



Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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Please provide a bulleted synopsis of major activities and projects in which you or your organization are engaged that you would like to share with the group.

October – December 2016

- 10/20/16, In honor of WNCC's 90th Anniversary, the 5th Annual Art Exhibit at WNCC opened on 10/20/16 with a record number of 90 artists showcasing their talent. Representing 18 panhandle communities, 19 different genres of art, and encompassing youth as young as 5th grade and artists in their 90's. NPR interviewed Judy Amoo on 10/12/16 to talk about this unique opportunity for art entrepreneurs.
- 11/7/16, DECA Regional Conference was held at WNCC with 250 juniors and seniors from across Nebraska and Wyoming competing in 13 marketing events and being evaluated by 50 judges.
- 11/17/17, Judy Amoo and Paula Abbott from WNCC attended the Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit at Innovation Campus in Lincoln.
- 12/1/16, Blake Martin, Certified Franchise Executive and SCORE Volunteer in Omaha, offered a workshop on "Is Franchising the Right Fit for Me?" at WNCC in Scottsbluff.
- 12/1/16, Blake Martin, Certified Franchise and SCORE Volunteer in Omaha, offered a workshop on "Business Ownership" at WNCC in Sidney.
- 12/5/16, seventeen students from Scottsbluff High School took the Gallup EP10 survey, and met with a panel of five local entrepreneurs who also took the EP10 survey, sharing insights about how their strengths had helped them cultivate their entrepreneurial talent. The intention was to get the high school students thinking about how to develop their talents as young entrepreneurs.
- 12/7/16, Scotts Bluff County Tourism Committee presented WNCC with a certificate designating the 90th Anniversary Historic Exhibit at the Legacy of the Plains as an "Official Event of the Nebraska 150 Celebration" taking place in 2017.
- 12/29/16, Scottsbluff Masterminds, a local grassroots entrepreneurial club, held end of year reflections and looked ahead at plans, goals, and new format for 2017.

Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)

Please provide date, event title and web links to information:

January – March 2017

- 1/26/17, Brandon Dirkschneider of Broker's Clearing House in Omaha, will be offering workshops and client meetings on Business Succession Planning in Alliance, Sidney, and Scottsbluff on January 26 – 27.
- 2/6/17, ESI Club in Mitchell to start. 1/11/17, Three WNCC ESI graduates competed in a contest sponsored by Senator John Stinner and UNL Extension open to any 5th - 9th grade student who had completed the ESI Program. Since 2013, 43 students have completed WNCC's ESI program. Three of WNCC's students were selected – 9th grader Andrew Franco from Mitchell, 8th grader Grace Payne from Mitchell, and 8th grader Josie Amoo from Scottsbluff. The students pitched their business ideas in the

Rotunda of the Nebraska State Capital Building to the Nebraska State Senators and a panel of judges. They also got to tour the Capital and observing the legislature from the Galley prior to the contest

- 2/17/17, In preparation for the Social Entrepreneurship Conference to be held in June 2017, WNCC is working with a panel of professionals to develop a breakout session to identify a model of supporting businesses who choose to work with at-risk youth.