

## Amberley Snyder to Speak at DCC



Amberley Snyder will speak at Dawson Community College on September 25 at 6 p.m. in the Toepke Auditorium. Snyder is an award-winning barrel racer who shares her story of triumph over tragedy to motivate others to believe in themselves and get "back on the horse."

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Buccaneer Regatta  
September 7, 8 a.m.

Little Dawson Cheer Camp  
September 9 & 10, 4-5:30 p.m.  
September 11, 5-6 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Lake Region State College  
September 10, 7 p.m.

MPSEOC Fair  
September 11, 1-2:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. NDSCS  
September 11, 7 p.m.

Rodeo  
September 13

Softball v.s Calgary Adrenaline  
September 14, 15

Volleyball vs. Bismarck State College  
September 18, 7 p.m.

Softball vs. Dickinson State, MCC  
September 22

Amberley Snyder  
September 25, 6 p.m.

Softball vs. Kaizen  
September 27

Softball vs. Miles Comm. College  
September 28, 29

Softball vs. Williston State College  
September 29

## #WeAreDCC

There are a lot of things that make DCC special, but our students, faculty, and staff are, by far, the most important. #WeAreDCC introduces our community to a few of the people that make DCC great.

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**Dr. Jennifer Weeding** teaches math and statistics courses for DCC.



**Rick SyWassink** is DCC's new Criminal Justice faculty.



**McKinna Fleming** is another new addition to the Buccaneer family.

## Amberley Snyder (continued from Page 1)

Snyder was born in California, the second of six children. She fell in love with horses at a young age and began barrel racing when, at age seven, her family moved to Utah. Amberley competed in junior rodeos and up into high school, winning multiple titles and awards. During her senior year, she finished as the National Little Britches World All-Around Cowgirl. Snyder also served as the Utah FFA State President in 2009.

In January of 2010, Snyder was involved in a rollover truck accident, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down. Eighteen months after that day, with a seatbelt on her saddle, she returned to competing in rodeo. She now competes in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association in barrel racing. Amberley has earned her place among professional barrel racers and has won multiple awards with the Cowboy and Cowgirl Hall of Fames. In 2018, Netflix

released a movie based on her life titled *Walk. Ride. Rodeo.*, and Snyder was able to be her own stunt double for the film.

Tickets to the event are available for presale by calling 406-377-9405. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, and no charge for children 5 and under and DCC students.

## 4th Annual Buccaneer Cardboard Boat Regatta

Dawson Community College is excited to host the 4th Annual Buccaneer Regatta. The Regatta will take place Saturday, September 7 at Hollecker Lake. Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by People's Choice voting from 9 to 10 a.m. Racing begins between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

The Buccaneer Regatta challenges amateur boat builders to design, build, and navigate boats made entirely of corrugated cardboard. Community members are welcome to build and race a boat with DCC students, faculty, administration, and staff.

Teams will compete in one of three classes: Buccaneer, Renegade, or Swashbuckler. The Buccaneer class is for participants who follow all boat-construction rules. They will compete for the 2019 Cardboard Cup. Participants who bend or stretch the rules will compete in the Renegade class for the 2019 Cardboard Cheaters Chalice. Kids aged five through 11 will participate in a shortened, shallow-water course in the Swashbuckler class.

No matter how fast, slow, big, small, sensible, or outrageous the boat, the first rule is that the designers, builders, racers, and supporters have fun.

Sailors and spectators have the opportunity to vote for their favorite boat and teams for People's Choice Awards. Awards are also given in several categories, including Best Pirate Ship, Best-Dressed Team, Most Creative Boat Theme, Most Spectacular Sinking, and Most Enthusiastic Team.

A complete list of rules for boat builders is available at <https://www.dawson.edu/news-events/buccaneer-regatta.html>. Registration may also be completed online.



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## DCC Introduces Spirit Team

Dawson Community College is introducing a Spirit Team this academic year. This organized, noncompetitive team will function as spirit leaders and public ambassadors for DCC. The team will support athletic teams at various home events by generating crowd enthusiasm and representing the College at a variety of alumni, civic, and charitable events. All students are encouraged to apply to be part of the team, regardless of their cheer or other related experience.

Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Traci Masau will work with Student Affairs staff to create the team. "We've heard from several high schools that they would be interested in attending college to cheer. The Spirit

Team will allow students interested in cheer and dance to participate in an organized team and grow and continue their sport without a rigorous practice schedule and competition." The Spirit Team will also include a new mascot, and students can try out for this position.

DCC is currently in the process of hiring an advisor for the Spirit Team. Scholarships will be available. Each team member will receive a uniform and participate in fundraising events, including youth cheer camps.

For more information, including how to make a donation to the team, contact Masau at 406-377-9418 or [tmasau@dawson.edu](mailto:tmasau@dawson.edu)

For more information on all DCC news, events, and initiatives, visit [www.dawson.edu](http://www.dawson.edu).



## "Adopt-a-Buc" to Help Welcome a DCC Student

Dawson Community College is pleased to offer the Adopt-a-Buc program again this year and is in search of host families for participating students.

The transition from high school to college can be difficult, especially when students must adjust to a new town, state, or country. Adopt-a-Buc helps provide DCC's students with meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging that can ease this transition. The program also provides Dawson County residents an opportunity to act as ambassadors for Glendive and eastern Montana by connecting students with the community and providing them life experiences outside of the everyday college environment. Host families are encouraged to connect with their student at least once a month, whether it be for a home-cooked meal participating together in a community event, or communicating via phone or email.

With this program, we strive to create a welcoming atmosphere for students to feel a sense of home during their time in Glendive," said Jon Langlois, Associate Dean of Student Success. "We cannot do this without the help of

our community, and we're very grateful for those that choose to be a part of a DCC student's life."

All students and host families sign up for the Adopt-a-Buc program voluntarily. All students attending DCC at least part time can participate, but priority is given to students with no family in Dawson County. Anyone residing in Dawson County may participate as a host family.

Interested students and families can learn more and fill out a program application online at <http://www.dawson.edu/current-students/student-success/student-life.html/title/adopt-a-buc>.



*Students and host families meet one another at last year's Adopt-a-Buc meet and greet.*

## DCC and DCHS Offer Cheer Camp

Show support for our spirit teams and come learn the fundamentals of cheer from DCHS Cheer Coach Cami White and her team. There will be no stunting. The main focuses will be fun, learning, teambuilding, and leadership.

With the partnership of DCHS and DCC, we believe in Glendive to keep team spirit alive!

Monday and Tuesday, September 9-10, 4-5:30 p.m. at the DCC Toepke Center.

Wednesday, September 11, 5-6 p.m. at the DCHS Auditorium.

The camp is open to students in grades K-5. The cost is \$35 per student.

Camp highlights:

- Basic cheer routine
- Proper hand and body movements
- Jumping techniques and dances
- Camp t-shirt

Campers will perform during halftime of the DCHS Homecoming game on Friday, September 13. A chance to perform at one of DCC's home games will be announced on the final day of camp.

For more information or to register, contact Cami White at [brentncami@gmail.com](mailto:brentncami@gmail.com)

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**Dr. Jennifer Weeding** earned a PhD in Statistics from Montana State University and served as an adjunct instructor in Math and Statistics for MSU. Dr. Weeding is looking forward to meeting her students and is especially interested in helping with dual enrollment. "I am originally from a small Class C school, so am aware of some of the challenges the smaller schools face in offering classes and am hoping we can provide the students with an opportunity to explore classes that they otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to take at the high school level," says Dr. Weeding.

**Rick SyWassink** has over 15 years of experience teaching Criminal Justice at the college level and over 30 years of experience in the field of criminal investigation. In addition to teaching, Mr. Sywassink has served as a law enforcement officer, armed security officer, and as Medio-Legal Death Investigator for the State of North Dakota. "I'm looking forward to bringing my experience to work with the team at Dawson and giving our students the knowledge and experience they need to be successful in careers, education, and life," Sywassink said.

**McKinna Fleming** is DCC's new Assistant Director of Recruiting. She is the first person that many prospective DCC students will speak to and will remain one of their major points of contact, answering questions and providing information, until they enroll. McKinna is a Circle, MT native and a community college graduate. "I understand the benefits and advantages of attending one," she says. "I'm excited to be part of the DCC family and look forward to meeting future students!" McKinna will be out on the road soon talking to high school students across Montana about DCC.

**There's Still Time to Enroll for an Evening, Online, or Activity Course!**

**New Courses Added to the Schedule Each Day!**

**Contact Julie Brandt, Admissions Specialist, at 406-377-9400 or [jbrandt@dawson.edu](mailto:jbrandt@dawson.edu) to learn more or to register.**

**View the entire course schedule at [www.dawson.edu/current-students/search-for-classes.html](http://www.dawson.edu/current-students/search-for-classes.html).**

## Reserve Officer Training

The Criminal Justice Law Enforcement program at DCC is again holding its Reserve Officer Training course. This training prepares students to serve as a law enforcement officer within their community. Additionally, trainees may choose to receive college credit, which can be applied towards a college.

This fall's training dates are:

- September 27-29: Lecture Session I
- October 4-6: Lecture Session II
- October 11-13: Firearms Training
- TBD: First Aid/CPR

For more information, contact Rick SyWassink at 406-647-6345 or visit [www.dawson.edu](http://www.dawson.edu)



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