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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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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 year's theme —“Building Brighter Futures”— 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 “brighter future” when they graduate.

Serving on the NCC Board of Trustees are:

District 1: Cynthia Porter – Hawarden, IA

District 2: Jim Kennedy – Rock Rapids, IA

District 3: Dr. Loretta Berkland – Sibley, IA

District 4: Steve Loshman – Calumet, IA

District 5: Adam Besaw – Sheldon, IA

District 6: Leroy Van Kekerix – Orange City, IA, President

District 7: Larry Hoekstra – Hull, IA, Vice 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 school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-long effort on their part. 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.

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT NCC:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Graduate Success - CNNMoney.com
- Top 20 Fastest Growing Community Colleges in the Nation - Community College Week
- Top 120 Best Community Colleges in the Nation (two years in a row) - Aspen Institute
- 10,000+ College Alumni
- Highest Graduation Rate Among Iowa's Community Colleges
- 97% Placement Rate for College Alumni
- 86% of Graduates Employed in Related Area of Study
- 83% of Graduates Stay in Iowa After Graduation