

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT SNEICK

Greetings! We hope you enjoy our Fall 2023 Newsletter. It has been a busy summer filled with significant milestones and exciting news.

We welcomed over 100 students into our fall academic programs. This exemplifies our growth, and we are excited our communities and students understand the benefits our College brings. I am so proud of all our students for continuing their educational journey this term. The College has introduced various programs in healthcare, manufacturing, and wastewater, as well as offering no/low-cost public safety courses that are sure to help make a difference in our region's workforce.

Our growth and success would not be possible without the dedication of many from around our region. Our Board of Trustees and legislators continue to advocate for us and support an even brighter future for NPRC and its students. Our communities, faculty, staff, and students are to be recognized for their dedication to the College.

With our fall term underway and workforce development courses ongoing, we continue to think of our students through their studies, our staff as they implement various new systems and process improvements, and our faculty and proctors as they assist students in their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support of Northern Pennsylvania Regional College.

Sincerely,



Susie

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Oct 9 — Registration Deadline*

CDL Class A — Erie, PA

Oct 16 — Priority Registration

Veterans and students served by ODSS

Oct 16 — Registration Deadline*

CDL Class A — St. Marys, PA

Oct 17 — Priority Registration

Students in the service region

Oct 18 — Open Registration | Spring 2024

Oct 23 — Registration Deadline*

Wastewater Module I — Meadville and St. Marys, PA

Oct 24 — Virtual Information Session

Nov 6 — Registration Deadline*

CDL Class A — Erie, PA

Nov 20 — Registration Deadline*

Wastewater Module II — Meadville and St. Marys, PA

Nov 21 — Registration Deadline*

CDL Class A — St. Marys, PA

Dec 6-12 — Finals Week Fall 2023 Term

Dec 11 — Registration Deadline*

CDL Class A — Erie, PA

Jan 1, 2024 — Registration Deadline*

CDL Class A — St. Marys, PA

*Workforce Development Dates

NPRC NOTEWORTHY NEWS



NPRC ADDS TIOGA COUNTY TO ITS FOOTPRINT

Tioga County was officially added to the institution's service region effective July 11, 2023. With this approval granted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, NPRC's service region has expanded to 10 counties. Prior to this addition, the College officially began offering classes in Tioga County in January 2023 as Northern Tioga School District (110 Ellison Road, Elkland, PA) and Southern Tioga School District (310 Morris Street, Blossburg, PA) welcomed NPRC to use their facilities for academic courses.

Informational tool kits for interested students and community members may be picked up from the Wellsboro CareerLink®, Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce, and Bradford County Action, Inc. Local high school students may also contact their guidance counselor for more information on early entry (dual enrollment) classes with NPRC.

For more information about NPRC's expansion to Tioga County, click [here](#).



FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The fall 2023 term has been an exciting one for NPRC. Not only did the College return 40 students — 60 new students were also welcomed. In all, the College has 100 students enrolled for the fall term across 17 of their 27 classroom locations. Our dual enrollment student population now stands at 23 students. To kick-off the term on a high note, each of our learners this fall was welcomed by members of the NPRC team surprising them with goodie bags on their first day.

Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, Jennifer Cummings-Tutmaher, says, "The growth this term in our enrollment is a testament to the hard work of our NPRC employees and those who continue to advocate for the College in communities we serve. We know that word of mouth is powerful, and this is just the beginning of some exciting initiatives to come for the College. It is an exciting time to be a member of the NPRC family for students, staff, faculty, and community influencers. We look forward to continuing institutional growth, changing more lives, and brightening more futures."

ABPLANALP HONORED AT FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College's faculty members gathered on Saturday, August 12 for Faculty Development Day. This twice annual event brings instructors from across the region together to discuss timely training items, provide resources to assist students, prepare for the upcoming term, and socialize to celebrate the academic year ahead. In addition to scheduled training activities, the College honored one of the institution's most experienced faculty members, John Abplanalp.

Mr. Abplanalp was presented with a plaque and recognized for his service as an Instructor of Business Administration and for his dedication to fellow faculty members, students, and the College. His time at NPRC began in the earliest days of the institution as he got his start when NPRC was known as the Rural Regional College of Northern Pennsylvania. At NPRC, he's taught a collection of business courses and has served as a mentor to many.

Learn more about John and his journey as a business and education professional [here](#).



NPRC PROCTOR SPOTLIGHT

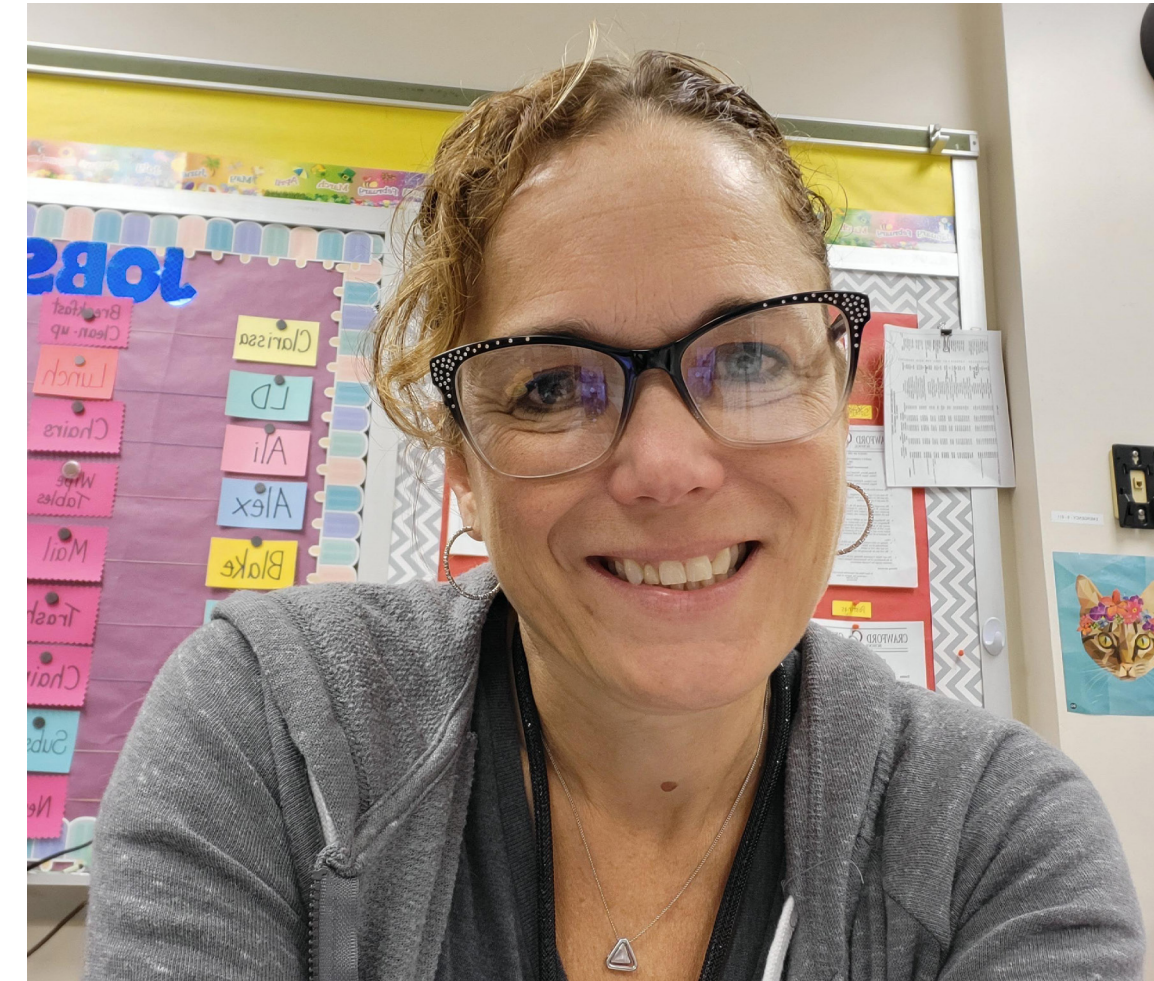
MARISSA CERVONE-GILSON

Marissa Cervone-Gilson has provided exceptional service for NPRC to students in Crawford County for nearly two years. Working in education and serving students is a familiar place for the Meadville native as she's enjoyed a successful career of more than 20 years with the Crawford Central School District.

As a paraprofessional for the district, she's served students from pre-K all the way through high school life skills learners. Her favorite stop during her time in this role has been to serve students in the autistic support curriculum. Crawford Central has built a spectacular program during her time with the district and working in this specific area was a rewarding venture for her.

Like many students at NPRC, Cervone-Gilson was a non-traditional college student. She balanced her coursework, career, and being a mom through her college career. Though it was a long road, earning her degree in early childhood education from Edinboro University was uplifting for her. Serving NPRC's students that have had educational journeys similar to hers makes her current position as a proctor meaningful.

Cervone-Gilson says, "At this stage of my life with my children grown, this opportunity to be a proctor is a blessing for me. I love what NPRC stands for and the service the College provides. I enjoy sitting in the classroom and taking it all in. Being a lifelong learner is something I'm very passionate about and NPRC's approach to education was something this region needed."



NPRC STAFF SPOTLIGHT

STEPHANIE VANDERLIN, BUSINESS OUTREACH AND TRAINING SPECIALIST

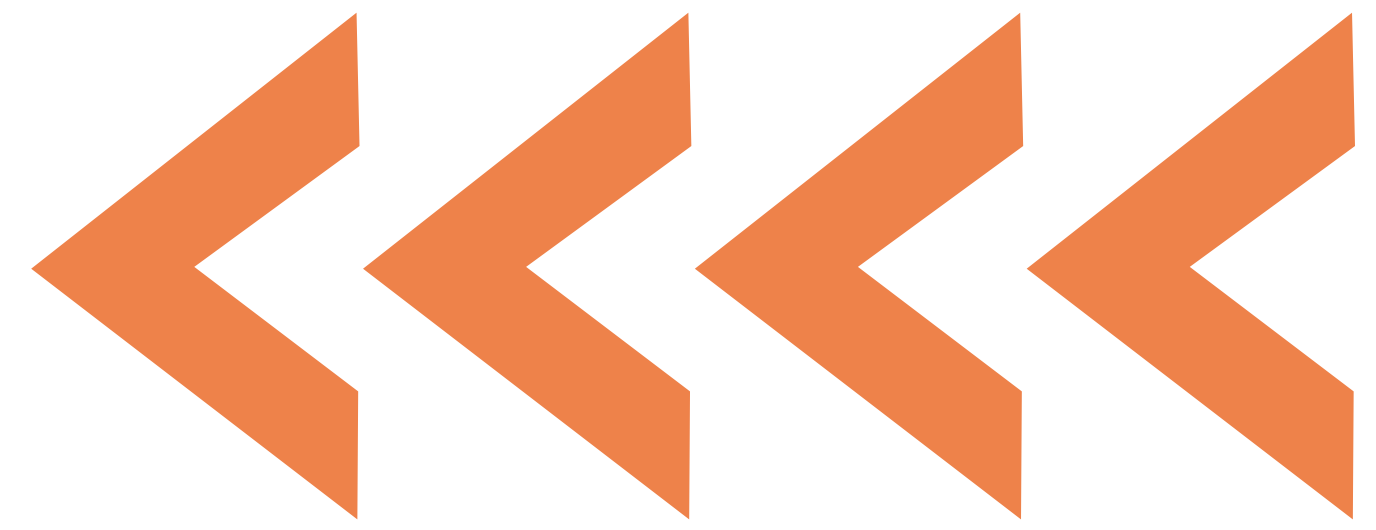
Stephanie VanDerlin is both knowledgeable and experienced in education and service, making her one of the newest assets for Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC). She officially begins her role as the College's Business Outreach and Training Specialist on October 2.

VanDerlin is a Ridgway native who has worked in many industries, such as business, education, healthcare, and social work. NPRC's Workforce Development team will benefit from her adaptability and versatility in their continued innovation and service to the region. She earned a bachelor's degree from Lock Haven University in elementary education and added a minor in psychology. In her free time, VanDerlin enjoys spending time with loved ones, enjoying the outdoors, and being a dog mom to a golden doodle named Ryder. VanDerlin has vested her roots in the Elk County community as her professional career has led her to opportunities with Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Inc.; Dickinson Center; Citizens Against Physical, Sexual and Emotional Abuse (CAPSEA); and Keystone Rural Health Consortia before joining the team at NPRC. Her passion for helping others has shone through, no matter what opportunity has presented itself in her career.

"It's exciting to be joining a team of professionals who enjoy helping our communities and people living there to grow and thrive," she says. "I am excited to grow in this new role. Education is important for me, and I enjoy being able to continue learning and bringing that opportunity to others. It will be rewarding to help people who felt that post-secondary training was previously out of reach."



NPRC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



LILY DOW

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College is an institution that can offer further learning for individuals at every chapter of their life. Before starting her junior year at Smethport Area Junior-Senior High School, Lily Dow completed NPRC's Dental Assistant program held in Port Allegany. Having the opportunity in her home county to sit in a college classroom and work ahead towards her dream career has been impactful for her. The course left Dow equipped with knowledge that she can take moving forward as she strives to pass her dental assistant certification exam and eventually become a dental hygienist.

This summer, the Mount Jewett native had the opportunity to speak to NPRC's Board of Trustees to share with them how the program helped to brighten her future right in McKean County. "I enjoyed the opportunity to speak to them because it allowed the Board of Trustees to hear from a high school student who completed the course. I'm hopeful that this opportunity will continue to be available for high school students."

Dow described the Dental Assistant course as well-balanced and one she feels is able to fit into many different individuals' schedules. "I really feel this dental assistant program gave me an early start in my young career," she said. "Being a dental assistant is something I have been interested in for a while. Once I saw the advertisement and spoke with my mom about the course fitting into my schedule, I knew I wanted to sign-up."

NPRC is an institution for everyone. Whether someone is a high school student trying to get a jump-start on their future like Lily or is looking to find a path to change careers, Northern Pennsylvania Regional College is here to serve and make sure that learning never stops.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT

DR. ADRIENNE DIXON

Dr. Adrienne Dixon is no stranger to helping others change their lives and brighten their futures. As a counseling psychologist, business professional, and educator, she's experienced in helping individuals take strides to be the best version of themselves.

Dixon is an Associate Professor at Pennsylvania Western University – Edinboro and previously served as the Program Head for the Counseling Program. Additionally, she's enjoyed more than a 30-year career with the Sarah A. Reed Children's Center and currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer.

One of Dixon's biggest supporters and role models in life was her great-grandmother. As someone who had the equivalent of a sixth-grade education, she hoped to see her family members, including Dr. Dixon, go further in their educational journey. Dixon has done just that and earned a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology, a Post Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy, and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.

"It's always been important for me to help people improve their education and have an impact on their ability to have a meaningful career and provide for their families. That happens at NPRC. Education is not just a gateway to a career or job, but it also changes your mindset and your approach as an individual. In almost everything that I do, I'm glad it all comes back to helping communities."

For more information about Dr. Dixon and our Board of Trustees, check them out [online!](#)

