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BARTELSON RECEIVES THE OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGER AWARD FROM IOWA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Gretchen Bartelson, Dean of The Center for Teaching and Learning, received the Outstanding Administrator/Manager Award from the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Association. She was presented with the statewide award at the IACCT Conference which was held March 31 and April 1, 2014 at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Des Moines IA and co-hosted by Northwest Iowa Community College and Southwestern Community College.

The Outstanding Administrator/Manager Award recognizes an active Administrator/Manager (other than a President or Chancellor) of a member Community College Board.

Bartelson commented, "I am honored to receive this award, but it is not something I could ever do on my own. Working at NCC is such a pleasure because of the work we do and the people we work with."

Bartelson has been a visionary leader at Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) since she began as an adjunct instructor in 1993. Bartelson has distinguished herself in the areas of online education, learner analytics, concurrent enrollment, grant writing, public speaking, and academic leadership. She has assisted the college in writing the 2004 and 2014 Higher Learning Commission Accreditation self-studies, standards for NACEP accreditation, and more than \$6 million in successful grants. In 2010, she implemented the 21st Century Learning Conference which is held annually at NCC. She holds a BA from Covenant College, TN, and an MS from Troy State University, AL.

In 2000, Bartelson taught the first online course for NCC and saw the vision for the future of teaching and learning for the 21st century. As a member of the Iowa Community College Online Consortium (ICCO) Oversight Committee since 2001 and Lead Faculty Trainer from 2001-2008, she has helped shape the development of the consortium from the original 11 courses with 272 students to the more than 25,000 online enrollments per semester. Bartelson was invited to present at the 2011 National Distance Learning Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Bartelson was recently appointed one of five at-large members of the Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA) steering committee for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. Bartelson resides in Sibley, Iowa.

Photo L-R: John Hartog, NCC Vice President – Student & Academic Services; Gretchen Bartelson, Jerry Smith, IACCT Board Chair; Moody Nabulsi, IACCT Awards Committee; MJ Dolan, IACCT Executive Director