

On the cover:

“What is the College Tour?”

The Casper College episode of “The College Tour” is now streaming on Amazon Prime, YouTube, other streaming services, and the CC website. The show is an exciting look at Casper College while highlighting the stories and experiences of 10 students.

The “College Tour” series tells the stories of colleges and universities worldwide. The Casper College episode features campus life, academics, housing, sports, activities, and more as seen through the eyes of 10 students. Each student segment provides an inside look at what it’s like to be a student at Casper College.

L-r, starting with the top row, Wyatt Eadus, Lucy Jane Crimm, Dawson Pater, Alex Head, Keely Shaye Ottersbach, Valerie Liska, Ethan Connery, Jordan Napier, Jael Reyes, and Kaitlin Flower.



You'll get a good introduction to these students in this annual report, but be sure to watch their full episodes. Scan the QR code to see more.

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Kaitlin Flower | A.S. in Forensic Science 2024/Health Science/Pre-Med

Life After College

“Choosing Casper College was about taking charge of my future. From enrolling in the high school equivalency program at just 17, to graduating with honors in forensic science, I had everything I needed to push myself further than I ever thought possible.

“I’ve come to know Casper College as more than just a place for academics; it’s been a community for me. I found the small class sizes meant I could actually get to know my instructors and ask questions without feeling intimidated.

“I am now pursuing forensic nursing, which isn’t easy, but I know I’ll be able to count on my instructors and peers to help guide me through the challenges of nursing school. My instructors always push me to go beyond what is expected, which helps me build the confidence I need and will need to face whatever comes next.

“I’m living proof that no matter where you start, with the support of a community like this, anything is possible. Education is about more than just exams and textbooks; it’s about pursuing your dreams.”



Jael Reyes | Chemistry

Getting the Support to be a Student and a Student Athlete

“If you had told me I would end up at Casper College as a young teen, I wouldn’t have believed you. If you ask me today about Casper College, I could go on forever about how great it is.

“Coming from such a caring community at my local high school, transitioning to college was a breeze. The support from every staff member, from the academic advisers to the lunch ladies to the instructors, was unbelievable.

“As a soccer player, I was nervous because being a student-athlete is known to be a challenge, especially when balancing work and sports while traveling. But at Casper, all my instructors had my back. I was a chemistry major, which could be very challenging. But with office hours, a STEM learning center, and dorm tutors, the resources (at Casper College) made it less stressful than I expected. But the best part for me was the financial aid. CC helped ease the cost of college by providing a website with exclusive scholarships for students.”

Letter from the President

Dear Casper College Community,



As we reflect on another transformative year, I am proud to share the progress that continues to define Casper College as a cornerstone of opportunity, innovation, and impact in Wyoming and beyond. Our vision, to provide “Education for a Lifetime,” remains the driving force behind everything we do, and 2025 has been a powerful example of what happens when that vision meets momentum.

A Year of Measurable Impact

This year, we released the results of our latest economic impact report, which affirmed what we have long known: Casper College is a powerful economic engine. With an annual impact exceeding \$173.8 million in income to Natrona County and a student gain in lifetime earnings of \$5.60 for every dollar they spend on their education, the college is not only changing lives through education but also fueling prosperity throughout Natrona County and the state of Wyoming.

Strategic Vision, Real Progress

Our strategic plan continues to guide our efforts with four priorities in mind, including student enrollment, retention and success, program development and innovation, community outreach and educational partnerships, and employee engagement. In the past year, we’ve made substantial headway on key priorities. These efforts are anchored in our “Students First” philosophy and a firm belief that student success is community success.

Preparing for the Future of Energy

One of the most exciting developments this year has been our growing involvement in the emerging nuclear industry. With the potential for nuclear energy to play a significant role in Wyoming’s future, Casper College is actively engaging with industry leaders and workforce partners to explore how we can prepare students for careers in this critical field. Our recent trip to the Idaho National Laboratory deepened these discussions and helped shape future curriculum development in energy and advanced manufacturing.

A New Series for Lifelong Learning

We also launched our inaugural Community Learning Series, welcoming community members to engage in conversations that matter from nuclear energy and the future of Wyoming’s economy to gaining a better understanding of our tax dollars and their impacts. This series is off to a great start and just one way we are expanding access to education and making space for curiosity, collaboration, and connection.

Looking Ahead

We remain committed to growing programs that are relevant, responsive, and rooted in excellence. Whether you are a student pursuing a degree, a local employer seeking talent, or a community member exploring a new idea, you are part of what makes Casper College extraordinary.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in the work we do. Together, we are building futures, strengthening communities, and creating pathways to success today and for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Brandon Kosine

Brandon Kosine, Ph.D.
President, Casper College

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How does Casper College Drive Economic Growth in Natrona County and Wyoming?

Have you ever wondered what economic value Wyoming's community colleges, specifically Casper College, have on the economic growth in Natrona County and even the state? A study was done by Lightcast to provide answers.

The study revealed that Casper College has a total economic impact on Natrona County by providing an additional \$173.8 million in added income. Alternatively, the college's total annual impact supports 2,496 jobs. "Economic impact describes the positive contributions that Casper College, including its employees, students, and alumni, has on local and regional economies," said Chris Lorenzen, public relations director.

The economic impact that Casper College has on Natrona County is eye-opening:

- **Job Creation:** The college directly employs over 400 faculty and staff, and its operations support hundreds of additional jobs in the community through local spending. One out of every 24 jobs in Natrona County is supported by the activities of Casper College and its students.

- **Economic Stimulus:** Casper College impacts the economy through its payroll and other spending, while its students contribute through their daily spending. These expenditures translate into \$36.3 million spending impact through payroll and other spending.

On the student side, their spending equates to \$4.9 million in added income to the county.

And don't forget the alumni of Casper College. The increased earnings of CC alumni and the businesses they work for total \$132.6 million, translating to 1,897 jobs supported.

- **Workforce Development:** By training a skilled workforce, Casper College meets the needs of local industries, from health care and technology to energy and trades. Graduates tend to stay in the area, filling critical roles and boosting productivity.

How does Casper College do this? The college creates a skilled workforce by providing students from all walks of life a way to achieve their potential while keeping tuition affordable and competitive. Casper College provides quality education at a fraction of the cost of four-year universities, making it accessible to students and families throughout the region. CC also offers robust financial aid programs to lessen their financial burden so they can focus on their studies.

Casper College graduates enter the workforce or continue their education, ensuring students see immediate benefits from their degrees or certificates. And let's not forget the economic impact of a degree or certificate from Casper College. It's a fact that the average associate degree graduate from CC will see an increase in earnings of \$10,400 each year compared to someone with a high school diploma working in Wyoming.

Casper College is a strong member of the community. The college does this through cultural events, public service, youth enrichment programs, and its library and two museums.

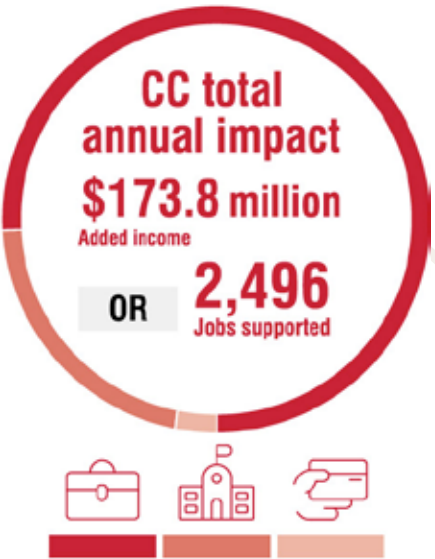
- **Cultural Events:** The college hosts speakers, events, art exhibitions, theater productions, and concerts that bring the community together.

- **Public Services:** Casper College serves as a resource for the entire region.

- The community education and workforce development programs offer training and educational courses that enhance skills, support career growth, and foster lifelong learning.

- The BOCES dual and concurrent courses allow high school students to jump-start their college education and earn college credit that they can apply toward a degree.

- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, OLLI at Casper College, supports intellectual curiosity and community enrichment for adults 50+.



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Casper College economic growth, cont.

— The Lee and Felicia Castellow Adult Learning Center provides free assistance to out-of-school adult students, 16 years old and older, who need to improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills in preparation for their high school equivalency certificate.

• **Youth Enrichment Programs:**

— The John Wold Help Yourself Academy enriches learning for third, fourth, and fifth graders interested in science and math.

— GEAR UP serves students from seventh grade to college freshmen, in preparation for college.

— Knowledge Enrichment for Youth, KEY, serves young people who are intellectually curious and excited to learn during the summer.

• **Library and Museums:**

— The Goodstein Foundation Library has more than 70,000 print volumes. It offers digital access to over 200 databases, 680,000 e-books, and 68,000 journals.

— The Western History Center has published digital materials for over 200 collections and

almost 9,480 items. The WHC also has over 400 collections.

— The Werner Wildlife Museum connects the community with Wyoming's rich natural heritage.

— The Tate Geological Museum, a regional earth science education center, offers educational exhibits and programs for all ages. Both museums serve as important community and educational resources.

Finally, the employees of Casper College give back to the community by contributing thousands of hours to local initiatives and service-learning projects. The average volunteer hours and volunteerism of Casper College employees amount to 858 hours per month, resulting in a yearly total of 10,296 hours. Those 10,296 hours become 429 days, or 61 weeks!

Casper College has been driving economic growth in Natrona County and Wyoming for 80 years by transforming lives, creating opportunities, and strengthening the community and state. Casper College stands as a cornerstone of education, innovation, and economic development.

Library, Museums, and Youth Enrichment

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Mini Key Camp is a one-day immersive college experience.

48

Academy Students

298

GEAR UP Students

6,688

Visitors

176

Key Camp Students

31

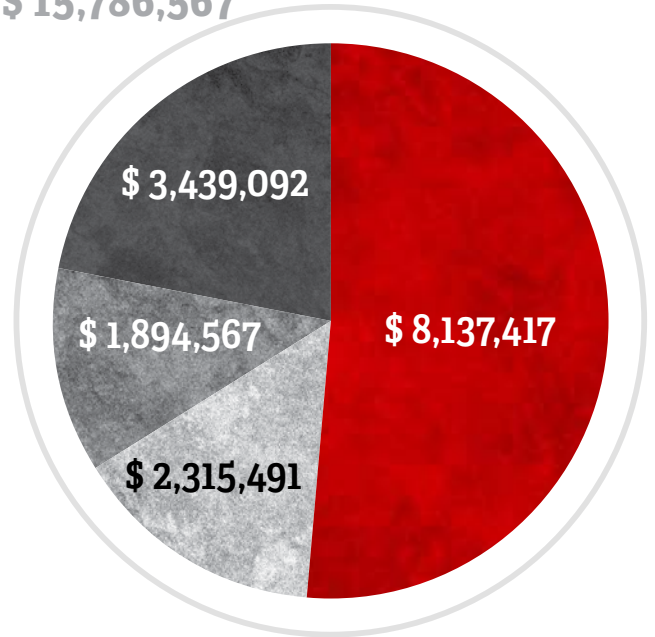
Mini Key Camp Students

17,371

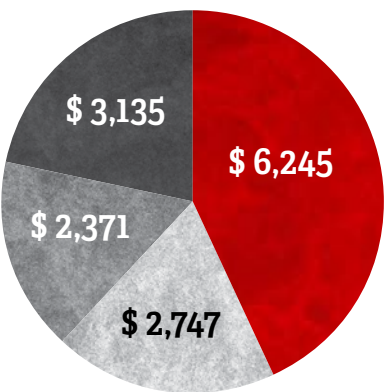
Visitors

Financial Aid and Scholarships

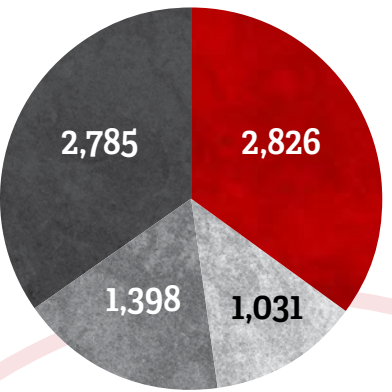
Financial Aid Awarded
\$ 15,786,567



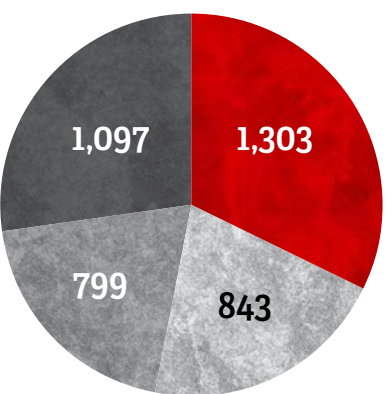
Average Financial Aid



Number of Students Offered Financial Aid



Number of Students Who Accepted Financial Aid



● Institutional Aid and Scholarships
● State Aid, includes Hathaway
● Other Aid, includes Foundation
● Federal Aid

Wyoming's Tomorrow
Students: 35
Total tuition awards: \$ 98,490



Wyoming Works Grant
Students: 22
Total tuition awards: \$ 53,319



Statement of Net Position

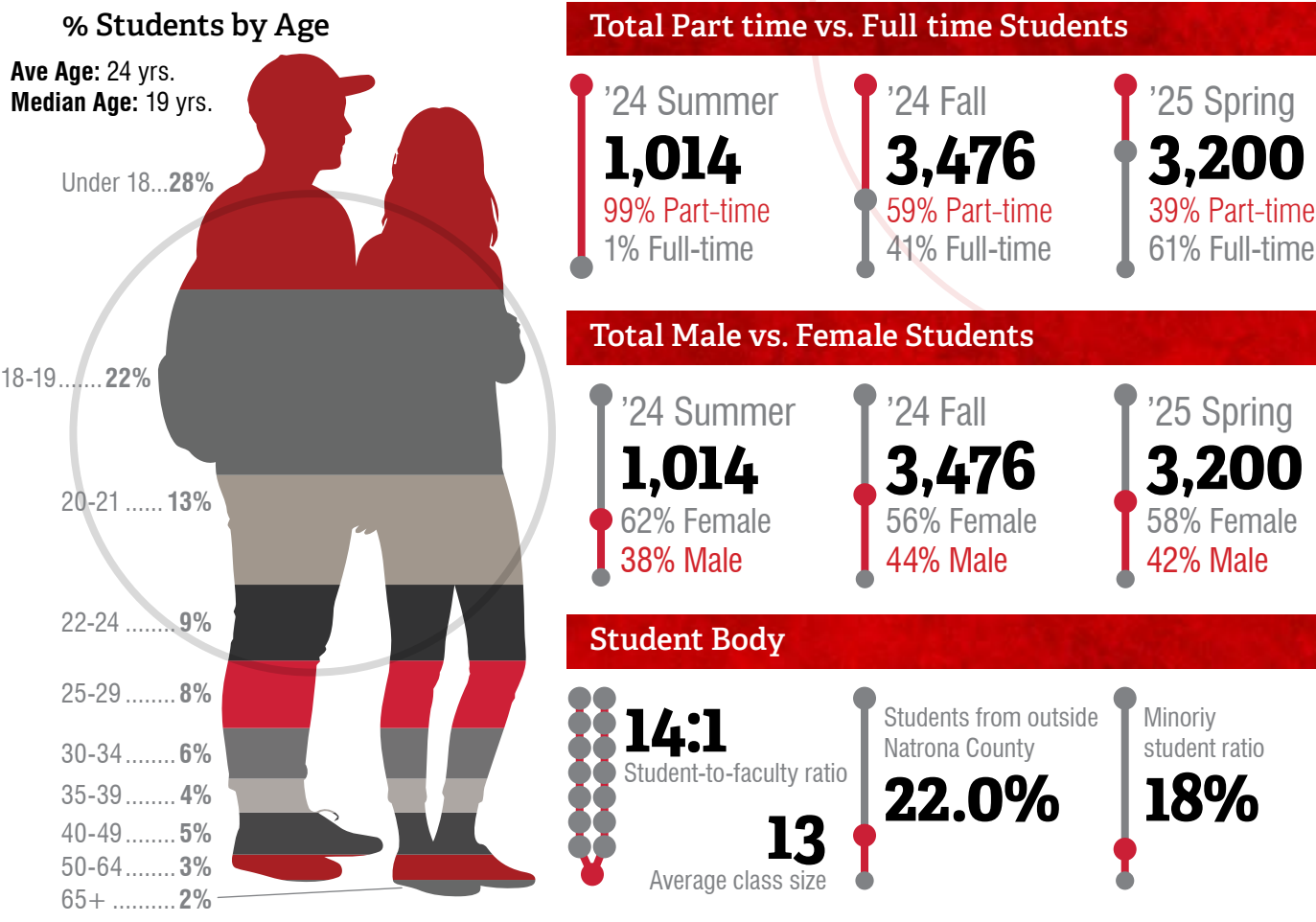
Casper Community College District for the year ended June 30, 2025

Assets	2025
Current Assets	\$ 64,668,314
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 587,557
Restricted Investments	\$ 6,357,039
Deposits with Bond Trustee	\$ 8,429,347
Investments — Endowment Challenge Program	\$ 23,191,989
Capital Assets, net	\$ 110,945,495
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$ 149,511,427
Total Assets	\$ 214,179,741
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 9,033,649
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	\$ 9,379,227
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ 56,373,036
Total Liabilities	\$ 65,752,263
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 36,761,586
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 84,515,875
Restricted	\$ 39,399,837
Unrestricted*	\$ (3,216,171)
Total Net Position	\$120,699,541

The college's financial statements and audit are presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Principles, Uniform Grant Guidance, and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for state and local governments, and public colleges and universities. For more information from the college's audit, go to caspercollege.edu/about/audits-budgets.

*Reflects changes in net pension liability that includes the college's portion of the funding deficit in the Wyoming Retirement System Public Employee Pension Plan and the retiree's participation in Wyoming's EGI Health Plan.

Enrollment for 2024-2025 Academic Year



2,699 Degree seeking students (Unduplicated annual headcount)

1,922 Nondegree seeking students (Unduplicated annual headcount)

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services**

633 Dual Enrollment
Students taking Casper College classes while in high school

769 Concurrent Enrollment
Students taking college-level courses at their high school

1,215 Total Students

Transfers to four-year higher educational institutions

446 Students **88%** University of Wyoming Transfers

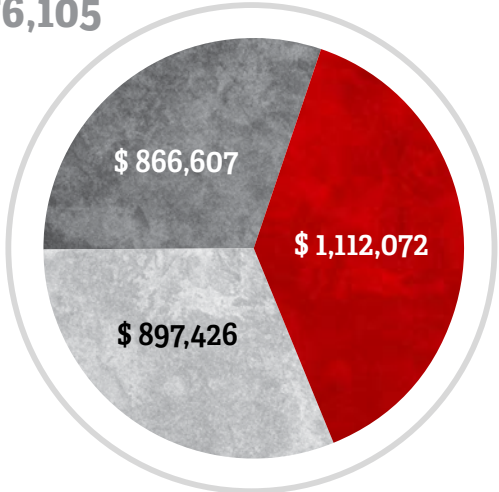
Out of the top eight four-year institutions, 446 Casper College students transferred with 88% of those students attending the University of Wyoming.

Student Enrollment:
Providing accessible, affordable, and flexible learning opportunities for diverse student populations, including rural residents, working adults, and nontraditional students balancing education with family and career responsibilities.

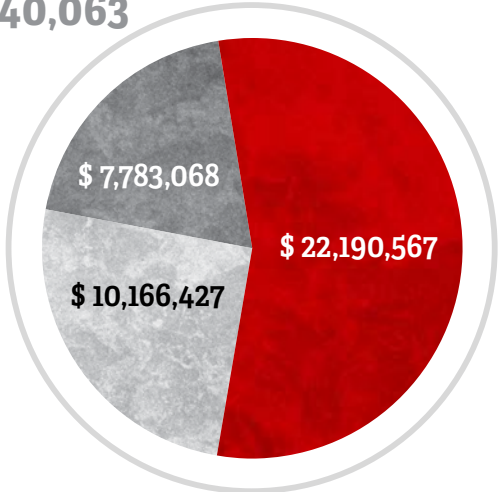
Outside Grants Received by Casper College

Grants are an important funding source in support of the college's mission. Much of the grant funding comes from sources outside Natrona County and supports programs and services of the college and students.

FY 2025 Totals
\$ 2,876,105



10-Year Total
\$ 40,140,063



Federal Grants and Contracts State Grants and Contracts Private Grants and Contracts

Examples of Federal Grants and Contracts:

The Carl Perkins Grant provides federal funding to improve secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs. Grant money has been used to purchase equipment, instructional materials, career and technical education-related software, and support programs such as work-based learning programs, career guidance and placement, and professional development and training.

GEAR UP, which stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, provides funding to increase the number of eligible students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education through guidance, community support, and resources.

Examples of State Grants and Contracts

State of Wyoming Library Grant provides funds for the purchase of subscriptions for the Goodstein Foundation Library.

State of Wyoming — Wyoming Innovation Partnership Phase II provides funding in advanced manufacturing for a hybrid computer

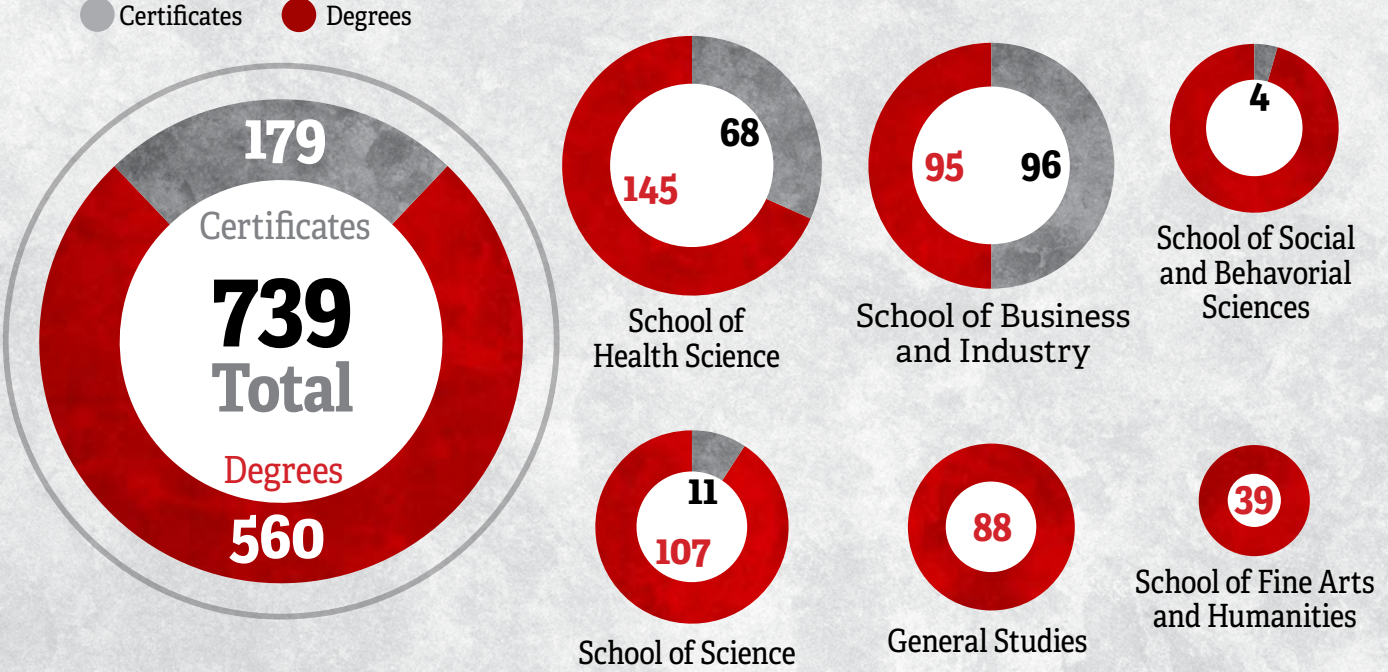
numerical control, or CNC, and technician and cobot environment program. Funding in addition studies is to expand its program and partnerships.

Examples of Private Grants and Contracts

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services, or BOCES, provides innovation grants in addition to funding a variety of programs that support education at all levels in Natrona County. Innovation grants have supported college programs this past year including the S.T.A.R. grant, Successful Transition and Academic Retention, the Second Chance Adult Education Grant, the Testing Center Grant, the American Sign Language Signfest Grant, and the HiSet Grant.

The **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**, or OLLI Grant provides for an engaging variety of classes, field trips, lectures, and social events geared towards adults aged 50 and above, but anyone over 18 is welcome. Casper College was the first community college in the U.S. to offer an OLLI chapter in their community and is also the only OLLI chapter in Wyoming.

2024-2025 Academic Degrees and Certificates Awarded



Community and Workforce Development Programs

Workforce Development offers programs designed to meet Wyoming's evolving economic needs, providing specialized training and certifications that support the state's workforce growth.

743 Students
1,015 Registrations

Community Education offers noncredit classes designed for personal enrichment and lifelong learning that focus on exploring new interests and gaining noncareer-related knowledge and skills in art, technology, fitness, cooking, dance, and more.

1,384 Students
2,906 Registrations
253 Classes
173 Instructors

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute supports intellectual curiosity and community enrichment for adults 50+.

679 Members
4,732 Registrations
231 Classes
100 Instructors

Recognitions and Highlights

January

Casper College student **Natalie Plumlee** was honored at the 2024 Mountain-Plains Museums Association annual conference. Plumlee was selected as the recipient of the 2024 MPMA Carolyn Garrett Pool Award, given in recognition of an outstanding student at a university within the MPMA region.

Casper College Women's Basketball Assistant Coach **Nate Macy** was announced as the successor to outgoing Head Coach Dwight Gunnare.

February

Casper College received a \$10,000 grant from the John P. Ellbogen Foundation in support of the college's new project, the **Casper College SparkTank**. The Casper College program is modeled after the University of Wyoming's own SparkTank project. Casper College SparkTank will help students as they learn and implement the philanthropic process, which mirrors venture capital models to benefit local nonprofits.



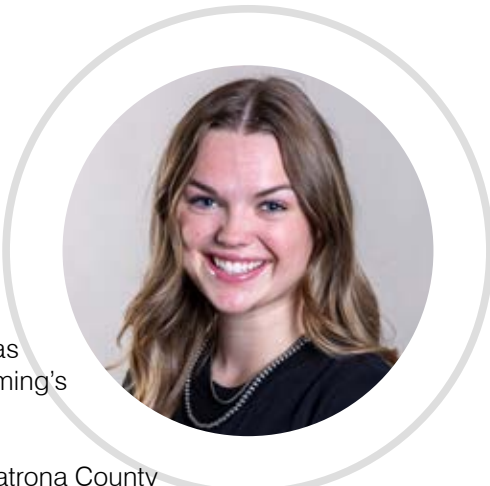
Katie Baumstarck, a second-year nursing student from Worland, was selected as the 2024-2025 Shaping Wyoming's Future Student award winner.

High school students in Natrona County participated in **Manufacturing Day**. Casper College partnered with the Natrona County School District No. 1 to connect high school students with Casper-area manufacturers.

The **Casper College machining, manufacturing, and engineering programs** received a \$18,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation for manufacturing scholarships.



Casper College offered a free mini-event for entrepreneurs and startup owners: **Startup Survival School**, is a mini-TEDx series featuring dynamic speakers for those looking to start a new business, work within a family business, or struggling to get their startup off the ground.



March

The **Casper College Respiratory Program** was awarded a Career and Technical Education "Cutting Edge" grant by the Wyoming Department of Education. The grant, totaling \$15,410, was awarded to the respiratory therapy program to create hybrid student lab kits and purchase Apple products to help respiratory therapy students in rural areas.



The **Lady Thunderbirds** won the Region 9 Northwest Plains Basketball Tournament for the fourth time in a row by beating the Western Wyoming Community College Lady Mustangs 67-55. The T-Birds have been to the national tournament seven times out of the last eight years.



For the eighth year in a row, **Dwight Gunnare**, the Casper College Women's Basketball team's head coach, was named Coach of the Year for the All-Region IX North Sub-Region for the 2024-2025 season.

April

The Lady T-Birds' outstanding guard, **Andi Schlisser**, was named to the National Junior College Athletics Association First Team All-American. Schissler is the first T-Bird to be named a First Team All-American since Kobe King-Haweia, who played in the 2020-2021 season. There were over 2000 athletes that played NJCAA Division I women's basketball during the 2024-2025 season, and Schlisser was recognized as one of the 10 best in the country.



Jordan Napier | Psychology

Belonging and Campus Resources

"My high school was small, so I didn't always fit in. I had some mental health issues at the time, and school was one of the reasons. Thankfully, I got help from my fantastic counselor, who inspired my degree choice in psychology. "I'm so glad I attended school here. When I first set foot on campus, I could tell that this was a wonderful environment. The staff was terrific, the students were so diverse, and everyone was

so accepting. I had a great group of friends, and my roommate, Alexa, was one of the most amazing people I've met. "No matter who you are, you belong here. I promise, Casper College is one of the most accepting places. This campus has many resources, like a STEM lab and a writing center. But the one thing we were most privileged to have was our campus counselors, who would help you through anything. At Casper College, you are not alone."



Ethan Connery | General Studies

Athletics

"Have you ever decided to commit to a school within 48 hours? Well, I did, and my journey was very different from that of many other college athletes. But my work ethic, dedication to God, and betting on myself were with me every step of the way. "My time on the basketball team at Casper College was full of growth. My teammates and coaches would tell you that I didn't take a day off. At Casper, I found a place that respected my work ethic and invested in students like me. They gave us all the resources that we needed

to succeed. We weren't just athletes at Casper College, but a part of the community. "I'm grateful for my coaches and my teammates, because having people in your corner who believe in you as much as you believe in yourself made a huge difference. Basketball has shaped me into the man that I am today. Being able to succeed allowed my confidence to grow, and the student-first culture (at Casper College) played a big role. We had an environment where everyone was encouraged to take pride in everything that we did."



The College Tour ►

The premiere of the Casper College edition of “**The College Tour**” was held at the Wheeler Concert Hall. “The College Tour” series tells the story of colleges and universities worldwide. The Casper College episode features campus life, academics, housing, sports, activities, and more seen through the eyes of 10 students, with each student segment providing an inside look at what it’s like being a student at Casper College. The Casper College episode of “The College Tour” is now streaming on Amazon Prime, YouTube, other streaming services, and the CC website. All 10 students are featured in this annual report.



Casper College announced the appointment of **Brandon Kosine, Ph.D.**, as its new president starting May 1, 2025. In announcing its unanimous decision at the April board meeting, trustees expressed confidence in Kosine’s ability to lead the college into the future.

The **Casper College Talkin’ T-Birds** returned from the Phi Rho National Tournament with a silver medal in individual events and a bronze medal in overall sweepstakes. Individually, the team brought home two gold medals and four silver medals.

Deion Anderson was named interim head coach for the men’s basketball team, following the resignation of head coach Tom Parks. A search for the next head coach will begin in January or February of 2026.

May

Casper College freshman student **Ruby Martin** took third place in the 15-18 age category at the International Clarinet Association’s online festival and competition, Clareidoscope.



The **Casper College Indigenous Student Alliance** hosted the Third Annual Casper College Traditional Powwow at Casper College’s Murane Field.

Casper College signed an articulation agreement with **South Dakota Mines** to create a pathway for Casper College students to pursue bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering, industrial engineering, and metallurgical fields.



Casper College was named to the **2025-2026 Military Friendly Schools** list as a Gold Award recipient. The college was also designated a **2025-2026 Military Spouse Friendly School**.

The **79th Annual Casper College Commencement Ceremony** was held on May 16, and over 245 students elected to march. To view the ceremony, scan the QR code.



Casper College’s standout basketball player and University of Wyoming basketball player, **Joslin Igo** of Douglas, Wyoming, was named the new assistant women’s basketball coach at Casper College.



Casper College was recognized as the **2024 Member of the Year** by the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented to the college during the Chamber’s 122nd Excellence in Business Awards.

June

Casper College announced the appointment of **Corey Peacock, Ph.D.**, as vice president for student affairs following Linda Toohey’s retirement. The decision came after a national search yielded a robust field of qualified candidates.



Keely Shaye Ottersbach | Nursing/Health Sciences

Casper College Experience

“After graduating from high school in 2020, I decided to leave my small town to attend a university. But after a year, I decided to transfer to Casper College, and it was the best decision for me. In the nursing program, I spent a lot of time studying with my peers. Our labs were open most hours of the day, and we had a ton of mannequins to practice on. This really helped us learn our skills while being in a relaxed learning environment.

“Being in a smaller school allowed me to make more genuine connections with my

classmates and instructors. Not only did I feel seen, but I felt heard as well. My instructors knew me by name, and I knew all my classmates’ names. Building relationships isn’t always easy, but here it felt natural and inviting to know those around you.

“At Casper College, it’s really easy to get involved. We got weekly emails about cornhole tournaments, free movie tickets, school plays, and pottery painting sessions. I got to have fun while being involved with my college and friends.

“The nursing program taught me the knowledge and skills I use on the job.”



Valerie Liska | Geology and Geographic Information Systems

Affordability and the Sciences

“In high school, I was considered homeless, and as an independent student, I didn’t have anyone to help me get started on my college journey. But the TRIO program helped guide me to Casper College. An admissions rep helped me sign up with ease. There is truly an amazing support system here.

“Because of the scholarships and grants I received, I graduated debt-free, even as a dual major.

“When I registered for geology as one of my majors, I didn’t realize the multitude of

unique and fun experiences I’d have. A notable experience was attending a class in the same room as a mammoth skeleton. I also had a chance to dig up dinosaur bones with one of my instructors. It was an amazing experience where I met some of the world’s top paleontologists.

“The instructors here provided us with real-world experiences and connections. Being a STEM major was so influential on my life. My experiences here helped me in my career and everyday life. I gained an understanding of how beautiful and amazing our world is.”

Casper College hosted the **Rocky Mountain Cybersecurity Symposium** on June 18-20, featuring top security experts, including Peter Warmka, Roger Grimes, Mishaal Khan, Ben Halpert, and others.

Casper College students won nine gold medals across competitions in automated manufacturing, technical drafting, architectural drafting, welding fabrication, electrical construction wiring, and more at the **2025 SkillsUSA Wyoming State Competition**.

July

The **Casper College Respiratory Therapy Program** was chosen by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care to receive the Distinguished RRT, Registered Respiratory Therapist, Credentialing Success Award for the second year in a row. This is the seventh time overall that the Casper College Respiratory Therapy Program has been recognized with the award.



James Robert Perrin
Saddle Bronc Riding

Eastan Zachary West
Saddle Bronc Riding

Malcom Lewis Heathershaw
Saddle Bronc Riding

Monte Edward Downare
Bareback Riding

Clay Colter Helm
Team Roping

Jade Joseph Byrne
Team Roping

Kashton Clark Reynolds
Team Roping

Seven Casper College cowboys competed in the **College National Finals Rodeo**, June 15-21. T-Bird saddle bronc rider James Perrin from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada, was crowned the national champion in saddle bronc. In addition, thanks to the hard work of Perrin and the other six Casper College cowboys, the team finished fourth in the nation.

Casper College May graduate **Rae Adamson** took fourth place in architectural drafting, and CC student **Hannah Kerkes** took eighth place in technical drafting skills, while the Casper College manufacturing team of **Sam Jones**, **Vince Acquistapace**, and **Jake Probst** earned seventh place nationally at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held in Atlanta.

Two new certificate options were available for the 2025-2026 school year: **graphic design and sound design**.

August

Camron “Cam” Olson was named the new athletic director for the Casper College Athletics department.



Faith Anders was hired as the new head coach for the Casper College Rodeo team. She is also the first woman to hold that position in school history.



September

Casper College's School of Social and Behavioral Science hosted its annual seminar on **“Empower Change: Turn Struggle Into Strength.”** The college hosted two keynote speakers at the seminar: Damon West and Dr. Kevin McCauley.

GEAR UP of Natrona County, a partnership between Casper College and the Natrona County School District, celebrated its 20th year of success. GEAR UP, which stands for Gaining Early

Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a federally funded, statewide grant in Wyoming that provides services to 2,000 seventh through 12th-grade, income-eligible students annually. Currently, 330 Natrona County students participate in the program, and its services are free to qualifying youth.



Three organizations were chosen as finalists to compete for up to \$15,000 in Casper College's inaugural **SparkTank project**. Sleep-In-Heavenly Peace was awarded \$5,450, the Iris Clubhouse was awarded \$5,000, and the Self Help Center received \$4,550. The Casper College SparkTank program was designed to help students learn and implement the philanthropic process while benefiting local nonprofits.

Alex Head | Secondary Education/History

Inspired Learning and Affordability

“My high school experience wasn't great, but I did have some good instructors who inspired me. Without them, I would have never pursued a teaching degree. And at Casper College, I loved learning again. The people are so nice and cared about my education. I made friendships that I can see lasting a lifetime.

“My education instructor talked to us every day about our lives and what we were learning in other classes, and students like me had a lot of hands-on learning opportunities. One of my favorite projects was when we had to

teach our class about Halloween, design a game, and teach it to the class. These hands-on opportunities helped us get practical experience along with what we learned in the classroom.

“Casper College made it so easy for me to come to college. Casper College provided a variety of options. There was federal aid, state scholarships, institutional scholarships, foundation scholarships, and even student employment.

“My time at Casper College had a significant impact on my learning, and it was amazing.”



Dawsen Pater | Health Science/Strategic Communications

Campus Involvement with a Purpose

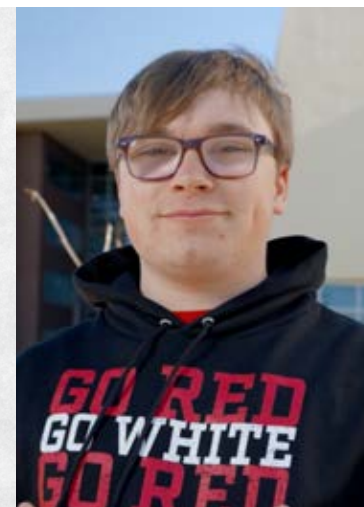
“I have always wanted to help people. At Casper College, I could earn a degree that helped me continue to help those around me.

“Casper College has an atmosphere of genuine appreciation and love for its students. From my first admissions council to beyond graduation, the staff truly cared for me every step of the way, mentally, physically, and emotionally. To me, helping other students goes beyond the classroom. It's going out of

your way to say hello, studying together, inviting others to activities, or just sharing a smile.

“At Casper College, students can join organizations that have their desires, beliefs, and interests at heart. For me, it was student government, which kept me busy as the freshman representative. I also worked as a student ambassador in the admissions and student success office.

“A college education is more than just learning skills for a job. It's learning how to interact with people. At Casper College, I met people from all over the world, which improved my skills as a CNA and a student.”



“Passion and Persistence” was the theme for the **39th Annual Casper College Literary Conference**. The conference featured three guest writers: David Wright Faladé, Kai Carlson-Wee, and Casey Day Rislov.

The first presentation for the **Casper College Community Learning Series, “Exploring Today’s Issues, Shaping Wyoming’s Tomorrow,”** was titled “Let’s Set the Table — Nuclear 101” by Wayne Heili. The Casper College Community Learning Series, “Exploring Today’s Issues, Shaping Wyoming’s Tomorrow,” is a new initiative designed to provide the community with open, inclusive access to timely, expert-led discussions on topics that shape our region and our future.



Exploring Today’s Issues, Shaping Wyoming’s Tomorrow



“The Power of Play” was the topic for the **40th Annual Casper College Humanities Festival and Demorest Lecture** Sept. 27-Oct. 3. The festival keynote speaker was R. Paul Maddox II, Ph.D.

One hundred and fifty high school students from Natrona County attended **Casper College’s Health Science Career Clinic** presented by the Casper College School of Health Science. Students were able to explore career opportunities, meet faculty, explore hands-on programs, learn about available tuition reimbursement, and sign-on bonuses.

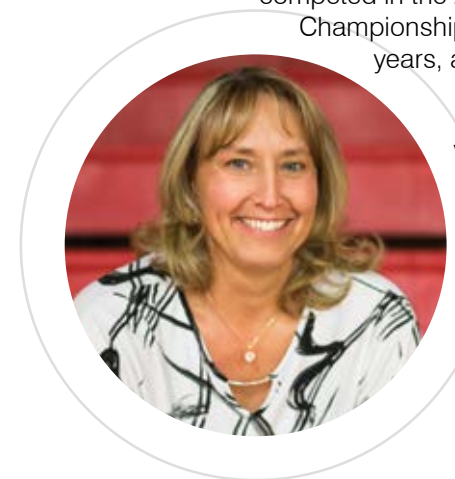
November

The second presentation for the **Casper College Community Learning Series, “Exploring Today’s Issues, Shaping Wyoming’s Tomorrow,”** titled “Nuclear Energy and the Future of Wyoming’s Economy,” was held.

The Casper College Veterans Club hosted its **Fifth Annual Casper College Veterans Ball** with the theme “A Night Under the Stars,” held at the Casper Elks Lodge. The annual event is a fundraiser for the club.



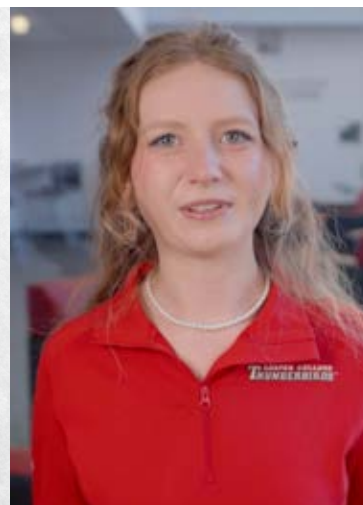
After winning the Region IX North Championship, the **Casper College Lady Thunderbird Volleyball Team** competed in the Region IX Championships, where they won the Region IX Northwest Plains District B Championship. With the win, the T-Birds competed in the 2025 NJCAA Division I Volleyball Championship for the second time in three years, and tied for 11th place.



Casper College Women’s Volleyball head coach **Angel Sharman** has been named Coach of the Year for the All-Region IX North Sub-Region for the fall 2025 season.

December

Casper College and the University of Wyoming at Casper, in partnership with the Casper Chamber, hosted the **December Business After Hours** with the theme “Back to School.” During the event, attendees learned more about what Casper College and UW-Casper offer to the broader community.



Lucy Jane Crimm | Journalism Communications

Hands-on Learning and Career Readiness

“When I first applied to Casper College, my main goal was to be closer to my boyfriend. However, I quickly fell in love with CC because of the amazing hands-on learning opportunities and portfolio-building that would prepare me for a successful journalism and mass media career.

“Casper College gave me skills and a strong portfolio that gave me a competitive edge after graduation. Many of these are thanks to my two work study jobs and the school newspaper.

“Working in public relations, I got to document and bring to life all the outstanding events on campus through athletic livestreams and photography for campus events.

Working in student life strengthened my interpersonal skills and offered opportunities to build my portfolio through event photography and social media management.

“The school newspaper, the Chinook, allowed me to keep my writing and interviewing skills sharp with every story and learn newspaper layout and design.”

“While I came here for a boy, I stayed for the outstanding opportunities.”



Wyatt Eadus | Secondary Education/History

First Year Perspective

“I came to Casper College to study secondary education and teach history, a subject I have loved ever since I was a little kid. I was always a little bit nervous about college, but now I know I made the right choice. I grew up in a small town, so I really loved the small classroom sizes at Casper College. I felt really connected to my instructors and my fellow classmates.

“Casper College offers over 130 academic transfer and technical programs so you can get your certificate or associate degree in just about anything. More importantly, though, Casper

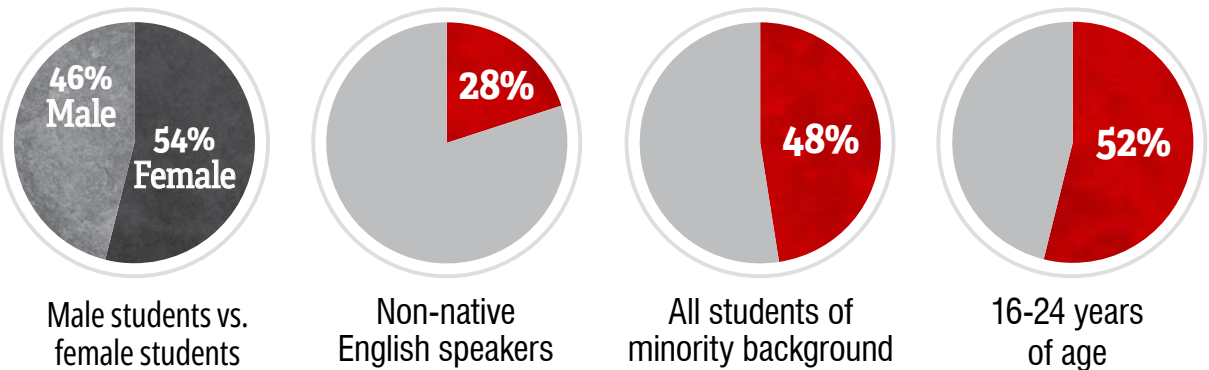
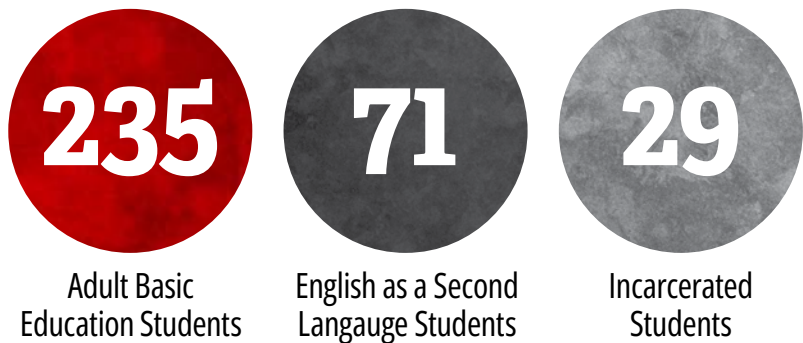
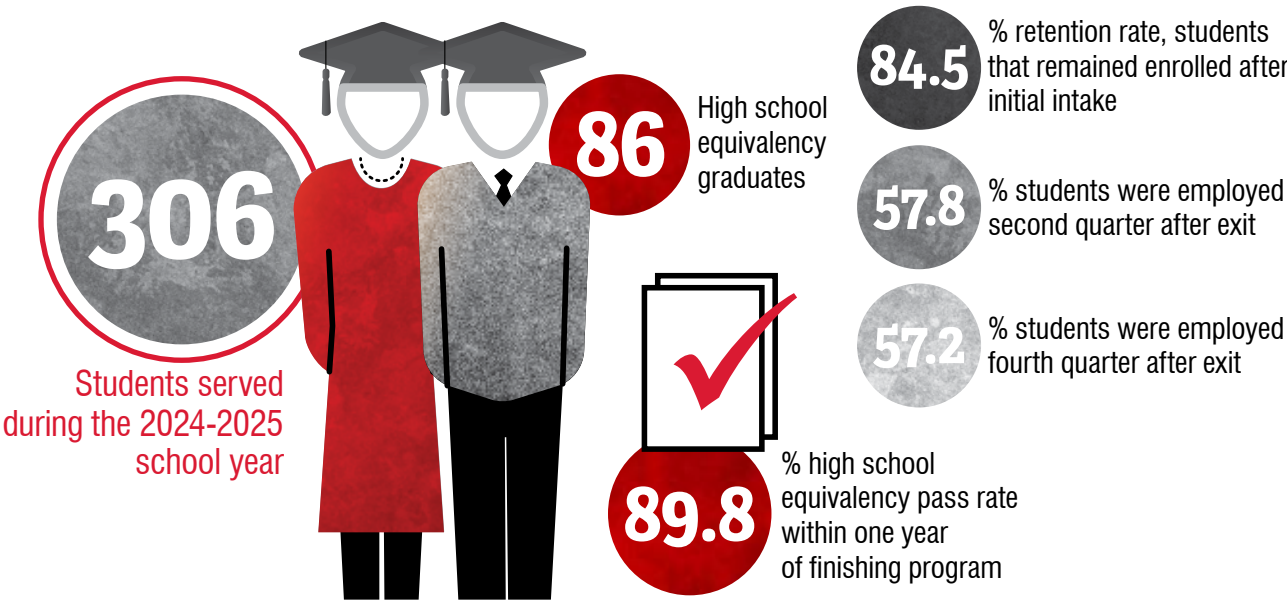
College has a great education program. In my first year here, they sent me right into the field to observe at the local high schools, where I met some amazing teachers.

“I’ve also learned about the Help Yourself Academy at Casper College. I helped teach third- to fifth-graders, where I got some great hands-on classroom experience. CC makes it super easy to transfer to a four-year university to get your state teaching license. Thanks to the secondary education program here, I felt prepared to be a teacher.

“Whatever your next plan is, Casper College ensures that you are ready.”

Castellow Adult Learning Center Statistics

Castellow Adult Learning Center provides free assistance to out-of-school adult students who need to improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills in preparation for their high school equivalency certificate.



A Trip to the Idaho National Laboratory: CC Gains Knowledge and Insight

Before Radiant Nuclear announced that it would no longer bring its Kaleidos nuclear production facility to Natrona County, Casper College President Brandon Kosine wanted to ensure that the college could help the company train employees and future employees for the facility.

With that commitment to training in mind, Kosine met with several stakeholders to determine what Casper College could do to support job creation in Natrona County, specifically in the town of Bar Nunn, which was slated to be the site of Radiant Nuclear's facility.

While working with Bar Nunn Councilman Dan Sabrosky, Kosine was invited by Sabrosky to join a group of Wyomingites traveling to the Idaho National Laboratory to learn more about nuclear energy and safety issues and, in general, to scope out what the INL could offer. The Department of Energy had invited the group.

Kosine was interested, and he asked to have some additional spots for three other individuals with Casper College ties to join the group. The three individuals were Dave Applegate, chair of the Casper College board of trustees; Shawna Trujillo, grants and special projects coordinator at CC; and Paul Brutsman, engineering technology and design instructor. "A big part of going to the INL was because we were working on partnering with Radiant to see if there were any curriculum adjustments that we could do to help them build the workforce, or what the college could do to help support them once they got here," noted Kosine.

All four found the INL facilities tour exceptional and well worth the time. Kosine discovered that both the Department of Energy and the INL are terrific resources should Natrona County and its citizens ever decide to embrace nuclear energy. "I now have several contacts both in the United States and at Idaho National Lab that I can call and get pointed in the direction where we need to go," said Kosine.

"I was excited to be part of the Casper College contingent that went on the tour," Applegate said. Applegate discovered that nuclear facilities were complex, highly regulated, and needed a skilled workforce. "If nuclear companies were to establish themselves in Natrona County, they would benefit from the proven ability of Casper College to provide a trained workforce. And Casper College would be well-positioned to meet those workforce needs both with existing programs and the creation of new programs, if necessary," he said.

Trujillo, who is leading Kosine's recently established Community Learning Series, is also the Carl D. Perkins coordinator. The federal grant allows Casper College to provide innovative programming and industry-forward technology and equipment to support the college's career and technology faculty, according to Trujillo. For Trujillo, the trip provided not only a tour of nuclear technology at the INL but also a new

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2024-2025 End-of-Year Honorees Named at Casper College

Eight Casper College employees were recognized with 2024-2025 year-end honors during the college's annual retirement and recognition reception.

Mary O'Connor, the Casper College Recruitment and Retention and Student Success administrative assistant, was recognized with the Robert O. Durst Classified Staff Award. The award is designed to recognize a classified staff member who demonstrates an outstanding service reputation in their job performance, knowledge, effectiveness, character, communication, cooperation, judgment, and interactions.

The Outstanding Administrator was **Dannielle Anderson**, Successful Transition and Academic Retention — STAR coordinator. The award was designed to identify an administrator who demonstrates an outstanding service reputation in their job performance, knowledge, effectiveness, character, communication, cooperation, judgment, and interactions.

The Judith Bailey Scully Award recipient was **Cassady Hoff**, certified occupational therapy director. Established by Casper College Alumnus Marlan O. Scully in honor of his wife Judith, the award honors faculty who demonstrate academic excellence as characterized by Judith's outstanding accomplishments as a Casper College and University of Wyoming student.

The Shanklin Award is named for longtime Casper College Emeritus psychology instructor Garth Shanklin. The award promotes recognition of a full-time Casper College teaching faculty member who displays exceptional commitment to teaching and has made significant collegial contributions to the college. The Shanklin Faculty Leadership Excellence Award winner was **Heather Lloyd**, criminal justice instructor.

Brandi Atnip, biology instructor, was recognized with the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award. To be chosen for the award, the recipient must possess the qualities of an outstanding educator, document participation in professional organizations and/or activities, and take an active role in the community and/or out-of-school cultural activities.

Valerie Innella Maiers, visual arts instructor and **Nathan Blank**, political science instructor, were named the Phi Theta Kappa Terrific Learning Coach of the Semester, Innella Maiers for the fall and Blank for the spring. The award recognizes the instructors who have made a difference in Casper College students' educational careers.

Finally, the Kim Byrd Service to Students Award went to **Linda Toohey**, vice president for student services at Casper College. The Casper College Student Senate created the monthly Service to Students Award to honor the outstanding work Casper College nonfaculty employees do to support students and help them succeed. The student senate chooses a yearly winner from that list of monthly winners.

A Trip to the Idaho National Laboratory: CC Gains Knowledge and Insight cont.

understanding of nuclear power.

"I did not anticipate learning the breadth and depth of the nuclear industry, (which) presents limitless industry and technology opportunities for Wyoming's workforce, including highly skilled, highly trained, and in-demand careers. Wyoming and Natrona County, specifically, have an unprecedented opportunity to diversify our energy industry to include nuclear technology."

Brutsman had attended many of the Bar Nunn town hall meetings that Radiant participated in. He noted that he had heard many conflicting opinions regarding the particular type of nuclear fuel, ceramic-coated uranium particles, that Radiant planned to use in its portable microreactors. "I wanted to get accurate information from subject matter experts," he said.

During the tour, Brutsman discovered that many of Casper College's existing programs were in areas Radiant would need, including machine tool, advanced manufacturing, electronics, industrial welding, and even business programs like accounting.

The trip to the INL reinforced what Kosine already knew: the employees at Casper College are community-focused and ready to provide support to both individuals and businesses. "We're fortunate because we have faculty and staff who are business ready, and if we have a new industry coming, we're very much ready, willing, and able to make changes to our curriculum to meet those workforce needs," Kosine observed.

Brutsman, who works within the Casper College School of Business and Industry, emphasized that the School of Business and Industry must stay current with technology and recruit students, not only locally but from across the state and nation, to provide current and potential employers with students who are well-trained, educated, and ready to work.

Looking toward the possibility that nuclear energy companies will bring their business to Natrona County, Applegate noted that those companies "... would benefit from the proven

ability of Casper College to provide a trained workforce. Casper College (is) well-positioned to meet those workforce needs both with existing programs and the creation of new programs, if necessary," he added.

"Casper College (can) build education and training for industry careers of the future, (shaping) the future of our state's workforce and creating professional opportunities that will encourage our young people to remain in Wyoming working in careers of the future," said Trujillo.

Casper College, and in particular the School of Business and Industry, is a valuable resource for companies looking to come to Wyoming or for those already here and looking to strengthen or pivot their workforce to newer or different technologies

Kosine summed it up best: "If we have a new industry coming, we're ready, willing, and able to make changes to our curriculum to meet those workforce needs. We are willing to be creative in how we go about doing that, whether it's through credit programs, noncredit programs, or some other means. We will work with any industry that wants to come to Natrona County and Casper specifically to help educate and build a workforce." Kosine also pointed to another positive aspect of Casper College, the cultural opportunities it brings to the community. "If you have a company that's relocating and they're bringing folks with them, Casper College is such a cultural resource for this area, for the arts, for music, for continuing education. And, if people are bringing their families, we have something for every aspect of life. I just think that the college meets the needs of our industry partners in that way as well, by providing cultural opportunities for our residents."



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