

2002 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

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

The recipient of the 2002 Alumnus of the Year award is Polly Sanson.

A native of the Ashton, IA area, Polly earned her associate degree from Northwest Iowa Community College in marketing management. While going to school, she was also employed in the personnel department for Van Wyk, Inc., where she was involved with interviewing and recruiting. She joined Wells' Dairy in August of 1993 as an employment interviewer and worked in that capacity until October of 1995 when she was promoted to sales recruiter. By September of 1999, Polly's dedication and hard work was again recognized when she was promoted to employment manager, while the following spring she earned her bachelor's degree in human resource management from Briar Cliff College in Sioux City. In February of 2002 she was promoted from employment manager in human resources to Director of Human Resources.

Polly has participated in NCC's Business & Industry committee, and she's been a strong advocate and participant in promoting the Industrial Instrumentation & Control program through career days at local high schools. She was instrumental in obtaining NCC's ACE grant, and she has organized company tours for prospective students.

Her professional memberships include the Siouland Society for Human Resource Management and the National Society for Human Resource Management.

Polly and her husband, Larry, a manufacturing manager with American Identity, live on an acreage in rural LeMars.