

Way to Go, GBC!!

Wonderful things are happening!

1. Veterans Resource Center is hopping. Thank you, Jacob!

On a daily basis the Veterans Resource Center continues to service more and more of our communities Veterans. Our student Veterans are feeling more and more welcome on campus. This is due to the environment that we have created here at GBC and especially in the VRC. Not only do our student Veterans take advantage of this valued service, but our students (non-Veteran), faculty and staff also stop by to take advantage of our coffee and snacks. This is important because it allows our Vets to see the support that our college and community provide for their success.

We are rural from start to finish, and this demands more responsibility and dedication on our part to provide these services to our Veterans. GBC as a whole has superbly supported our Veterans. This can be seen at various areas of the college. Our SGA sanctioned student ran Veterans club, the Battle Born Veterans Club has been able to increase Veteran awareness and patriotism in our community by the college allowing them to have a invisible wounds of war monument (tree and place-mark by Berg Hall) and the 24hr. lighting of our colors.

There are many aspects of help and encouragement of our Veterans that we could showcase from the VRC. We provide an encouraging environment by acknowledging, honoring, and addressing all of our Veteran's needs, all while helping them attain their educational goals. The VRC's mission is as widespread as the rural GBC service area. Our main goal is to provide Military Veterans with the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education. However, our services are open to our entire community by providing the proper local, state, and federal resources to meet the unique needs of each Veteran; to include their families.

2. GBC Child and Family Center.

The center has a new director, Sarah Carone. Welcome Sarah! The center received a 5 star rating through Nevada Quality Rating Improvement System. They are one of the only three 5 star rated centers in Nevada.

3. Social Work Program-Thank you, Wendy!

There were 10 rural students that completed their core curriculum and core social work classes at GBC who were accepted into the socialwork program at UNR this year! All students for the past 3 years who took the licensing exam passed and they are now employed either in state funded positions or non profits.

4. Theater-Thank you, John!

The GBC Theatre Program is back up to speed. 25 students are now in rehearsal for William Shakespeare's A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, which will run October 20-24, continuing a tradition of the performing arts providing an important community outreach for the college.

The GBC Music Series has been revitalized. In a partnership with the Western Folklife Center, Tony Furtado performs September 18. Another important community outreach event for GBC.

This semester marks the inauguration of the GBC Concert Choir. More than twenty students are participating in the choir as a continuing education course. Next semester, students will be able to earn college credit for their participation. Each semester will end with a public concert. This semester, the choir concentrates on holiday music for a December performance.

5. Science-Thank you, Carrie!

Pete Bagley recently took students on a field trip to Yellowstone National Park to discuss the flora and fauna of one of our gorgeous national parks. David Freistroffer is leading the way with the new BS in Biology. Carrie Meisner is increasing enrollment in geology by creating online courses for GEOL 101 and GEOL 102 with face to face field trips and offering the courses as dual credit to high school seniors. Gary Hannington, our resident Elko Daily contributor, continues to impress the community with his extensive scientific knowledge and humorous wit.

6. Health Sciences-Thank you to the department. I had multiple submissions!

Paramedic Program is up and running which is housed in Winnemucca. The RN program has started with IAV and instructors in Pahrump and Winnemucca.

The Nevada Society of Radiologic Technologist's state meeting will be held at GBC, April 29 and 30th. We will be hosting the first student bowl with prizes.

7. Library-Thank you, Eric Walsh!

The library has expanded the hours to Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. The new Bachelor's Degrees got approved! Bachelor of English (Online) and Bachelor of Science. Thank you, Frank for reminding me and thank you to all the people involved in making these happen!

9. We have a new Faculty Senate Representative for Part-Time Faculty, Sheri Sanchez. She served this year and has agreed to serve this year. Thank you, Sheri and Byron!

10. Student Services-Thank you, Lynn!

Kayla McCarson and Cassie have been working in partnership with the Elko Chamber of Commerce to organize the Community Career Fair. The Chamber has been a great help in advertising and we hope to have over 40 businesses participate. In comparison to other fairs GBC has held, we will offer a table with resume and interviewing assistance as well as a different block of hours to accommodate more applicants. We hope this career fair will not only be beneficial for students but also for departments to network with different businesses.