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## **Amber Buren 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. Amber Buren was recognized at the annual All-Iowa Academic Team Banquet Wednesday evening, March 2, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The All-Iowa Academic Team award 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.

Amber Buren is from Sanborn, Iowa, and will graduate from Northwest Iowa Community College in May of 2016.



Left to Right: Alethea Stubbe (President) Amber Buren (Honoree), Laura Nachtigal (Advisor).