



# NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE

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## **More ag in store at NCTA for June**

Dean's Message from Interim Dean Kelly Bruns, Ph.D.

CURTIS, Neb. – The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is gaining traction this final week of May in preparation for a busy month of June ahead.

Field crops and livestock work on the NCTA Farm is progressing, and annual campus maintenance projects are underway in preparation for summer programs.

We have initiatives underway now for new students through virtual tours and enrollment days on June 9 and July 7, plus several events for the third week of June.

### Virtual Campus Tours



We are sharing the story of NCTA's successes and our academic programs virtually. As prospective students and their families explore college offerings, NCTA offers customized, virtual tours.

Contact Josi in the Dean's Office at 308-367-5200 to line up a walking tour through Zoom. You can see campus facilities, talk with an advisor, view the residence halls, and much more, all in live time.

A recent graduate, Anna Whyman, kicked off the virtual tours last week. See and hear Ann's NCTA story at our Facebook page, University of Nebraska-NCTA.

*Anna Whyman gives a virtual tour at NCTA.*

### New Student Enrollment

NCTA is a beautiful campus this time of year, especially, which we capture on the virtual conversations. It will be even more special to see it in person as it opens for in-person tours and family visits.

At this time we are hopeful to provide those in-person tours and opportunities with unique "New Student Enrollment" days on June 9 and again on July 7. Watch for these announcements at [ncta.unl.edu](http://ncta.unl.edu).

Meanwhile, for questions about admissions and enrollment for this fall, call Gaylene at 308-367-5267.

### New NCTA dean arrives

Dr. Larry Gossen and his wife, Fay, will soon be joining the Curtis community as our newest residents as they begin to settle into the NCTA Dean's residence on campus. We look forward to their arrival as Larry assumes the administrative reins at NCTA on June 15.

With decades of agricultural education experiences in the classroom and leading FFA programs in Kansas, nationally, and for the past year with the Nebraska Department of Education, he will be right at home amid the NCTA Aggie students, faculty and staff.

All in good fun with our fellow Land Grant College friends, don't be too surprised to see some K State purple blending into the Aggie and Husker red once in a while.

#### Vet Tech summer session

Also on June 15 is the return of summer session classes for the NCTA Veterinary Technology Division. Annually, the summer session is eight weeks of coursework with many hands-on teaching and learning experiences in essential skills.

VT Division Chair Barbara Berg and her team are planning lectures, laboratory experiences and animal health projects following physical distancing and State of Nebraska guidelines. Some students will be living on campus and others in the community.

It will be good to have Aggies back on campus and in the classrooms at the Veterinary Technology complex.

#### Aggie Alumni connect

The Aggie Alumni Association has postponed the June 27, 2020 reunion at campus. Mark your calendar for June 26, 2021 in Curtis. At this time, an open house is still on the books for our 2020 graduates and any alumni who can gather in Curtis this year, on August 1.

For details on any of these events, see our web site at [ncta.unl.edu](http://ncta.unl.edu) or call us today at 1-800-3-CURTIS.

*Part of the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a two-year institution with a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology and related industries. NCTA is known for its affordable tuition, high job-placement rate for its graduates, and for the success of student teams in numerous competitive activities including crops judging, ranch horse events, livestock judging, shotgun sports, stock dog trials, and intercollegiate rodeo. The college is consistently ranked as one of the best two-year schools in the nation.*

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(Photo caption)

Anna Whyman, a native of Palmyra and animal science graduate, is giving virtual tours of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture campus plus conversations with NCTA faculty and staff. (McConville / NCTA photo)