In the case of resignation of a treasurer, an election would take place to elect a new treasurer

Events Coordinator

- Organizes digital and in-person events with Chair/Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer
- Collaborates with Treasurer to budget and pay for events on behalf of the Alumni Network
- The Events Coordinator would take the place of the Public Relations Officer in the case that the Public Relations Officer can no longer fulfill his/her duties until an election can take place

Public Relations Officer

- Responsible for the public-facing image of the Board and Alumni Network
- Maintains communication between the Board, alumni, students, and the media
- Responsible for social media presence of the Board - Facebook Page and LinkedIn
- Responsible for advertising events via print and digital media as necessary
- The Public Relations Officer would take the place of the Events Coordinator in the case that the events coordinator can no longer fulfill his/her duties until an election can take place.

Faculty Liaison

- This member is always a member of the College faculty/staff
- Represents the interests of the College and its students on the Board
- Serves in an advisory capacity to the Board ensuring alignment with the College mission, vision, and values
- Communicates routine Board activities to College leadership
- The Faculty Liaison will be appointed by the College Leadership team

All are welcome to join the next meeting Wednesday, June 16 at 7 PM! Contact Mackenzie Murphy to RSVP, mmurphy@ccsnh.edu



Kolby, Marketing, Class of 2021

Hailing from Mascenic Regional High School, Kolby first enrolled at NCC “on a whim,” and is now off to pursue his four-year degree at the University of Tampa in Florida.

“I plan on attending the Sykes College of Business at The University of Tampa to pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration/marketing starting next fall,” said Kolby, adding he received a “significant” scholarship toward his studies. “I also am going to be living and working in Phoenix, Arizona for 3 months this summer, where I will be interning for a startup that specializes in ad tech and digital marketing for publishers.”

NCC Experience: Kolby first experienced NCC through the Early College program while a student at Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich, NH. After high school, he was unsure what to do, and enrolled at NCC “on a whim.”

“It felt like the right decision to make as I was not real confident with what I wanted to pursue, but I knew I wanted to study business.” He first considered majoring in accounting to break into finance and possibly become a financial analyst or advisor, but found a better fit with marketing. “I felt as though it better catered to my analytical-creative personality.”

Now with an associate degree behind him, and a path mapped out for his bachelor’s degree, Kolby said NCC was the right choice, “I could not be happier with that spontaneous decision.”

During his time at NCC, Kolby said the small class atmosphere and rapport with faculty stood out. “Being able to get to know my professors personally and have them aide me, not only in the classroom, but outside of it as well with career and continuing education advice has been my favorite part.”

“The business program has amazing professors that truly care about their students,” he said, and singled out Business professor and department chair, John Carlisle, Professor Patricia DiLorenzo, and Honors Coordinator and Professor Stephen Meidell for their support.

“[They] are all people who have provided so much guidance, advice, and wisdom and they do not receive enough credit for the value they provide.”

Choosing a Program: “The most challenging part of my program was probably finding the right niche and career within my major that I wanted to pursue.” He hasn’t selected a concrete career path, but said he’s eager to explore his options, “I think NCC has certainly prepared me for not only my bachelor’s program, but my future employment as well.”

Transferring to The University of Tampa: Kolby began connecting with transfer advisors at NCC and potential four-year institutions early so he could plan ahead – and it paid off. “I talked to a lot of academic and business school advisors both at other universities and NCC and they were all very willing to help with course equivalencies, requirements, financial aid, and any other questions I had.”

“People want to help, do not be afraid to just ask. Start early, ask lots of questions, do your research, and be open to new and different ideas and pathways.”



Tayla, Liberal Arts, Class of 2017

From Merrimack High School, Tayla Schipilliti chose Nashua Community College as a starting point toward a Bachelor's degree. She earned her Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from NCC in 2017, before transferring to Bryant University and launching her career in Digital Marketing.

"NCC was a great fit for me because of the convenient location and ability to create a flexible schedule," said Tayla, a Merrimack High School graduate. "I was initially interested in NCC because it provided an opportunity to earn credits at a lower tuition that could be transferred through the dual admission program."

After graduating high school, Tayla was unsure of what direction to go for her future career and wanted to try a variety of classes to explore her interests. "The Liberal Arts program at NCC allowed me to do this and it is how I discovered that I really enjoy marketing!"

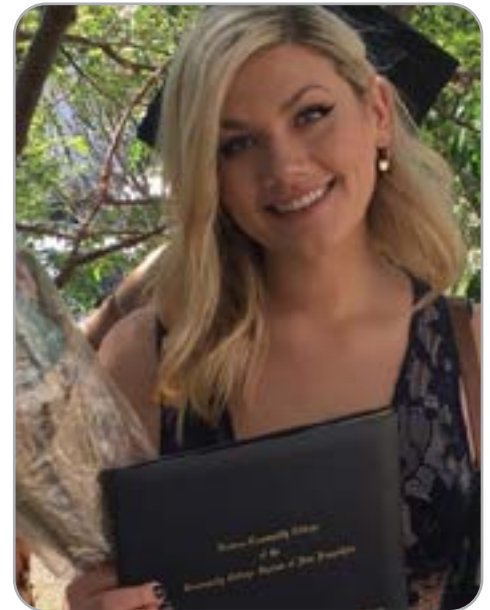
While at NCC, she said the small class sizes and diverse student population benefited her overall experience. "I think that taking classes with students of varying education levels and work experience enhanced the program by allowing different perspectives, therefore creating a richer learning environment."

Transfer Experience - NCC to Bryant University: "After graduating from NCC, I transferred to Bryant University where I pursued my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing and a minor in communication. During my time at Bryant University I became involved in campus life by joining the Big Brothers Big Sisters club, Bryant Marketing Association club, Digital Marketing Team, and was a member of the Mu Kappa Tau Marketing Honor Society."

Career Pathway - Digital Marketing: Following her graduation from Bryant University, Tayla started her career in Digital Marketing as a Digital Advertising Associate at Carnegie Dartlet. "In my time here, I have learned so much about digital marketing and moved on to become a Digital Advertising Specialist where I work to help clients develop and implement their overall digital marketing strategy."

Advice for Future College Students: "If I could give any advice to prospective NCC students, it would be to dive in and take full advantage of the resources and network that NCC has to offer and to never pass up an opportunity to learn, grow, and get involved," said Tayla, adding that everyone is on their own educational journey, and students don't need to take a traditional path to succeed.

"I would have never known to look for the best marketing programs in the area or be able to afford my degree at Bryant University if I hadn't started my journey at NCC."



Career Training & Accelerated Learning



Students can get career-ready with fast-paced career training such as the **Microelectronics Boot Camp & Coding Boot Camps**

Microelectronics Boot Camp

The 10-week, noncredit [Boot Camp](#) prepares students for entry-level ribbon/wire bonding and manual epoxy dispense and die attach positions at local companies. Grads are guaranteed an interview with the boot camp's founding partner, BAE Systems. Since its founding more than 4 years ago, the hiring rate has stayed close to 95 percent. **Contact: Jon Mason, jmason@ccsnh.edu**



Coding Boot Camp: Learn to be a Front or Back End Web Developer in 18 weeks

Front End Software Development: students take 3 courses to learn the skills and technologies necessary to enter the industry as a Front End Software Developer: Introduction to JavaScript, Front End Technologies, and Web App Design with React.

Back End Software Development: students take 3 courses to learn the skills and technologies necessary to enter the industry as a Back End Software Developer: Introduction to Java, Relational Databases with MySQL, and Web API Design with Spring Boot.

How it works: Students meet online once a week. In addition to the weekly class meeting, students meet once a week for a remote, 30-minute one-on-one with a mentor. Students start each academic week on Sunday and are required to watch all videos and start working on assignments/projects before their meeting online to be prepared. **All Coding Boot Camp grads are guaranteed an interview with Minim in Manchester.**

Interested in both pathways? The Front and Back End Coding Boot Camp sessions are scheduled consecutively, and returning students get a discount.

Contact Kim Eckenrode, keckenrode@ccsnh.edu





Get Involved! We're here for you

CONTACT US!

Alumni Coordinator Mackenzie Murphy

Mackenzie Murphy, CTE Continuing Education Coordinator and Director of Alumni Services is a 2017 graduate of NCC.

Mackenzie received her Associate Degree in Teacher Education, transferred to Granite State College to earn Dual Bachelor's Degrees in Business Management and Psychology and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration.

Mackenzie looks forward to continuing to expand the Alumni Network!

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Thank you for reading our June Newsletter! Stay tuned for more news from NCC!

"Nashua Community College provides quality, academically rigorous, higher-education programs, focused on the diverse needs of the student and the community"

- NCC Mission Statement

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