

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Each year outstanding alumni are recognized for their success in their chosen vocation or profession, community activities and support of Northwest Iowa Community College.

This year's recipient is Dave Westra.

Dave graduated in 1974 from the Powerline program at Northwest Iowa Vocational School.

From 1974 through 1978 he was employed by Nebraska Public Power in Kearney, Nebraska. From 1978 through 1982 he was an Instructor in the Powerline program at Northwest Iowa Community College. Since 1982 Dave has been employed as Superintendent at Plymouth County REC. Beginning in 1998 Dave will work as director of Engineering and Planning for Northwest REC comprised of Sioux, O'Brien, Plymouth and Ida counties.

Dave's support of the college is demonstrated by his service on the NCC Powerline advisory committee. He presently is chairman of that committee.

Dave has also been active in civic and community affairs, including:

- Member of the Board of Directors of Southern Sioux Rural Water System.

- Member of The Iowa Association of RECs as chairman of the Superintendent's Committee; Safety and Loss Control committee; and the

- Personal Computer Implementation committee

- Member of the LeMars Bible Church where he is Sunday School teacher and AWANA leader. In July 1997 Dave

- Went on a mission trip to Russia to begin building a seminary