

September 2017



Back to School at NWC



***Solar eclipse
overshadows new school
year***

The whole campus turned out for one of nature's most awe-inspiring experiences at Northwest College. As sunlight dimmed and the temperature dropped, hundreds of students, faculty and staff gathered around the Carillon on the Campus Mall to gaze into the sky and share the moment the moon swallowed the sun, leaving only a small sliver of orange. A first for many students, the highly anticipated solar eclipse was the perfect beginning to a new school year and a fresh start.



Painting the town red ... literally!

From a window painting contest and poker run, to food trucks and a live concert, NWC's first Paint the Town Red event offered something for everyone—community members, employees and students. As the sun set over Powell, hundreds of community members socialized, made new friends and danced the night away. Paint the Town Red connected new and returning students with Powellites and kicked off the new school year in fine form. Look for it again next year!

Reunion rendezvous after 50+ years



It was a blast *with* the past for several 1960-65 Northwest alumni who rendezvoused on campus earlier this month. So many feel-good moments and memories were shared during the two-day reunion—from touching comments about the kindnesses shown to students by President J.E. “Chris” Christensen, to Colter Hall stories like, “Remember how we learned to jimmy the locks?” Alum Ahmad Paksima (’63) initiated the reunion idea and summed it up this way: “I just wanted as many alumni as possible to gather after all these years and remember how special it was to be a Northwest student. **This school was just so very important to me.**”

Outdoor Ed economic driver for Wyoming



NWC students participating in our Outdoor Education program have opportunities for ice climbing just outside of Powell, rock climbing near the tunnels on the North Fork west of Cody, or backpacking in the Beartooth Mountains. Our proximity to wilderness gives students many chances to practice map and compass skills, start their ascension up the professional guiding certification ladder, and hone their risk and safety analysis and decision making abilities. According to the [Wyoming Outdoor Industry's](#) analysis, Wyoming Outdoor Recreation generates \$1.6 billion in wages and salary and \$514 million in state and local tax revenues annually. ***NWC Outdoor Ed students are poised to become a part of a thriving Wyoming industry!***

For more information about the NWC Outdoor Program [click here.](#)



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