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Ground Breaking Ceremonies at Northwest Iowa Community College

Ground breaking ceremonies were held at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, on April 24, 2015. The ceremony was held to celebrate the start of construction of the new building addition to NCC's campus, the Applied Technology Building, located next to Building D on the east side of campus.

The Applied Technology building will house the Heavy Equipment and Maintenance program and Diesel Technology programs that are currently in Building D. This improvement has been in the College's Master Plan since 2008. The building will be approximately 21,000 square feet and will feature a state-of-the art lab space along with two full size classrooms, instructor offices, and a public space commons area.

Curt Strouth, Community Development Director - City of Sheldon, spoke to a crowd of about one hundred and thirty and started the ceremonies by saying, "This is going to be a great addition to the NCC campus, the Community of Sheldon and our Northwest Iowa region as we continue to expand and invest in the training and education services of our youth and young entrepreneurs of our area."

Larry Hoekstra, NCC Board of Trustees President, started his comments by talking about how they were symbolically moving a few shovels of dirt for a building that will house the Heavy Equipment program. Graduates from this program will, in the future, literally move the earth.

Hoekstra continued by saying "On behalf of the board of trustees at NCC, I want to thank those involved in the planning, the donors and businesses involved in the financing portions of this project, and individuals and companies involved in the construction of this project."

Dr. Alethea Stubbe continued the ceremony saying, “Improvements to Building D have been a long-standing need at the College, and this is the beginning of accomplishing even more in our efforts to meet the increasing demand for a skilled workforce in all sectors of the economy. You know there’s a need when businesses extend employment offers to an entire class of graduates.”

Stubbe continued, “NCC is known throughout our state and the Midwest for our high quality programs, and our partnerships make this possible. This Applied Technology building is a perfect example of public/private partnerships. About seventy-six individuals and business/industry leaders have stepped up so far to invest in our future workforce through this facility.”

Strouth summed it up by saying, “I would like to leave you with one of my favorite quotes regarding education – ‘Education is the most powerful weapon by which you can use to change the world.’ Nelson Mandela.”

The new Applied Technology Building is scheduled to open in the spring of 2016.