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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Recognizes Board of Trustee Members**

Northwest Iowa Community College is joining with other communities throughout Iowa this spring to honor its elected school board members during Iowa School Board Recognition Week May 8-13. This year's theme —“School Boards: Making a World of Difference”—recognizes that Iowa's volunteer school board members are providing leadership, through responsibilities ranging from strong financial stewardship to ensuring high-quality curriculum, to make sure all students are prepared to “take on the world” when they graduate.

Serving on the local school board are:

Chad Hamill – Sheldon, IA  
Loretta Berkland – Sibley, IA  
Jim Kennedy – Rock Rapids, IA  
Cynthia Porter – Hawarden, IA  
Larry Hoekstra – Hull, IA  
Craig Struve – Calumet, IA, Vice President  
Leroy Van Kekerix – Orange City, IA, President

“These men and women volunteer countless hours of unpaid time to provide the best possible education for our students, and we want to recognize that in this community,” said Dr. William Giddings, President, Northwest Iowa Community College. “As your elected leaders, they represent you in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded, so let us take this opportunity to thank them for their service.”

Giddings continued, “Even though we are making a special effort in May to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-long effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to striving for the best for all of our students.”

As a whole, Iowa's 15 two-year community colleges are governed by five to nine board members elected by local residents throughout the state.