



# NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT SNELICK

Summer is here, and our summer terms are in full swing. It's incredible to think that 2025 is halfway over. Even so, there's still so much to reflect on and anticipate as we continue forward through the rest of the year.

On behalf of all of us in the NPRC community, we extend another congratulations to all our recent graduates, who became the newest NPRC alumni at our ceremony in Corry on May 17. We know each of you is destined for amazing next chapters in your life and careers. We are so proud of you. The summer term has also welcomed many new students to our student body, and we are so grateful you have all decided to entrust NPRC with your educational journey. Our institution continues to grow, adapt, and discover new ways to help our learners change their lives and brighten their futures.

I'm pleased the college is beginning to offer new degrees in business management and education studies as well as a collection of new work-ready certificates beginning in August. We know these programs will help students from across our region achieve their various goals. Additionally, our Nurse Aide program is beginning in our Workforce Development division. This is the latest offering we are pleased to provide to help fill a regional gap in healthcare. To better serve our students and communities, we have made key changes within our team and formed new partnerships with external resources. These efforts have helped us to realign our goals and develop our next strategic plan, which will lead us through the year 2030.

Our team, and the number of students we serve, continues to grow, and this is a testament to the hard work contributed by everyone from the Board of Trustees to our most recent hires. I cannot wait to welcome more students to our College community this fall and continue evolving in ways that support both current and future learners. We remain #NPRCProud today and every day!

My best,

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**July 7 — Registration Deadline**  
INSURANCE AGENT

**July 14 — Registration Deadline**  
CDL - MANSFIELD

**July 21 — Registration Deadline**  
CULINARY BOOT CAMP - WELLSBORO

**July 22 — Registration Deadline**  
WASTEWATER MODULE 5

**August 4 — Registration Deadline**  
INSURANCE AGENT

**August 11 — Registration Deadline**  
CDL - MANSFIELD

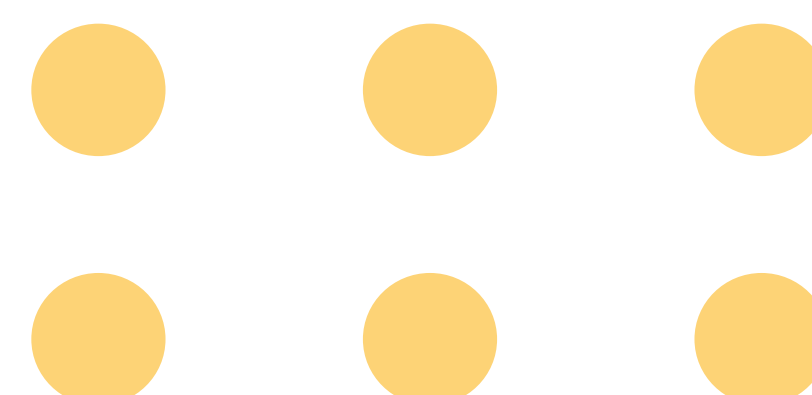
**August 12 — Registration Deadline**  
WASTEWATER MODULE 6

**August 25 — Term Begins**  
FALL 2025

**August 26 — Registration Deadline**  
CDL - ST. MARYS

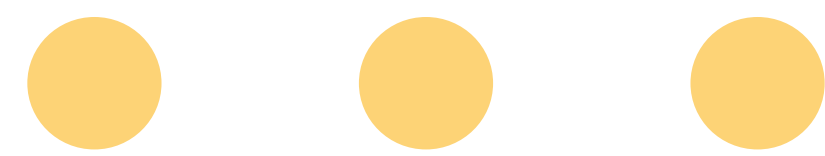
**September 1 — Registration Deadline**  
INSURANCE AGENT

**September 2 — Registration Deadline**  
WASTEWATER MODULE 7





# NPRC NOTEWORTHY NEWS

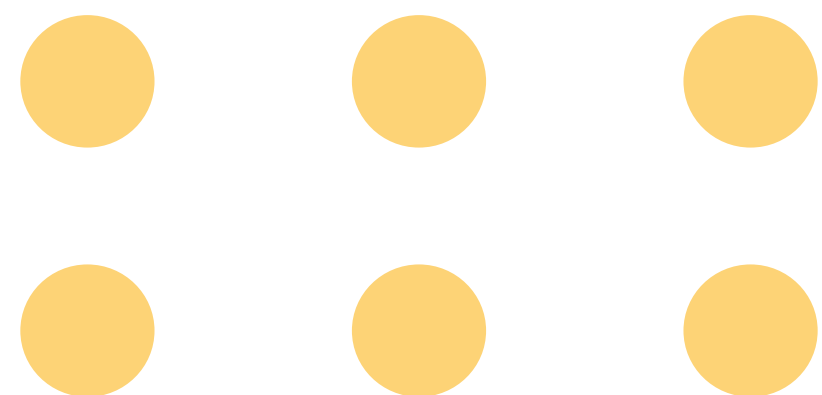


## NPRC AWARDED DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced in April that the Shapiro Administration has awarded \$14 million in grant funding to 15 public institutions of higher education. Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) was a local recipient of \$1,000,000. This funding was awarded to enable more high school students to enroll in dual credit programs across the Commonwealth, giving them more opportunities to chart their own course and prepare for successful careers.

NPRC will make dual enrollment courses free for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years and will expand offerings in science, technology, engineering, math, and continuing education coursework. Additionally, the College plans to expand course offerings through our Runways Program and asynchronous courses, develop career pathways and work-ready certificates to be earned for students while still in high school, develop certificates in emerging technical areas, and continue advancing towards accreditation with the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).

[Learn more](#) about what this grant means for current and future students.



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Two NPRC alumni served as the speakers for the 2025 Commencement Ceremony held on Saturday, May 17 in Corry at Enchanted Beginnings. Kara Haight, a December 2024 graduate in liberal studies, served as the student speaker, while Birttany Grajek, a spring 2024 graduate in early childhood education, served as the commencement speaker.

Haight began her journey with NPRC in the fall 2021 term. She came to the College as a homeschooled student but found the transition from homeschool to NPRC's welcoming community to be a smooth one. She is pursuing writing, while working part-time roles at the Warren and Youngsville Public Libraries. Presently, Haight is working on a historical fiction novel for young readers and is connecting with a publisher this fall to present her work.

Grajek is shaping young minds in her career as a lead teacher for two-year-olds at the Meadville Children's Center. Before returning to the workforce in 2024, she had stepped away from her career to improve her health. Throughout 2023 and into the early months of 2024, Grajek faced what seemed to be a chronic illness. However, after months of searching for answers, it was discovered that she had thyroid cancer and needed surgery. Despite all she was juggling, her grades never slipped as she graduated from NPRC with a 4.0 grade-point average and honors.

Learn more about [Haight](#) and [Grajek](#).





## COMMENCEMENT RECAP

NPRC celebrated their annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. The event took place at Enchanted Beginnings in Corry, with four students being recognized for completing their certificate or degree programs. The ceremony recognized three students in absentia.

Kara Haight, a graduate in liberal studies, served as the ceremony's student speaker, while fellow NPRC alumni, Brittany Grajek, who holds a degree in early childhood education from NPRC, returned as the commencement speaker.

This year's candidates included:

### **Associate of Arts**

Kara Randi-Joy Haight – Graduated with honors – Pittsfield, PA – Warren County

Katlyn Sobkowski – Graduated with honors – Youngsville, PA – Warren County

### **Associate of Science**

Jacqueline Whitaker – Graduated with honors – St. Marys, PA – Elk County

Frank Williams – U.S. Veteran – Warren, PA – Warren County

### **Work-Ready Certificate**

Danielle E. Gietler – Shinglehouse, PA – Potter County

Angela Lee McFarland – Tionesta, PA – Forest County

Dawn E. Nasoni – St. Marys, PA – Elk County

Katlyn Sobkowski – Graduated with honors – Youngsville, PA – Warren County

Frank Williams – U.S. Veteran – Warren, PA – Warren County

To view the recap of the entire ceremony, check out NPRC's [blog](#).



## NPRC AND CNB WAGNER PARTNERSHIP

NPRC and CNB Wagner Enterprise, LLC have partnered to help fulfill the need for more commercial driver's licensed (CDL) drivers. Classes for CDL Class A licenses will be held at CNB Wagner's range located in Forest County at 727 Route 36 in Tionesta. The cost of the program is estimated at \$4,625.00.

CNB Wagner has a five-part process for learners, which includes completing the online Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Theory Course on students own time, passing a physical examination by a healthcare provider, obtaining a CDL permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), completing entry-level driver training at their range, and testing after completing the 40 hours of training time at their range. The online training that can be completed on learners' own time and pace paired with the one-on-one instruction time helps to make this program convenient for learners.

Learn more about this [partnership](#)!





## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

NPRC's Board of Trustees welcomed three new members during its March and June meetings.

Justin Leventry joined NPRC's Board of Trustees in March and brings important knowledge and experience in public service to the College. He currently serves as the Chief of Staff for Senator Scott Hutchinson, a position he has held for over 12 years. Leventry has dedicated his career to public service, working on behalf of rural Pennsylvania, and has over 16 years of combined experience supporting two senators from northwest Pennsylvania.

Ryan Betts began his service at NPRC in June and is currently employed as the Executive Vice President for Betts Industries, Inc. in Warren. He is a graduate of Jamestown Business College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration/Management.

Jessica Herzing was also sworn into her term in June. She currently serves as Commissioner Chair for the County of Cameron, while also working for Judd A. Schager, CPA, as a Senior Staff Accountant. Herzing holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Central Penn College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

For more about the new additions to NPRC's Board of Trustees, click [here](#).



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT



### JUSTIN LEVENTRY

Justin Leventry joined NPRC's Board of Trustees in March 2025 and brings important knowledge and experience in public service to the College. In addition to his legislative work, he has held roles with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

A resident of Camp Hill, he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a finance option from Millersville University. His service to his local community includes being a current member of the Lower Susquehanna Archeology Society, serving the Hampden Township Planning Commission, and previously serving the West Shore Kiwanis Club as a former president.

"I am honored and excited to continue serving alongside the entire NPRC team — from administration to faculty, and most importantly, the students from across the region. NPRC fills a critical gap by providing essential training and educational opportunities in an area with a profound need for workforce development and post-secondary education. As higher education undergoes a transformative period, I firmly believe that demand-driven, student-focused programs — like those offered by NPRC — will remain both relevant and essential."

Learn more about our [Board of Trustees](#).





# INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

## CAROLYN PERALES

Instructor of Social Work, Carolyn Perales, has extensive education in the field. She earned a Bachelor's of Science in Social Work and a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology from Slippery Rock University and a Master of Science in Social Work with a specialization in mental health from the University of Louisville. She is also a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in Pennsylvania and an Accredited Case Manager – Social Worker (ACM-SW) through the American Case Management Association.

She currently works full-time in healthcare as a social work manager in her native Erie County, working for a hospital system in the neuroscience unit with an interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, and other medical professionals. Previously, she served as a mental health therapist at a residential treatment facility and specialized in trauma-informed care. While her full-time work was certainly fulfilling, there was something missing; she was not sharing her knowledge with upcoming social workers.

In the last several years, Perales has felt a rejuvenation in her career thanks to a pivot to working in the hospital setting and now as an educator at NPRC for the last year. Perales admires a few specific characteristics of NPRC. "I truly appreciate how NPRC embraces their students and works to help each student succeed. I also really love that the College embraces distance learning and makes access to education a bit more convenient for people who may not be present on campus for courses."



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## HARRY SNYDER, CDL COMPLETER

Harry Snyder, a resident of Ridgway, completed his commercial driver's license (CDL) training this spring in St. Marys through the truck driver training partnership between PA Pride, LLC and NPRC. Snyder is employed by the Ridgway Borough as a wastewater treatment operator, and earning a CDL will help him in his everyday job driving sewage plant dump trucks, as well as allow him to earn additional income if he chooses.

Snyder chose NPRC's program because it was close to home, but along the way, he realized that this CDL program was more than just an opportunity in his native Elk County. A workplace accident forced Snyder to push back his original start date. As he recovered, the College accommodated Snyder with a new class once he was ready to begin his training. "I was unable to drive for a while. I'm thankful for NPRC stepping up and communicating with PA Pride to coordinate me into a new section of the class. They made it easy for me."

Snyder shares with others that one of the keys to success in the CDL program is going into the opportunity with an open mind. "Go into the course wanting to learn and you will succeed. The instructor I had was a great teacher and made it much easier to learn."

For more about NPRC's CDL courses, head to our [website](#).





# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## **KELSEY ANGOVE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Hey! I'm Kelsey Angove, Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications here at NPRC. I joined the team in March 2023 as the Assistant Director of Community Engagement and recently made the change from recruitment to marketing for the institution.

I'm a native of Russell and graduated from Eisenhower High School. I went on to Westminster College where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature in 2014. I returned home to my Warren County roots and have been working in the marketing industry since. I began my career as an Account Manager at Kafferlin Strategies before moving on to become the Director of Marketing at the Rouse in Youngsville for over five years. The latest chapter is working here at the College, where I'm thrilled to change lives and brighten futures through education.

Our team at NPRC is filled with so many dedicated professionals who go above and beyond to serve our students and local communities every day. It's an honor to be amongst so many of these talented professionals that serve an important mission for people at many stages of their life. I'm currently advancing my knowledge in higher education by working on a master's degree in integrated marketing communications with a focus in higher education online through West Virginia University. I plan to finish this degree in 2026 and am grateful to NPRC for their investment in this endeavor.

Outside of my passion for higher education, I love to perform with the Warren Players community theatre group and serve as the non-profit organization's treasurer. I've been a member since high school and love taking part in plays and musicals for those around the area to enjoy. I also enjoy traveling, baking, going to concerts, and crafting. The rest of my time is spent walking or playing with my dogs, Ellie and Maggie; and spending time with my family, friends, my partner, Allan, and my bonus daughter, Lilly.

I'm very thankful to be a part of the NPRC team and look forward to our continued work growing our institution and serving those in need of more education!

