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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Raquel Pick Receives Northwest Iowa Community College's Student Leadership Award**

Northwest Iowa Community College's Student Leadership Award was presented to Raquel Pick, Health Information Technology graduate, Marcus, IA, by Nicole Steele, Coordinator - Residence Life & Student Activities, at NCC's commencement ceremony held on Friday, May 15.

The Outstanding Student Leadership Award is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of existence, and was created to award individuals who have gone above and beyond to be a leader. This leadership can be exhibited in the classroom, in on-campus activities, and outside of the classroom.

Earlier this semester, nominations for this award were submitted by faculty, staff and other students from NCC. Nominations had to include a narrative of specific activities or events that show this person's leadership abilities. After all nominations were submitted, a team of faculty and staff read the narratives and voted on the most deserving candidate.

On top of a full credit load, Pick participated in the Alternative Spring Break group, helped with fundraisers and ultimately traveled with the group to Alamogordo, NM to build part of a house for Habitat for Humanity. She was active in the TRIO program by participating in community service projects, lunch and learns, and she participated in the New Student Orientation student panel. She has also helped with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and volunteered to assist Admissions with the Latino Community Presentations.

Norma Azpeitia, Enrollment Management/Advisor, wrote in her nomination letter, "Since the first day I met Raquel, I saw in her the qualities of a good leader. She came to NCC after she was laid off from her job and decided to finish her high school diploma. Her ultimate goal was to pursue a degree in the health field. Raquel has volunteered and been active in many activities both on and off campus. She is always willing to help others, and that's why I considered her a good leader and role model for other students."