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Welcome

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”— Marian Wright Edelman, education advocate

I appreciate the message found in that quotation as it captures the aspirations we have for higher education. The quotation also recognizes the importance of community. Each of us belong to many communities, including your home community (where you live), and groups you belong to whether they be social, cultural, religious or another group that functions as a kind of community, where you feel accepted.

I want to welcome you to our community at Northland Pioneer College (NPC). In 2024 we celebrated our 50th anniversary as a community college. NPC offers educational services in both Navajo and Apache counties with nine dedicated locations throughout our district. We are particularly honored to be able to offer services to students who live on the lands of the Navajo Tribal Nation, the Hopi Tribal Nation, and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Nation, respectively.

It is my fervent hope that NPC becomes another community where you feel welcome and have a sense of belonging. We want you to feel connected not only to the subjects you study, but also to the people you meet—our faculty, staff, administration, and your fellow students. All of us at NPC are here to help you achieve your dreams by reaching your academic and career goals.

To that end, at NPC we desire to create a relationship with all of our students. For those new to NPC, your journey should start by meeting with an academic advisor who will discuss your goals and provide you with a program map, outlining your academic journey from the first semester to your graduation. Once you have your program map, you’ll have the opportunity to connect with the professor(s) who oversee your program area and, as you take classes, with your fellow students.

One innovative way to make connections with professors and peers is starting up for the first time this year: Learning Communities. Students who choose to enroll in a Learning Community will enroll simultaneously in two classes that are offered in conjunction with each other and are team-taught by two professors. It will be a unique way to not only earn college credits in a 6-credit block while creating meaningful connections with your Learning Community faculty and classmates. We hope you find new friends and a source of support as you complete your academic work together. If you want to learn more about Learning Communities, please speak to your academic advisor.

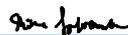
Thank you for considering joining the NPC community. I also want to encourage you to be an advocate for yourself. Speak up if you think you may need extra help or have particular challenges. Don’t hesitate to share your needs with an advisor, a professor, or anyone at the college. We want you to succeed! Finally, please check our Virtual Student Center which is an online resource with helpful information: <https://www.npc.edu/virtual-student-success-center>.

Wishing you every success on your educational journey,



Dr. Mike Solomonson
Interim President, Northland Pioneer College

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School’s Official Signature

Jun 5, 2024

Today’s Date



Who We Are...

The College District

Established in 1972, Navajo County Community College District, or Northland Pioneer College (NPC), is a publicly tax-supported community college located in Navajo County, Arizona. The college's first students enrolled for the fall semester of 1974.

The Navajo County Community College District serves Navajo and Apache counties, an area of 21,158 square miles with a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau permanent population estimate of 180,562. The Navajo, Hopi, White Mountain Apache and Zuni Indian Reservations occupy more than 68.34 percent of the total land in the College service area and account for 57.8 percent of the area's estimated population.

Campuses are located within four of the largest Navajo County communities of Holbrook, Show Low, Snowflake/Taylor and Winslow. Centers are located in Hopi, Kayenta and Whiteriver. Through an intergovernmental agreement with Apache County, NPC has centers in St. Johns and Springerville. Additional educational sites are established as educational needs and opportunities arise.

Accreditation

In order to have the right to award college degrees and certificates, institutions of higher education must be evaluated by a nationally recognized accrediting agency. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is charged with evaluating Northland Pioneer College. NPC is proud to report having passed the most recent (2020) evaluation with accreditation reaffirmed through 2030.

The HLC currently has revised its 10-year evaluation schedule to one that continuously monitors excellence of operational and educational standards. This new model ensures NPC students of an up-to-date, nationally recognized and accredited educational experience.

To view the criteria and standards set by the Higher Learning Commission, contact them at 230 South LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, (800) 621-7440 or online at www.hlcommission.org/.

College Visitation

The public is always welcome to visit NPC campuses and centers. Visitors are asked to check-in at the campus or center office. Visitors will be held to the same standards of conduct as NPC students.

Normally the student lounges, campus/center offices, art galleries, academic advising offices, libraries, parking lots, and hallways are open to the public. Classrooms and faculty offices are reserved for registered students.

While classes are in session, visitors should be considerate of students and not bring small children into classroom, laboratory or library areas.

Soliciting is prohibited on all campuses and centers.

For your safety, please keep out of construction areas. In many instances, there will be public open houses when buildings are completed.

Members of the public are welcome to use the NPC libraries. *Those under age 15 require adult supervision. A wide selection of resources are available, including books, eBooks, digital Audiobooks, DVDs, newspapers, magazines, and more. Computer, printing, internet, and wifi access are available to the public (with a potential fee but there is no additional charge for students). (See also page 8).

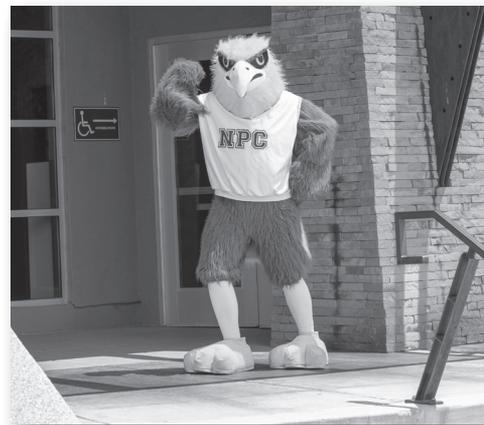
For assistance, call your nearest NPC Library or Center. Find the corresponding phone numbers from our website (www.npc.edu/library). For a quick response, use the "Ask a Librarian" link on the library's website, or your cell phone to "Text a Librarian" at (928) 351-4204 during regular business hours. Users are encouraged to use the Subject Guides and our A-Z Database List with Open Access resources that are free to all users. We also have how-to videos, other library links, and government documents available from the website and connected resources.

* Services for community members are limited and may be subject to a fee.

Mascot and Colors

In 1976, Northland Pioneer College students selected the golden eagle as the college's mascot, and gold, sky blue and red as the college colors. The red was later dropped. Royal blue and gold are now used as the college's official colors.

Ernie Eagle represents the college at community and college events and on social media websites. Be sure to join over 1,500 of Ernie's friends on Facebook. Ellie Eaglet is the spokeseagle for the Kids College program.



NPC Mascot Ernie Eagle

Our Mission

Northland Pioneer College provides educational excellence that is affordable and accessible for the enrichment of communities across northeastern Arizona.

Our Shared Vision

NPC continually responds to the needs of our communities by cultivating generations of learners. By 2030, NPC will transform lives by advancing student success and socio-economic well-being through a spirit of innovation, partnership, and creative problem-solving.

Our Shared Values

NPC will live our vision through the following Shared Values. At NPC, we value:

Integrity

By Integrity, we mean consistently taking responsibility for our actions and preserving the trust communities place in us.

We demonstrate Integrity by:

- Setting achievable and measurable goals.
- Maintaining transparency in project planning, implementation.
- and reporting while honoring the college's shared governance process.
- Being consistently truthful and fair in our internal and external interactions.

Inclusion

By Inclusion, we mean empowering all people – regardless of individual differences and/or historical under-representation – to have the right to be involved, engaged, respected, and appreciated as valuable members of our communities.

We demonstrate Inclusion by:

- Ensuring all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation have opportunities to equitably engage with, participate in, and benefit from the NPC community.
- Recruiting individuals and partnering with organizations that reflect and represent the diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and interests of our area.
- Using diverse perspectives to make better-informed decisions.

Adaptability

By Adaptability, we mean a commitment to being agile in responding to the ever-changing needs of our diverse communities through collaboration, innovation, and informed risk-taking.

We demonstrate Adaptability by:

- Keeping an open mind to learn or develop new ways to respond to changes.
- Experimenting with different styles of working and adjusting as needed.
- Using valid and reliable data to make decisions with confidence and efficiency.

Civility

By Civility, we mean maintaining one's own beliefs and perspectives without demeaning the beliefs and perspectives of others.

We demonstrate Civility by:

- Using active listening and acknowledgment without judgment while interacting with others, even when there are deep-rooted and fierce disagreements.
- Seeking common ground as the starting point for dialogue about differences.
- Modeling, teaching, and promoting the practices of civility and expecting others to do the same.

Access

By Access, we mean striving to minimize barriers to lifelong learning.

We demonstrate Access by:

- Striving to keep costs low and connect students with available resources and financial support.
- Offering education, student services, information, and resources in multiple formats to optimize equitable opportunities across our communities.
- Implementing the principles of universal design to promote access to campus spaces, events, and activities.



Northland Pioneer College

Business and Community Services

Community and Corporate Learning

The Community and Corporate Learning Department (CCL) promotes occupational skills and encourages an awareness of social, cultural, intellectual and artistic endeavors – key missions for Northland Pioneer College. This is accomplished through four targeted areas: corporate education, noncredit classes, Kids College, and excursions.

Within corporate education, NPC can tap its own resources or bring in outside trainers to provide any training that might be needed. By coordinating these efforts, in many cases, the training can be offered at a lower cost. This department provides quality training and workforce development workshops that are customized to meet the needs of business and industry communities. NPC's CCL department guarantees satisfaction for training services. If the services NPC provides do not meet your requirements, our staff will redo them at no charge.

Training to meet state or federally required certifications is already offered by NPC in our service area; saving businesses the time and financial cost of sending employees to large metro areas. NPC has the educational resources to provide training in a variety of areas, such as computer software implementation, CPR certification, business training, as well as stress or time management skills.

The community services provide noncredit lifelong learning opportunities and support for community and cultural activities to the residents of NPC district communities. Classes and workshops are offered as noncredit opportunities in home crafts and technology, dance, health and wellness, computer applications, cooking specialties, sustainable living strategies and other areas. Classes are added throughout the year to cover a variety of topics and workshops. Local newspaper advertising, Emails, mailings, and social media posts notify communities of all courses scheduled. You can also view a current list of personal interest classes by visiting www.npc.edu/noncredit-classes.

Suggestions for future course offerings or topics are welcomed. If you are interested in teaching with us, please contact the community and corporate learning specialists.

NPC offers a Kids College to provide young people, ages 6-14, with fun, secure, and structured enrichment programs. These exciting learning opportunities are designed to allow children to explore areas of interest, develop academic skills, and make and develop new friendships while introducing them to college programs available at NPC. Classes include a variety of topics including theater arts, STEM, cosmetology, baking, art, computer programming and more. Scholarships may be available to offset the

cost of Kids College courses. This program runs June 1 - July 31. Visit www.npc.edu/kids-college for registration, course listings, and more information.

For adults, 21 and over, check out our new Learning Adventure Excursions program, providing a hands-on continuing education experience. You'll explore, experience and relax as NPC transports you to different locations in Northern Arizona to learn about local art, history, culture and scenic sights.

Excursions are offered May through October and have included locations such as Rock Art Ranch, Starry Night at the Petrified Forest, and Petroglyph Park in Holbrook. Seating is limited, so sign up early for these memorable experiences.

Visit www.npc.edu/learning-adventure-excursions for a current schedule and more information.

To request to be on the contact list of course offerings, please contact the community and corporate learning specialists, (800) 266-7845, ext. 6244, or email ccl@npc.edu.



Talon Gallery

The Talon Gallery, located in the Aspen Center at the Show Low - White Mountain Campus exhibits work by students, regional and nationally-recognized artists. When classes are in session, the gallery is open to the public, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information on current or upcoming exhibits visit www.npc.edu/TalonGallery.

NPC's permanent art collection and other exhibits are displayed in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center on the Snowflake/Taylor - Silver Creek Campus, and other campus or center public areas.

TALON
GALLERY

Small Business Development Center

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is hosted by Northland Pioneer College and was established in 1989 by the Small Business Administration to help increase the number of successful small businesses in Northeastern Arizona. The SBDC joins 10 Service Centers in Arizona providing access to professional business counselors, analysts, and technology specialists all dedicated to helping you succeed.

The SBDC at NPC partners with the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Arizona Commerce Authority to serve Navajo and Apache counties. Our SBDC business advisors work with determined clients who want to start, grow or sustain a successful business by providing quality educational programs, access to resources and one-on-one counseling throughout the region.

The SBDC offers confidential, no-cost advising services to small business owners. Counseling is offered in various locations throughout the region, usually in facilities operated by Northland Pioneer College or other participating agencies, or remotely via computer and internet. The no-cost counseling is offered in Winslow, Holbrook, Snowflake/Taylor, Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, St. Johns, Springerville/Eagar, Heber Overgaard and on the Navajo, Hopi, and Apache reservations.

The SBDC hosts and co-sponsors seminars and noncredit workshops for small businesses, covering topics such as starting a new business, writing a business plan, financing, accounting and bookkeeping, marketing, management, and doing business with the government workshops on topics like exporting, clean technology, HUBZone, women-owned businesses, SBA loan programs, and Veteran's services.



The Small Business Development Center's services are normally accessed first by registering at www.npc.edu/sbdc (click on "SIGN UP TODAY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE") or call the SBDC main office in Show Low at (928) 532-6170.

The SBDC updates the media regularly with press releases and articles concerning small business topics and events. Referrals from banking institutions, cities, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, SBA, and other clients are often seeking the best sources for new clients for the counseling program.

The Small Business Development Centers are partially funded by the Small Business Administration. The support given by the U.S. SBA through such funding does not constitute an express or implied endorsement of any of the co-sponsor(s) opinions, products, or services.

For more information or assistance, call the SBDC at (928) 532-6170 or email sbdc@npc.edu.

Public Access to NPC Computers & Internet Services

Non-students wishing to use Northland Pioneer College's computers or wireless internet access may purchase a \$2 single day-pass or a \$47 semester-long pass from the campus/center office. This fee is used to help offset the cost of media services for all community members and students. Please note that this fee is also charged to NPC students, in addition to tuition and specific course fees.

NPC students have priority over the use of any computers. Users must be 18 years or older and comply with all federal and state laws and with college policies governing conduct and the viewing of images in public areas.



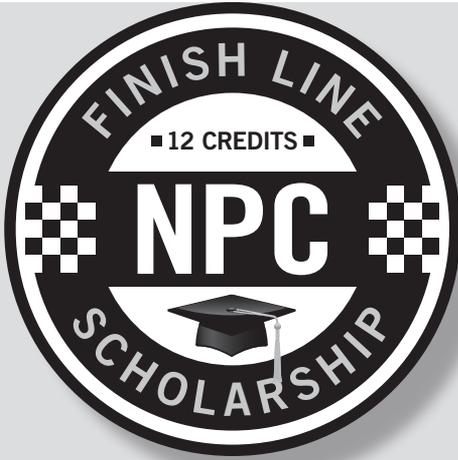
Helpful Telephone Numbers

Dial toll-free (800) 266-7845, at the prompt, enter the last four digits as the extension number. You can also call direct, using the local number. NPC's Area Code is (928). Online, find maps and office hours for NPC locations at www.npc.edu/locations; and college closures and other important dates at www.npc.edu/calendar.

	Extension
Holbrook— Painted Desert Campus	
2251 E. Navajo Blvd, Holbrook, AZ 86025	
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Jill Sartain, Campus Manager	7306
Andrew Farr, Academic Advisor	7342
Show Low— White Mountain Campus	
1001 W. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, AZ 85901	
Campus Office	(local 532-6111) 6111
Jessica Kitchens, Lead Campus Manager	6106
Donna Krieser, Academic Advisor/GED	6142
Muriel Metcalf, Academic Advisor	6143
Snowflake/Taylor—Silver Creek Campus	
1611 S. Main St., Snowflake, AZ 85937	
Campus Office	(local 536-6211) 6211
Campus Manager	6206
Karen Zimmerman, Academic Advisor	6241
Winslow— Little Colorado Campus	
1400 E. Third St., Winslow, AZ 86047	
Campus Office	(local 289-6511) 6511
Ina Sommers, Campus Manager	6511
Dawn Palen, Academic Advisor	6541
Hopi Center	
Highway 264, Milepost 397, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034	
Center Office	(local 738-2265) 7605
Janalda Nash, Interim Center Manager	7602
Janalda Nash, Center Technician/Advisor	7604
Kayenta Center	
P.O. Box 248, Kayenta, AZ 86033	
Center Office	(local 697-8333) 7649
Diane Joe, Center Manager	7648
Chantal Kescoli, Center Technician/Advisor	7649
Springerville/Eagar Center	
940 E. Maricopa St., Springerville, AZ 85938	
Center Office	(local 333-2498) 7639
Tamara Osborne, Center Manager	7638
Michael Colwell, Academic Advisor	7635
St. Johns Center	
65 South, 3rd West, St. Johns, AZ 85936	
Center Office	(local 337-4768) 7616
Cynthia Blevins, Center Manager	7621
Michael Colwell, Academic Advisor	7635
Whiteriver Center	
720 S. Chief Ave., Whiteriver, AZ 85941	
Center Office	(local 338-5185) 7661
Ricardo Aguilar, Center Manager	7664
Monique Fowler-Pacheco, Center Technician/Advisor	7663

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Painted Desert Campus - Industrial Technology (off-site)	
4801 Front Road, Joseph City, AZ 86032	
Silver Creek Campus - Jake Flake Emergency Services Training Facility (off-site)	
1840 W. Papermill Rd, Taylor, AZ 85939	
St. Johns Industrial Technology/Maintenance (off-site)	
32060 US Highway 191, St. Johns, AZ 85936	
St. Johns Cosmetology & Welding (off-site)	
955 W13 West, Ste. B, St. Johns, AZ 85936	
WayPoint - Vernon	
36316 Highway US-60, Vernon, AZ 85940	
Office	(local 551-6099).....(883)-333-0424
WayPoint - White Mountain Lake	
9125 Grant Road, White Mountain Lake, AZ 85912	
	Extension

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Apache County Programs Coordinator - Nicole Ulibarri	7471
NPC Online Bookstore	General Questions 7480
Business Office	General Questions 7480
Third-Party Billing	Business Office 7480
Student Billing	Olivia Jaquez 7485
Career Services	Benjamin Sandoval 289-6568
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Early College Advisors-	
Tammy Black	524-7640
Monty Begay	536-6274
Heidi "Summer" Rudolph	536-6237
Todd Wilcox	892-9674
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Transfer Credit Evaluations	Deena Gillespie 7365
Recruiting	
Dawayne Bahe	7481
Samuel Mcdowell	6268
Small Business Development	6706
Student Government/Activities	6143
Support Center (NPC online course access/tech problems)	7447
Veteran Certifying Official	7469



Earn your last
12 credits of a degree
tuition FREE!

Funds are limited so apply today.

THIS IS A SCHOLARSHIP

- Finish Line Scholarship covers the last 12 credits required for a degree. Repeat courses are not covered.
- Credits covered by this scholarship must meet associate degree completion requirements. Scholarship does not cover certificates.
- This scholarship is a tuition waiver, not a cash award. Does not cover books or fees, only tuition.
- Scholarship covers one academic year. Students who need longer to complete their last 12 credits can file a petition for continuation of this scholarship with the NPC financial aid office.
- Student must be an Arizona resident.

HOW TO APPLY

- Student must FIRST meet with an NPC academic advisor to see if they qualify.
- Student must complete the NPC financial aid process including the FAFSA as well as the Finish Line Scholarship application. Application is available online at www.npc.edu/FinishLine.
- Student must have an up-to-date degree AUDIT attached to their Finish Line application. Degree audits are available through an NPC academic advisor.
- Recipients to be selected by the NPC award committee.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Semester: June 1st

Spring Semester: November 15th

