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NCC's SkillsUSA Chapters Participate in Community Clean-Up Day

On Tuesday, April 20, over 60 Northwest Iowa Community College's Diesel Technology, Welding, Automotive, and Collision Repair Program students participated in a community service project for their respective chapters of SkillsUSA. The students picked up garbage on two miles of Highway 18 west of Sanborn as well as two miles on Highway 60 north of Sheldon. They also put mulch on 1200 shrubs planted within the ramps of Highway 60 at Sheldon Crossing and the ramps by RV Central.

Mark Steinle, NCC Automotive Instructor, said, "Participating in Community Clean-Up Day as a service project teaches students to give back to the community in which they work and live. It shows the students how much people from the community appreciate the help and hopefully instills that sense of community in them for life."

Dennis Wallace, NCC Diesel Technology Instructor, stated, "We are trying to teach that life is not all about a paycheck. Giving back to the community is a good life lesson. The SkillsUSA Program is not only about the conference and the competition. SkillsUSA also stresses that the students participate in a community service component."

SkillsUSA programs help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the lab and classroom, and promote community service. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is also cited as a "successful model of employer-driven youth development training program" by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The mission of SkillsUSA is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high performance workers in public career and technical programs. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work: high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service.

NCC Instructors who participated were: Mark Doherty, Automotive Instructor; Steve Youngs, Collision Repair Instructor; Robert Hoting, Welding Instructor; Dennis Wallace, Diesel Technology Instructor; Rick Cannoy, Automotive Instructor; and Mark Steinle, Automotive Instructor.

After the students were done with clean-up duties they were treated to pizza from Pizza Ranch for lunch.