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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Alumna Receives Honors from Iowa's Governor Branstad**

Jamie Bohnenkamp who graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College's Accounting Program in 2010 is being featured as a "Face of Volunteerism" for her volunteer work with the Sheldon Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) site. This honor is a part of Governor Branstad's "A Call to Service" initiative, designed to challenge and encourage Iowans to give back to their communities through volunteerism and service.

Bohnenkamp served as a NCC student volunteer in 2010 with the Sheldon VITA site and has returned for every filing season since. VITA sites provide free income tax filing assistance for basic tax returns for people with low and limited income, individuals with disabilities, non-English speakers and elderly taxpayers.

Bohnenkamp is a mother of two young children, works full-time, and lives in Alton. She is in the process of completing her bachelor degree in accounting online through the AIB College of Business in Des Moines.

In addition to volunteering at the Sheldon VITA Site on an annual basis, she is also an active volunteer in not-for-profit fundraising activities.

"Jamie is a kind-hearted person who likes helping people. Jamie's ability to combine her accounting skills with her desire to help others makes her a great asset to the Sheldon VITA Site," says Susan Behrens, Sheldon VITA Site Coordinator.

This past season Bohnenkamp worked at the volunteer site for 48 hours of the 96 hours the site was open. She could not work the entire 96 hours due to the fact that she had to work around her full-time employment. She realizes the difficulty most people have in completing their tax returns. She is very patient and compassionate in dealing with low income, elderly, and disabled clients.

"Jamie's presence speaks louder than any verbal encouragement could," said Behrens. "Her happy smile and witty sense of humor bring a positive atmosphere to the Sheldon VITA site and makes others want to work with her."

She will be honored the week of April 24-May 1<sup>st</sup> online at [www.volunteeriowa.org](http://www.volunteeriowa.org) and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VolunteerIowa> . The full spotlight link can be found online at: <https://volunteer.truist.com/icovs/volunteer/spotlight/bohnenkamp-50faces> or [www.volunteeriowa.org](http://www.volunteeriowa.org).

### **VITA and NCC**

This was the eleventh year in a row NCC's Accounting program students past and present, Administrative Secretarial program students and Health Information Technology students worked together to provide free income tax filing assistance for basic tax returns for people with low and limited income, individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking, and elderly taxpayers.

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**Pictured: Jamie Bohnenkamp, Alton – NCC Accounting Alumna**