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## **Northwest Iowa Community College Recognizes Board of Trustee Members**

Northwest Iowa Community College is joining with other communities throughout Iowa this spring to honor its elected school board members during Iowa School Board Recognition Month during May. This month recognizes that Iowa's volunteer school board members are providing leadership, through responsibilities ranging from strong financial stewardship to ensuring high-quality curriculum, to make sure all students are prepared for a bright future when they graduate.

Serving on the NCC Board of Trustees are:

District 1: Cynthia Porter – Hawarden, IA

District 2: Stephen Simons – Larchwood, IA

District 3: Dr. Loretta Berkland – Sibley, IA

District 4: Steve Loshman – Calumet, IA

District 5: Adam Besaw – Sheldon, IA, Vice President

District 6: Leroy Van Kekerix – Orange City, IA

District 7: Larry Hoekstra – Hull, IA, President

“These men and women volunteer countless hours of unpaid time to provide the best possible education for our students, and we want to recognize that in this community,” said Dr. Alethea Stubbe, President, Northwest Iowa Community College. “As your elected leaders, they represent you in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded, so let us take this opportunity to thank them for their service.”

Stubbe continued, “Even though we are making a special effort in May to show appreciation for our Board of Trustee members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-long effort on their part. For these Board members, and all of the Board members who have served over NCC's fifty year history, they are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and striving for the best for all of our students.”

As a whole, Iowa's 15 two-year community colleges are governed by five to nine board members elected by local residents throughout the state.

NCC has been the recipient of several national awards over the past several years. In 2016, 2014, 2012 and 2011 NCC was recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Best 150 Community Colleges in the nation. 2016 - Best Two Year College in Iowa, *BestColleges.com*;

2016 – 50 Great Schools in the Nation for High School Students to Earn College Credit, *CareerCounselorServices.com*; 2015 - 3rd Best Online College in the U.S., *BestColleges.com*; 2015 - Top 45 Colleges in the Nation, *College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education*.

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT NCC:**

- 11,500+ College Alumni since 1966, of which over 7,614 live in Iowa
- Highest Graduation Rate Among Iowa's Community Colleges
- 100% Placement Rate for College Alumni in 2014
- 40+ Programs of study including career & transfer and applied technology
- NCC offered 486 scholarships totaling \$369,745 to our students last year
- Have served 800,000+ students taught through the Continuing Education and Business & Industry Departments
- Spending by NCC and its students adds an estimated 24.2 million in economic output to the region, 372 jobs and increased tax revenues of 1.4 million

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