



## Fall 2020 Update

State Board of Technical Education

October 8, 2020



LAKE AREA  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# Mitigate Risk & Maximize In-Person Education

- Bubbles within bubbles
- Prevent passing virus between bubbles
- Minimize interaction between bubbles at each level
- Safeguard those at higher risk
- Keep everyone informed/communicate



**Goal:**  
**Safeguard FARs and**  
**Mitigate Risk**  
**to**  
**facilitate student**  
**success**



**The most important level of bubble is the individual bubble Your bubble – your job!**

- **Keeping the virus from getting in OR OUT!**
- **Are you**
  - social distancing at least 6 feet! OR
  - If not 6 ft, use a physical barrier (wall, plexiglass)? Or
  - wearing a facial covering & distancing at least 4 feet?
- **Are you washing/sanitizing your hands?**
- **Are you taking care of yourself? Stay healthy!**
- **Are you practicing this off campus?**
- **Have you let your department know if you are at risk?**





- **Emphasis on Personal Responsibility**
- **Contact Tracing Process**



# Fall 2020 Enrollment

	FALL 2020	FALL 2019
CREDITS BILLED	28,817.5	28,516.5
STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS	1882	1816
UNDUPLICATED HEADCOUNT	2217	2228



# Enrollment Trends and Analysis

## **TOTAL STUDENTS**

- 2217 total students starting Fall 2020

## **NEW STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS**

- 1882 students in programs
- Up 3.6% over Fall 2019 (1816)
- 15 programs increased enrollment
- Largest Increases:
  - Professional Pilot (17),
  - Business (15),
  - Financial Services (7)

## **DUAL STATUS**

- 326 students enrolled in 1,516.5 credits this semester
- Decreased 59 students from Fall 2019 (385)

## **ONLINE**

- Online Students: 508 students (22.91%)
- Increased 54.4% over Fall 2019 (329)
- Students enrolled in 1 or more online courses : 986 students (44.47%)
- Increased 39.5% from Fall 2019 (707)



# Outstanding Industry Support – A Highlight

## No Cost/Low Cost Leases

<b>TOTAL VALUE OF LEASED EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,568,639.02</b>
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF \$0 LEASE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 1,526,404.02</b>



# THANK YOU!!

# Prairie Lakes Healthcare Center of Learning



- New Construction – 24000 sq ft
- Renovation of 49000 sq ft
- Ultimately adds 300 students
- \$7.1M Project
- \$0 Burden on Students
- \$0 State Bonding Dollars

## THANK YOU!!





# ASPEN/SIEMEN'S STEM Excellence Award

- Welding Technology named a winner of the Excellence and Equity in Community College STEM Award by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the Siemens Foundation
  - One of 8 Awardees in the Nation
  - Virtual Campus visit Oct 26/27th



# MSN.com: Top Colleges in America for 50 different Rankings

- Top Trade School in the Nation



## Top college in America for 50 different rankings

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Best trade school: Lake Area Technical College

- Location: Watertown, SD
- Undergraduate enrollment: 1,566
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 17:1
- Acceptance rate: 100%
- Graduation rate: 75%
- Six-year median earnings: \$36,900
- Two-year employment rate: 95%

[Lake Area Technical College](#) offers 30 programs that vary from welding technology and cosmetology to financial services and registered nursing, including 15 online degrees that can be completed remotely. The school provides more than \$400,000 in scholarships and boasts a 99% graduation placement rate. In 2017, it was named the Aspen Prize Best Two-Year College in the Nation.



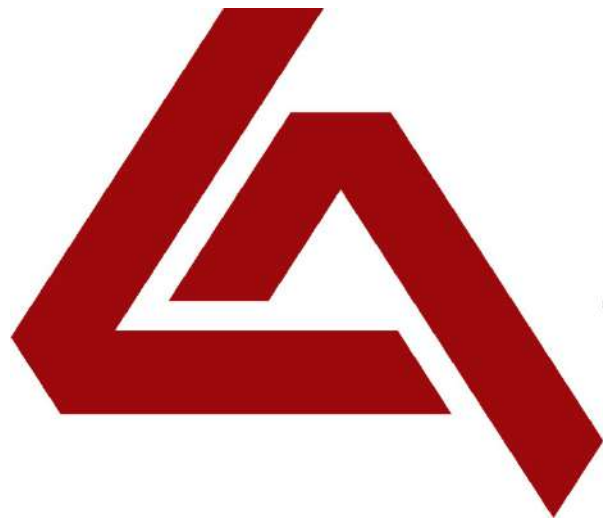
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# Loss of a Past President

- Gary Williams, age 74, passed away Saturday morning. Gary served as President of Lake Area Technical College from 1990-2006 and served as Watertown Mayor from 2009 to 2013. Our deepest sympathy to his friends and family. He will be missed.





# LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Check out our new website at [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu) !!!



# Mitchell Technical College

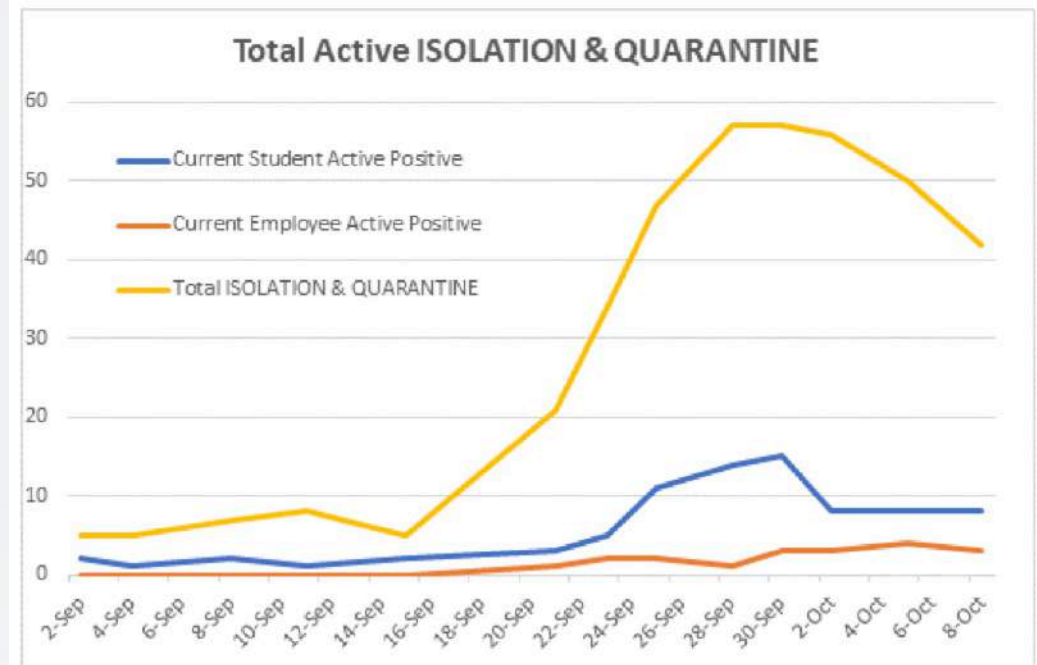




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# MTC Campus Updates

- ❑ Full in-person classes began August 24
- ❑ COVID plan “Return to Campus, Remain on Campus is effective
  - ❑ Masks required
  - ❑ Social distancing in classrooms
  - ❑ 24/7 air handling
  - ❑ Frequent MERV filter replacement





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# MTC Campus Updates

- ❑ Fall enrollment level with last year; number of credits has increased
- ❑ HLC accreditation virtual visit scheduled for October 26-27
- ❑ Recruiting for RN program (Fall 2021) has commenced
- ❑ Replacement signage underway with new name and logo



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# MTC Facilities Updates

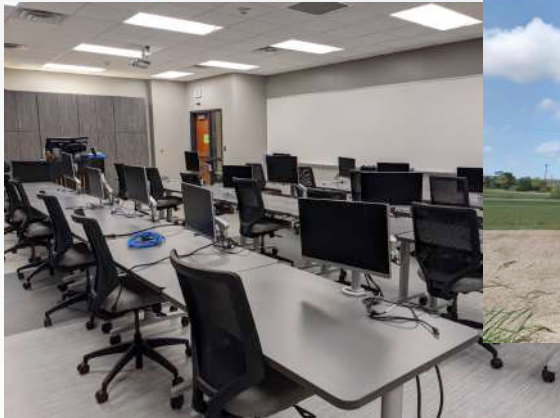
- ❑ Renovation of new Student Lounge and Muth Electric Commons complete
- ❑ Updated entrance to Muth Electric Technology Center
- ❑ Several classrooms and labs renovated including IST, Gen Ed, Wind Turbine Tech
- ❑ Two new donated Morton buildings constructed by students located in utility field for vehicle and tool storage





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# Industry Support

- ❑ C & B Operations providing donated leases for fourth consecutive year
- ❑ Use of 20 farm implements including tractors, combines, sprayers, planters and utility equipment for construction and energy programs and campus maintenance
- ❑ Lease value at \$240,000; purchase value at \$4.7 million



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# Industry Support





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# MTC In The News



In this 2017 aerial photo, Mitchell Technical College is pictured. Republic file photo



## With name change, Mitchell Tech rolls out new branding

**By Marcus Traylor**  
Mitchell Republic  
A new name means a new look for Mitchell Tech. Mitchell Technical College, as it is now known effective July 1 following South Dakota legislation that changed the official names of all four

and imagery to go with the new name, which also debuted on Wednesday.  
The change includes a brighter green and black color combination for the new logo, which now features only an angled letter "M," as opposed to the former logo that included the MTI name. The updated wordmark features the same "M" from the old "MTI" but

emphasis on the word Mitchell. It is the first name change for the school since 1992, when it changed from Mitchell Vocational Technical Institute to Mitchell Technical Institute. Mitchell Tech Vice President for Advancement Julie Brookbank said the college is changing its branding for the first time in about 10 years.



Mitchell Technical College introduced its new name and new logo on July 1, 2020, emphasizing its identity as Mitchell Tech. Courtesy photo



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A line of tractors make their way towards the Nordby Trades Center as part of a tractor parade starting at C&B Operations in Mitchell to South Ohlman to Spruce Street on it's way to Mitchell Technical College on Thursday afternoon. Matt Gade / Republic

## PARTNERSHIP PUTS LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN HANDS OF MITCHELL TECH STUDENTS

**By Erik Kaufman**  
Mitchell Republic

"Today is going to be eye-opening. We have 170 students in our ag-related programs, and the majority will

The procession of implements marked the fourth year of a partnership between Mitchell Technical College



## Mitchell Tech's Wenner is in rare territory with Finish Strong scholarship

**By Erik Kaufman**  
Mitchell Republic  
One Mitchell Technical College student is getting a leg up with tuition and schooling costs thanks to a scholarship funded in part by a foundation started by Mike Rowe, the television personality known for his time on the television series "Dirty Jobs."  
Austin Wenner, a native of Atkinson, Nebraska, was informed earlier this year that he had been named a recipient of a Finish Strong Scholarship. The scholarship, valued at \$5,000, is expected mostly to go toward tuition for Wenner, who is in his second year at Mitchell Tech as a precision agriculture technology major.  
"I didn't think I was going to get it," Wenner said. "I really didn't. It was quite a surprise."  
The Finish Strong Scholarship is open to



While not having a heavy background in agriculture, aspects of precision agriculture technology held an appeal to him. He had worked for farmers during his high school days, but said the full-time life of owning and operating a farm was probably not for him.  
"I helped on a farm through my high school summers, so I'm familiar with the farming world. But being an owner, not as much," Wenner said.  
Wenner said he became aware of the scholarship through an email sent out by Mitchell Tech. It included forms to fill out and required an essay on why Wenner thought he would be a worthy recipient of the scholarship.



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### COVID-19 Dashboard

Southeast Technical College is committed to transparency when reporting COVID-19 data. The STC COVID-19 Dashboard reflects the number of known cases of COVID-19 on campus that are self-reported by students and employees. The data includes active cases and those individuals who are actively isolating or quarantining. Please note, ***the accuracy of self-reported data cannot be guaranteed.***

Some Southeast Tech students complete classes/clinicals at locations outside of Sioux Falls and others take classes completely online. These students are also asked to notify Southeast Tech if they test positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms; however, as a result, our data may not align with the South Dakota Department of Health data.



## % of Fall Semester Enrollments by Student Type

	Fall 19		Fall 20	
	Total	% of Students	Total	% of Students
<b>Enrollment Total</b>	2456	100%	2426	100%
<b>Degree Seeking</b>	1931	79%	1885	78%
<b>Program Prep Degree Seeking</b>	194	8%	231	10%
<b>Total Degree Seeking</b>		<b>87%</b>		<b>88%</b>
<b>Dual Credit</b>	271	11.0%	235	9%
<b>Concurrent Credit</b>	9	0.4%	0	0%
<b>Non-Degree Other</b>	51	2.1%	43	2%
<b>UpSkill Cohort</b>			32	1%



# Part-time vs. Full-time Students

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total Part-time
# of Students	16	24	185	34	52	144	154	112	122	155	168	1,166
# of Credits	16	48	555	136	260	864	1,078	896	1,098	1,550	1,848	8,349
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Total Full-time
# of Students	187	245	129	253	154	114	126	28	4	18	2	1,260
# of Credits	2,244	3,185	1,806	3,795	2,464	1,938	2,268	532	80	378	44	18,734

## FALL 2020

- 48% of the students enrolled for Fall 2020 are part-time. *(52% of students are full-time)*
- 31% of the credits for Fall 2020 are taken by part-time students. *(69% of credits are taken by full-time students)*

## FALL 2019

- 44% of the students enrolled for Fall 2019 are part-time.
- 26% of the credits for Fall 2019 are taken by part-time students.



# BUILD DAKOTA APPLICATIONS & AWARDS

- **Cohort 6 Applications = 402**
- **Cohort 6 Scholarships Awarded = 92**
  - 79 In-state awards
  - 13 Out-of-state awards
- **Cohort 5 Industry Sponsors = 92 (all of them!)**
  - Represents highest number of sponsors
  - Avera (Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Yankton); Diesel Machining; Electric Supply Company; Electronic Systems, Inc.; Firesteel Healthcare; Grand Prairie Foods; Hoffman Diesel; Howe Inc.; Huron Regional Medical Foundation; IMEG; Krier & Blain; List Electric; Marmen Energy; Marv's Body Shop; Midwestern Mechanical; Monument Health; Muth Electric; Palisade Healthcare; Pioneer Memorial Health; Platte Care Center; Prairie Heights Healthcare; Raven Industries; RDO Equipment; Sanford Health; SD Dept. of Corrections; SD Dept. of Transportation; SF Ford; SF Specialty Hospital; Sioux International; Sorlien Electric; Verne Eide; and Vollan Oil:



## New Program Development

- Construction Trade - Certificates (Fall 2019)
- Medical Assistant - Diploma (Fall 2019)
- Commercial Class B Driver's License (Fall 2019)
- Telecommunications Tower Technician – Certificate (Spring 2020)
- Dental Assistant - Diploma and A.A.S. (Fall 2020)
- Veterinary Technician - Diploma and A.A.S. (Fall 2020)
- Paramedic Science – Associates (Spring 2021)



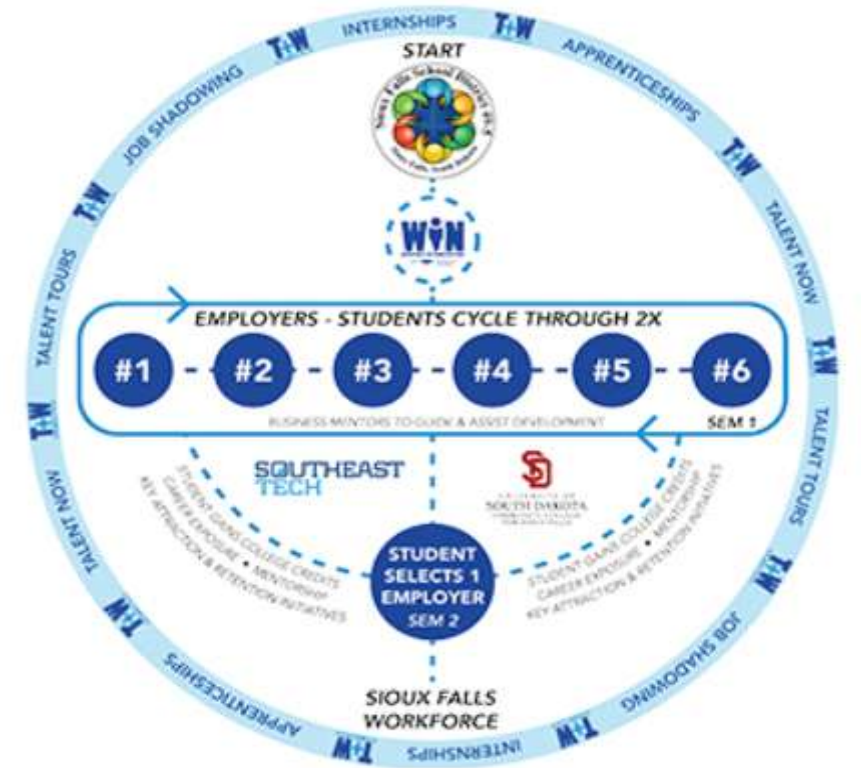
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## Building on Successful Pilot Programs

- Expansion of dual credit opportunities
  - Avera Academy/Classrooms to Careers Pilot
  - Career Connections – Sioux Falls Development Foundation
  - SF School District; Harrisburg High School; Tea High School; Brandon High School

# CAREER CONNECTIONS



# Recognition & Honors

## Southeast Tech's LPN Program Ranked #2 in Midwest

NursingProcess.org Studies 660 Schools

Southeast Technical College's LPN program is ranked No. 2 in the Midwest by NursingProcess.org. The study looks 660 programs in the region and bases its findings on NCLEX-PN pass rates, academic quality, the nursing school's reputation and affordability.

[READ THE STUDY](#)

[LEARN ABOUT THE LPN PROGRAM](#)



## Southeast Tech Ranked No.8 in Brookings Institute Study

596 Two-Year Colleges Part of Study on Middle-Class Mobility

Southeast Tech was recently ranked No. 8 in a study by the Brookings Institute on middle-class mobility in higher education. Each institution was analyzed to see how a school's selectivity, size, or sector impacts students' future economic outcomes.

Building on the College Scorecard Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, the Opportunity Insights Mobility Report Cards use de-identified data from tax returns, linked to information about colleges, to construct a publicly available database for colleges in the United States. Although they provide many measures in the Mobility Report Cards, the Opportunity Insights team focuses primarily on upward mobility for the lowest-income students—those whose parents' income falls in the bottom quintile—and on the likelihood that those students make it all the way to the top earnings quintile as young adults. This "Bottom-to-Top" measure of mobility is important, but it is not the whole story. It is important to also consider the prospects for students from a broader range of the income distribution, and in particular from middle-class families.

## Medical Assistant Program Ranks Most Affordable

MedAssistantEdu.org Lists Top 40 Diploma Programs

MedAssistantEDU.org recently named Southeast Technical College's Medical Assisting program among the most affordable diploma options for 2020-2021.

The organization did a deep dive into the tuition rates of every CAAHEP- and ABHES-accredited medical assistant diploma program in the U.S. in search of the most affordable options. Here are their findings:

-from [MedAssistantEdu.org](#).



## Southeast Tech Ranked in the Top 10 Community Colleges

The Guide to Online Schools recently published its 2020 Best Online Community College Rankings nationally and by state. Southeast Tech is featured in their rankings. Southeast Tech is listed No. 8 nationally and No. 1 in the state of South Dakota.

- [2020 Best Online Community Colleges: #8](#)
- [2020 Best Online Community Colleges in South Dakota: #1](#)

Guide to Online Schools' national list includes the 25 best accredited schools across the country, while their state lists highlight the top community colleges in each state for prospective students who plan to stay local. Both the overall and state lists were ranked by several important factors, including retention rate, graduation rate, percentage of online enrollment data and the number of online associate degrees offered. They also provide a manually researched tuition rate, sourced from each college's official website.





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Thank you. Questions?

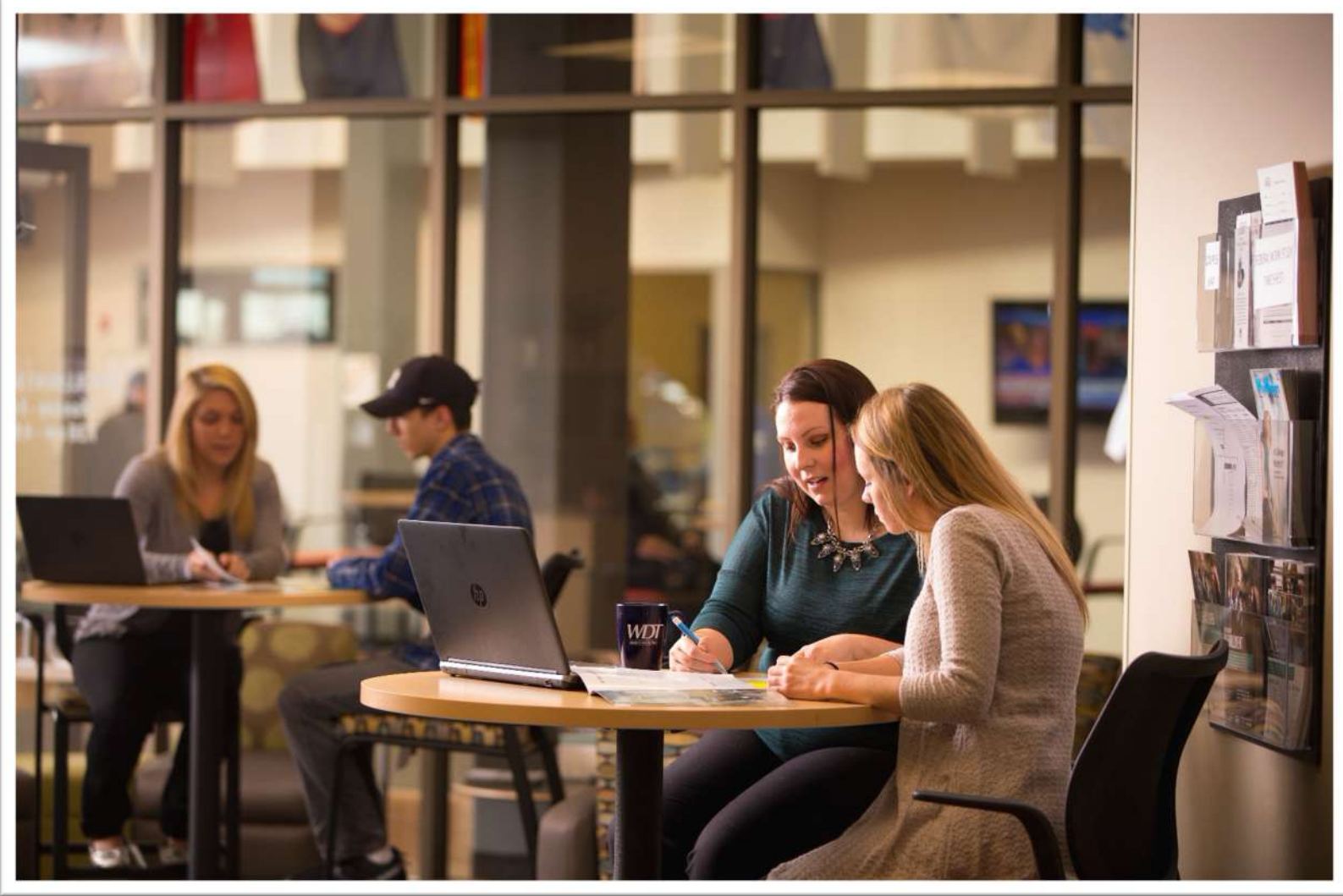
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## Higher Learning Commission Update:

- Notification about new board sufficient (completed). No additional paperwork required.

## Federal DOE:

- Notification completed. No additional paperwork required.

# WDT Separation from RCAS



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# New Board of Trustees—Responsibilities

Hire and evaluate WDT President.

Approve budget and purchases over \$25,000.

Approve local fees.

Approve policies.

Ensure WDT has resources and support needed to maintain accreditation with HLC and to deliver the quality outcomes generally expected of an accredited college in 2020.



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# Board of Trustees Members

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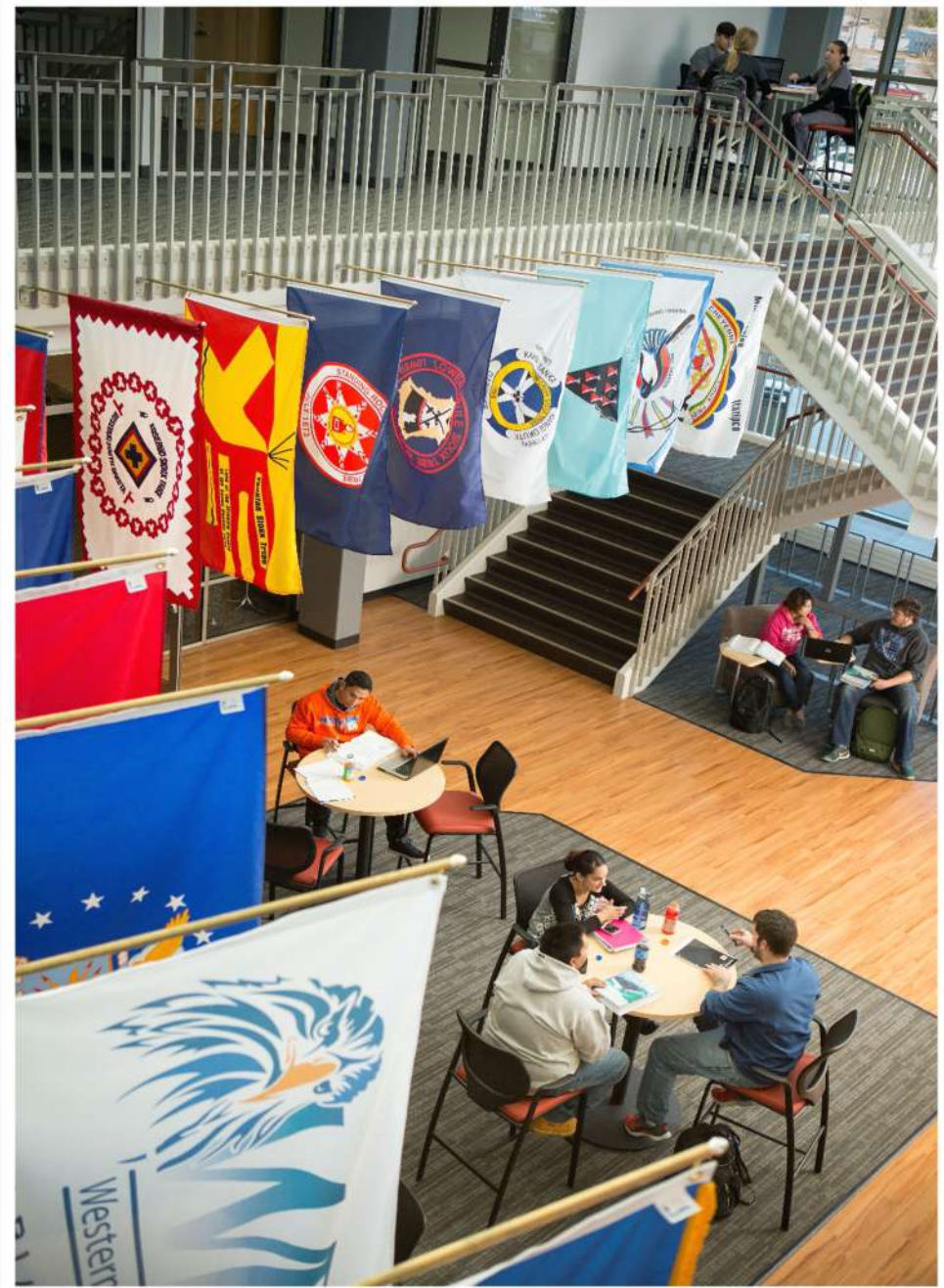
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# Work Thus Far



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# New Mission Statement

Western Dakota Technical College prepares students to be highly-skilled professionals through accessible, career-focused programs to improve their lives, while adapting to community workforce needs and positively impacting our economy.



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# Separation Tasks Left for WDT

It's all about the audit—

Adopting Jenzabar financial and HR modules.

Running budget and HR items through RCAS' Skyward system.

FY 2021 audit will be based on the numbers in Skyward.

State auditor general providing guidance into WDT's new set up in Jenzabar to ensure a successful audit when WDT's financials are no longer in Skyward.



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# WDT Whitewood Site Update

## Pandemic—

- On-going need for social distancing.
- Original space too small for lab skills with social distancing.

## Plan B—

- City of Whitewood offered the use of Hale Hall and City Hall.
- Large, open lab area.
- Space for storage, faculty offices.
- T-1 Internet line.
- Reasonable price.

## Oct. 19—

- WDT and Whitewood City Council meeting to discuss.
- Currently enrolling LPN students for Spring 2021.

- ✓ BON approval received last week.
- ✓ HLC approval materials submitted—waiting to hear back soon.



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