

freshman class returned this fall, combined with another increase in on-campus freshman arriving last week.

This semester, 254 off-campus high school students are enrolled in the dual credit or "concurrent" courses. These are courses taught by NCTA faculty or high school instructors with at least master's level certification.

"High schools are realizing the huge advantage of offering college-credit curriculums along with their high school coursework to assist their students in career-readiness or college preparation," said Rosati. "NCTA has been very successful in designing some customized programs for specific needs such as agricultural academies or workforce certifications for job-ready careers."

Such a program will be highlighted Thursday at York High School where NCTA, YHS and two agricultural industry partners, Central Valley Ag Cooperative and Reinke Manufacturing, Inc., are partnering in an ag worker certificate program. Governor Pete Ricketts will be a keynote speaker at the 1 p.m. kickoff at York High.

Rosati also credits the diligence of NCTA's admissions and recruiting team headed by Associate Dean Scott Mickelsen for developing the dual credit partnerships and for its marketing and public awareness efforts. For example, NCTA is visible this week at the Nebraska State Fair, and will also be part of Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island on Sept. 15-17.

"We have great partnerships across the state with new programming such as Urban Agriculture with Nebraska Extension and Omaha Home for Boys in Omaha, the dual credit programs with high schools, and new opportunities for students such as the Heifer Link program, or competition teams such as NCTA rodeo, ranch horse, livestock judging, crops judging and shooting sports," Rosati noted.

"Students love the small-town campus here, and the ability to easily transition into a Bachelor of Applied Sciences with our partner institution at UNL, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources," he added. "I am very proud of the NCTA staff for their extraordinary effort in sharing our message of affordable, quality programs at NCTA."



### CALENDAR

- Sept 4 Last day to drop a full semester course and receive a 75% refund
- 4 Last day to file a drop to remove course
- 5 All course withdrawals noted with a "W"
- 5 NCTA Farmers Market
- 7 Labor Day
- 7 Intramural Flag Football
- 9 Intramural Flag Football
- 11 Last day to drop a full semester course and receive a 50% refund
- 12 Aggie Fest Livestock Judgin
- 12 Last day to submit tuition and fees payment without penalty
- 18 Last day to drop a full semester course and receive a 25% refund

### Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. Your truck is loud. Cool. Take your foot out of it and save some gas.
2. I like this freshman class (so far). They seem to be fun and have some common sense.
3. This is a very good group of RA's in the dorms. Treat them with respect and you will get the same in return.
4. Catch the Husky if you can and just feed the big black dog till she gets tired and goes home. I can't control either of them.
5. Like it or not you have to buy textbooks. Then you have to read them, or you have a \$100 backpack weight.
6. Please treat the cooks and custodians right. You need them more than you think.
7. My wife runs on the road north of the water tower. Please don't run over her. I need her more than I think.
8. The right friends are key to success in college. Some choices are tough, but you need to make them. Drunk and stupid doesn't get you very far.
9. I'm writing this on Tuesday and students have about run me out of sticky note pads. Get a planner, and write that crap down.
10. Tell the truth and don't fake it. Good people, SUCCESSFUL people will always do those two things. Smoke and mirror machines eventually break down.

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture



# AGGIE UP!



## NCTA hits record enrollment, up 33 percent

By Mary Crawford  
Student enrollment at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis is up 33 percent from a year ago, a record for NCTA enrollment with 512 students, NCTA Dean Ron Rosati announced Tuesday.

The 102-year-old school, the only two-year college degree program of the University of Nebraska system, issued its count after the first full week of classes began on August 24.

Full-time campus enrollment increased by 4.8% to 239 students. However, the largest boost comes from enrolling nearly double the students in dual credit from 130 last year, to 254 this semester.

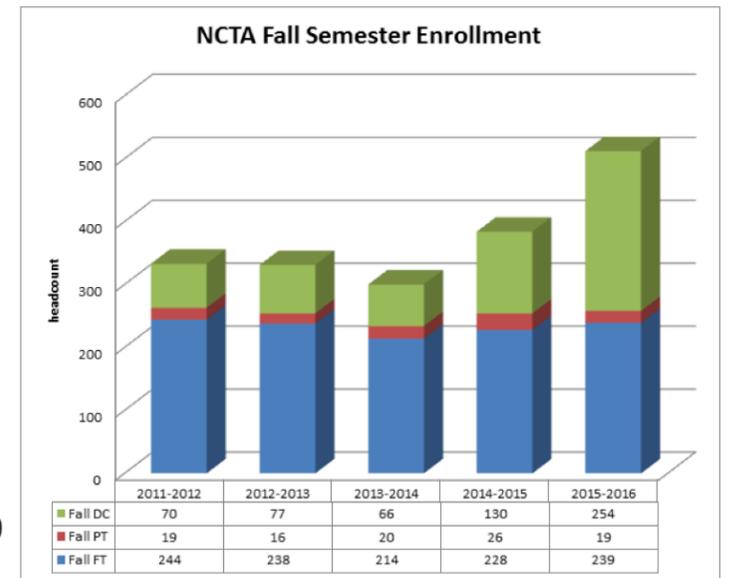
"This is a record enrollment for NCTA," said Rosati, who joined the college as Dean in July, 2013. "This is due to growth of on-campus enrollment plus the development of new dual credit programs and partnerships."

NCTA had realized a 28 percent growth

for its student population in September, 2014, expanding to 384 registered for full-time, part-time or dual credit courses. Then, the significant increase was credited to new program offerings, aggressive recruiting and financial aid for more students.

A large freshman class in 2014 was 50 percent greater than in 2013. Many of that 2014

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## Flag Football



## Farmers Markets began Saturday

By Mary Crawford

Late summer produce pumpkins were on produce stands in the Curtis City Park Saturday, Sept. 5.

The first of six Saturday farmers markets featured local produce and other items provided by local growers and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture horticulture club, said Tee Bush, NCTA instructor and club sponsor.

The NCTA Farmers Market begins in Curtis again now that NCTA students are back on campus," Bush said. "We coordinate the Farmers Market in conjunction with the NCTA Community Garden."

Funding support for the project is part of the University of Nebraska Rural Futures Institute, to engage communities in local food production and horticultural education opportunities, she said.

Vendors display items from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. More vendors are invited to rent booth space for the six-week term, which ends Oct. 11. The \$30 registration fee is charge of vendors.

"Our horticulture students coordinate the garden and the farmers markets and also will be working with Frontier County Extension in a Food Preservation and Garden Safety Workshop on Sept. 17 from 6-9 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center," she added. "We hope gardeners and those interested in home canning and food preservation will attend.

To register for the farmer's market space or for details on the food preservation workshop, contact Tee Bush at 308-367-5226.



## Cafeteria menu

Monday Sept. 7

- Breakfast: Closed for Labor Day
- Noon: Closed for Labor Day
- Evening: Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday Sept. 8

- Breakfast: Pancakes
- Noon: Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Evening: Chili Cheese Dogs

Wednesday Sept. 9

- Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy
- Noon: Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
- Evening: Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Thursday Sept. 10

- Breakfast: Hash Brown Scramble
- Noon: Tater Tot Casserole
- Evening: Bosco Sticks

Friday Sept 11

- Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole
- Noon: Chili Crisпитos
- Evening: no evening meal offered

Monday Sept. 14

- Breakfast: Pancakes
- Noon: Fried Chicken
- Evening: French Dip Sandwiches

Tuesday Sept. 15

- Breakfast: Breakfast Sticks
- Noon: Lasagna
- Evening: Popcorn Chicken Bowl

Wednesday Sept. 16

- Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy
- Noon: Hamburger Deluxe
- Evening: Cubed Steak

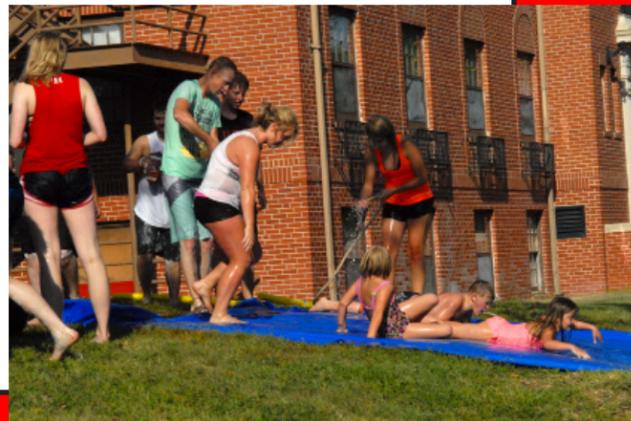
Thursday Sept 17

- Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs
- Noon: Enchiladas
- Evening: Runzas

Friday Sept. 18

- Breakfast: Breakfast Bites
- Noon: Pasta Bar
- Evening: no evening meal offered

# Water Slide



# Messy Twister



# Bongo Ball



# College: Best Years of Your Life?

By Kylie Cadwallader



High school graduation was not that long ago. For some, it is definitely a lot closer than others. If people you know are anything like the people I know, then you had several people telling you that college is the best years of your life. I'm sure these were meant to be words of comfort and to make you excited about the next few years of your life. Instead to me they sounded like words that could crush any hopes you had.

Are you telling me that the best years of my life are going to be over before I've even hit my middle 20's?! That they are either going to be spent going to class everyday, getting drunk everyday (not to judge or anything), or both for the select few who have managed to find a happy medium between the two? Yeah, doesn't sound so great to me.

College is definitely supposed to be a fun time, no doubt. It's a time to make new friends, try new things, and start to live the life that you want to have. You, hopefully, find your independence and take the first steps in making your dream career a reality. It's a time that should be enjoyed. It's a great time, but for your sake and mine, I hope that these years attending college are not the best years of your lives. I don't know about you but I want so much more than what any college has to offer. I would rather live the best years of my life unknowingly and be able to look back and realize them for what they are than know that this is it and have nothing to look forward to in the future. So, may your college years be great, but may the rest of your life be even better.

*Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.*

# Student Services Help Tips

By Justin Baugher, NCTA IT Services Manager  
Available services for students:

- Email (lifetime) from huskers.unl.edu
- Box (while student) from box.unl.edu
- Free Symantec Antivirus at antivirus.unl.edu

Helpful Hints:

- Create a 2nd account that isn't "Administer" and run your computer from that account. When you get a virus it won't be able to hose your computer.
- Save your homework to multiple USB drives. At least 5 of you will have your USB drive fail this semester. I can't recover your data off of it either!

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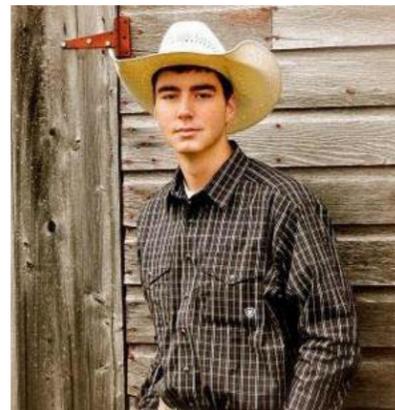
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# Aggies Speak Out

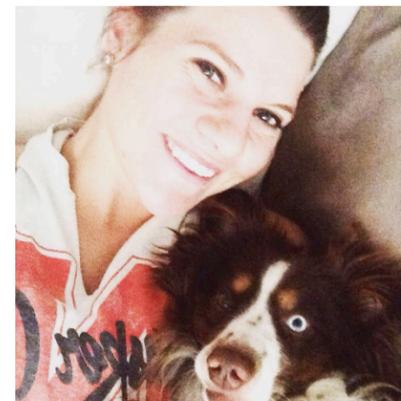
What has surprised you the most about NCTA from your time here?



Cheyenne Simoni  
Lawton, Iowa  
Ag Business  
"I was surprised by how relaxed it is here! What other college can you ride your horses past the main education center and it's no big deal?"



Daniel Cox  
Valentine, Neb.  
Animal Science  
"I was surprised at how the classes have a friendly, personal vibe."



Korey Forster  
Smithfield, Neb.  
Livestock Management & Ag Business  
"I would have to say the friendliness of the community. I don't think I've gone a day at the college/ town without someone waving as I drive down the street, holding a door open for me, or saying hello as I meet someone walking down the side walk. I guess I didn't expect that when I first got here."



Eleanor Aufdenkamp  
North Platte, Neb.  
Agriculture Education  
"I was surprised on how easy the transition was from high school to college. Everybody is so great. I felt as if I have known them for a long time; the professors really seem like they genuinely want us to succeed in what we do, and sometimes at other institutions you hear of professors being horrible. I also was surprised by how much I love my classes. In high school you had to take certain classes so they weren't enjoyable; here, this is the stuff I like and the stuff I'm passionate about so I love learning about it."



Ian Jeffries  
Cozad, Neb.  
Animal Production Systems  
"How friendly the people are and how nice the campus is."



Darbe Dodson  
Maywood, Neb.  
Livestock Management  
"Probably what has surprised me the most would probably be how much I enjoy it; I knew I'd like it because it's getting me that much closer to my future, but I actually enjoy the classes."