



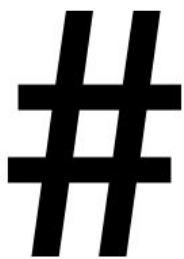
WESTERN WEEKLY

from the desk of ... *Dr. Vincent Solis*

Happy Friday, members of the WNC family. It is almost the start of the fall 2018 term. Next week, the campus will begin to see increased activity as our faculty begins coming back to campus and more students visit prior to the start of the school year. In the last couple of *Western Weekly* updates we have been highlighting the importance and roles of some of the programs, services, activities and departments that help make up the team here at WNC. One of these areas includes our Student Services units. In higher education



we provide services that help develop, promote and enhance the quality of life for our students. Student Services includes everything from counseling/advising, mentoring, student life activities, student leadership development, student organizations and other programs that help students not only transition to WNC but also succeed while on campus. Many times the team members in these areas work weekends and/or evenings to help bring the campus to life with events that foster student engagement. If you know any of the team members that work in these areas, be sure to thank them for all they do to support our students as they experience all that WNC has to offer.



HASHTAG THIS ...

#WNCReach4Stars2018

If you are planning to volunteer or attend the Foundation's Reach for the Stars Gala this weekend, use this hashtag when sharing photos on social media.

#IamWNC2018

Welcome Back activities are coming up soon. Use this hashtag on social media posts to mark the start of the new semester.



FACULTY MEMBER OF THE WEEK: RON BELBIN

Student Success Librarian Ron Belbin, who enjoys taking chances, moved 6,000 miles across the entire Atlantic Ocean and continental United States with just a black Labrador and a suitcase. He married a sailor and followed her around the world, moving up to three times in one year! (Fortunately in the same country). As a result, Ron is able to change quickly and often, and embraces the opportunity to try new things.

Curiosity took him to the British library to research for the New Variorum of Hamlet. He learned to sail at 6,000 feet on Lake Tahoe and is planning to mountain bike across the 40-mile desert. He is always looking for new experiences and things to learn. Currently, he is wrestling with guitar chords.

His greatest pleasure at work is stoking curiosity in others and collaborating in the discovery of new understandings. Ron would like to invite you to join us as we reimagine the library and discover opportunities to enliven the learning experience.



Dustin Cheney and his 7 year old son, Levi

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK: DUSTY CHENEY

Most everyone at WNC is acquainted with Dustin Cheney, or “Dusty,” as he is called by most. Dusty began working at Western about 16 years ago as a work study student on the Grounds side of the Facilities Department. We were all so impressed with his work ethic that when a position opened in the Grounds Department, Dusty was hired to fill the position. After working in Grounds for a few years we took advantage of his knowledge and skills and moved him to the Buildings side of Facilities. As an essential employee in the Buildings Department, Dusty helped build, repair and install many structures and fixtures throughout the campus; over the years, he became a proficient electrician as well. For the past two-plus years Dusty has been managing all projects on all campuses as Project Coordinator II.



ADJUNCT FACULTY OF THE WEEK: MICHELLE PELTIER

Michelle Peltier is WNC's part-time graphic designer in Information and Marketing Services. She has the tall task of developing and updating all WNC ads, publications, schedules, fliers, banners, posters and more ... which totals more than 350 individual jobs a year! Michelle has worked at WNC since 1992. 2018-19 will be her final year at WNC ... she's looking forward to retiring to spend time with her husband and family.

GOOGLE TO FACILITATE CLASSES THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Grow with Google's event in Reno on Monday brought more than 500 students, business owners and entrepreneurs to the Nevada Museum of Art. WNC, one of 20 organizations partnering with Google for the event, hosted a table. Demonstration booths and classes were available to attendees. Grow with Google provides a suite of classes from Applied Digital Skills to Get Your Business Online. Look for these facilitated classes this fall through Community Education.



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS OF THE WEEK

Our Educational Partners of the Week are from the Oasis Academy in Fallon. Pictured are Ms. Rochelle Tisdale on the left and Ms. Melissa Mackedon on the right. They serve as principal and chief academic officer, respectively, for Oasis Academy. Working together Ms. Mackedon and Ms. Tisdale provide leadership to the largest charter school in the Fallon area. They are also key partners in our Jump Start program as many of their juniors and seniors take classes with us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUPE RAMIREZ

Ms. Lupe Ramirez, WNC's Coordinator of Latino Outreach, has been selected to receive the 2018 Nevada ACT Postsecondary Champion award from the American College Testing (ACT) group. We are extremely proud of Ms. Lupe Ramirez and all the work she's done with our students and in our community. Thank you for everything you do, Ms. Ramirez. Congratulations and way to represent WNC on a national level.





WNC TEAM RECEIVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSIGHT AT FALLON MEETING

Members of the WNC team, including Holly O’Toole, Angela Viera, Dr. Georgia White, Lupe Ramirez and Dr. Vincent Solis, attended the Churchill Economic Development Authority Business Council this past week in Fallon. Speakers presented on the latest workforce numbers and also on the types of skills that will be needed to meet the future needs of employers in Nevada.

KIM DES ROCHES LEADS PREVENTION OF SUICIDE TRAINING



Ms. Kim Des Roches, Academic Director for Liberal Arts, led training this past week for individuals to become aware of how to help in the prevention of suicide. Ms. Des Roches has been working to provide these extremely important skills to individuals for many years. Anyone interested in adding these potentially life-saving skills to their "tool kit" should consider connecting with Ms. Des Roches to learn when the next training will take place.

VICE CHANCELLOR, REGENTS ATTEND FALLON MEETING

Several members of the WNC team met with community members in Fallon to go over services offered at the Fallon campus. In addition to having a great turnout of community representatives, we were also joined by our Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Mr. Nate Mackinnon as well as NSHE Regent Carol Del Carlo and Regent Allison Stephens. It was a great meeting that also had an element of strategic planning for the college led by Dr. Georgia White.





FALL CLASS TO HELP REDUCE STRESS

Stress Less. Live More.

Community Education at Western Nevada College is pleased to offer a brand new Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction course beginning October 2. Thousands have benefited from this comprehensive, eight-week course. MBSR is offered as a complement to traditional medical treatments, and helps to treat work, family and financial stress. It can also help with many common conditions, such as sleep

disorders, fatigue, headaches, anxiety and high blood pressure.

In this intensive training, you will learn to approach life with more composure, energy, understanding and enthusiasm from Center for Mindfulness-qualified MBSR instructor Heather Haslem. Fall 2018 classes will meet every Tuesday from Oct. 2 though Nov. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m., with an all-day retreat on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information or to register, please visit www.wnc.edu/continuing-education or call 775-445-4268.

