



DATE: August 20, 2019  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report – September 2019 Board of Regents Meeting**

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### **MISSION**

Dawson Community College fosters a culture of excellence in education providing all students quality learning and opportunities for growth and partnership in local and global communities.

### **CORE THEMES**

- *Excellence through Academics*: Provide curriculum and instruction through multiple learning pathways expanding opportunities in education adaptive to the needs of a changing student body.
- *Excellence through Student Engagement*: Provide a student-centered focus through student and academic support services, quality faculty and staff, residence life, clubs and organizations.
- *Excellence through Community*: Provide the greater community lifelong learning opportunities through open access to the College.
- *Excellence through Outreach*: Provide opportunities for workforce development, apprenticeships and internships, continuing education, personal enrichment and youth programming.
- *Excellence through Recruiting*: Provide opportunities to invite all learners to be a part of DCC, maintain sustained growth with not only more applicants, but also better-prepared students equipped with tools for success.
- *Excellence through Financial Practices*: Provide budget oversight and expanded opportunities in education for both transfer and career and technical education and workforce development, as well as personal enrichment for faculty, staff, students, and community.
- *Excellence through Property and Learning Facilities*: Provide for the management of all grounds and facilities to help provide the best learning environment possible.

### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Low student to faculty ratio
- Quality career and technical programs
- Highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing



## **REPORT:**

Dawson Promise, a program to assist unaccompanied youth, was recently featured in Community College Daily, a publication of the American Association of Community Colleges. Click on the link to view the article. <http://www.ccdaily.com/2019/07/a-safe-place-to-land/>

At the ACCT Leadership Congress in October, I, along with other members of AACC's Commission on Small and Rural Colleges, will offer our perspective to help trustees hire and onboard successful CEOs. Our presentation, "*Find the Right Fit: Hiring and Onboarding Presidents in Small and Rural Colleges*," will discuss the unique skillset, demeanor, and perspective required of CEOs to effectively lead in this type of environment.

Some students have already moved to campus; however, the majority will arrive on August 25. Employees will be on hand to greet new and returning students and help them get settled in the residence halls. Orientation takes place August 26 and 27, and classes begin August 28.

The College and the Board of Trustees hosts a Community Fair and BBQ August 27. This fun event connects students with members of the community. Following the BBQ, the Lady Bucs volleyball team hosts its first home game of the season against Dickinson (North Dakota) State University JV. Go Bucs!

On September 7, the Buccaneer family will get together at Glendive's Hollecker Lake for the Fourth Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. This is great fun for students and community members to cheer for their favorite Cardboard Captain – it's an all-out battle for the Soggy Bottom Cup!