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Applied Technology Building Ribbon Cutting Held at Northwest Iowa Community College

Ribbon Cutting ceremonies were held at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, on October 28, 2016 to celebrate the opening of the Applied Technology Building. The new Applied Technology Building is located next to Building D on the east side of campus.

The Applied Technology Building was constructed for the Heavy Equipment & Maintenance and Diesel Technology programs that had been in Building D. This improvement has been in the College's Master Plan since 2008, and is the beginning of accomplishing even more in our efforts to meet the increasing demand for a highly skilled workforce. The building is approximately 21,000 square feet. It features state-of-the-art lab space along with two full size classrooms, instructor offices, and a public commons area.

Curt Strouth, Community Development Director - City of Sheldon, spoke to a crowd of about two hundred people and started the ceremonies by saying, "This is going to be a great addition to the NCC campus, the Community of Sheldon and our Northwest Iowa Region as we continue to expand and invest in the training and education services of our youth and young entrepreneurs of our area."

Following up Strouth's comments was Larry Hoekstra, NCC Board of Trustees, said, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees at NCC, I want to thank those involved in the planning and the business and individuals who donated to the construction of this community project." The Applied Technology Building was one of the areas of need identified in the *Everyone Knows Someone Who Chose NCC Campaign*. We are fortunate to have donors who support NCC's mission. We want to thank all of our donors for investing in their community college."

Dr. Alethea Stubbe continued the ceremony saying, "Improvements to Building D have been a long-standing need at the College, and this is the beginning of accomplishing even more in our efforts to meet the increasing demand for a skilled workforce in all sectors of the economy. We are here to meet both the needs of our business partners by training a skilled workforce and our community members by providing the opportunity to receive first class training right here in northwest Iowa.

Stubbe continued, "NCC is known throughout our state and the Midwest for our high quality programs, and our partnerships make this possible. The Applied Technology building is a perfect example of public/private partnerships. About seventy-six individuals and business/industry leaders have stepped up so far to invest over a million dollars in our future workforce through this facility."

Quick facts about NCC:

- 11,500+ College Alumni since 1966, of which over 7,411 live in Iowa
- 100% Placement Rate for College Alumni
- Average first-time wage of our 2014 graduates was \$16.49 /hour
- Many seamless transfer agreements with Colleges and Universities
- 40+ Programs of study including career & transfer and applied technology
- Have served 800,000+ students taught through the Continuing Education and Workforce & Economic Development Departments.

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