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Stephanie Hinkey recognized as Northwest Iowa Community College's Student at the All-Iowa Academic Team Recognition Ceremony

A Northwest Iowa Community College student was named to the All-Iowa Academic Team. Stephanie Hinkey was recognized at the annual All-Iowa Academic Team Banquet Wednesday evening, March 5, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The All-Iowa Academic Team award is an award that is offered through the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in conjunction with the USA TODAY All-USA Community College Academic Team, and the Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team each year.

Students who apply for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled at their respective community college with a minimum of 36 total credits already obtained
- Be on track to earn an Associate or a Bachelor degree with a minimum of 30 semester credits in the last 5 years
- Must hold a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a possible 4.0 scale

Individuals from each Community College in the state of Iowa are selected by a committee on campus, to represent the College on the state level. Then from all of the Academic Teams from across the state of Iowa, 60 outstanding two-year college students are selected to proceed onto the All-USA Academic Team. This prestigious award is given each year to represent the state of Iowa at the national level.

All 60 members of the All-USA Academic Team and their colleges receive extensive national recognition through coverage in *USA TODAY*. Selection to the team is based on nominations submitted by community college presidents or campus CEOs. Phi Theta Kappa, *USA TODAY*, and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the All-USA Academic Team program annually.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel academically and demonstrate intellectual rigor in their course of study; show academic growth and potential; and use their two-year college education to better themselves, their schools and their communities. Because the team is designed to represent the diversity found on two-year college campuses, all types of students – traditional, non-traditional and international - are eligible.

Stephanie Hinkey is from Melvin, Iowa, and will graduate from the Pharmacy Technician program in May of 2014 and from the Health Information Technology program May of 2015.

Pictured (L to R): NCC President, Dr. Alethea Stubbe; Stephanie Hinkey; Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, Laura Nachtigal and NCC Board member, Larry Hoekstra