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### **Patrick Brausey Receives Northwest Iowa Community College's Student Leadership Award**

Northwest Iowa Community College's Student Leadership Award was presented to Patrick Brausey, Industrial Instrumentation & Control (IIC) graduate, Yankton, SD, by Tim Floen, Instructor - IIC, during NCC's commencement ceremony held on Friday, May 11, 2012.

The Outstanding Student Leadership Award is in its 6th year of existence, and was created to award individuals who have gone above and beyond to be a leader. This leadership can be exhibited in the classroom, in on-campus activities, and outside of the classroom.

Earlier this semester, nominations for this award were submitted by faculty, staff and other students from NCC. Nominations had to include a narrative of specific activities or events that show this person's leadership abilities. After all nominations were submitted, a team of faculty and staff read the narratives and voted on the most deserving candidate.

Floen said during the presentation of the award, "Three different instructors nominated this year's recipient. To have that many faculty members agree that this student stands out above the others, speaks very highly of this student's character. This student came to NCC as a non-traditional student. He worked for a number of years in the controls field having only his GED. He soon realized that he had hit a glass ceiling, and there would be no room for advancement until he received a degree. So, he opted to come to NCC for the Industrial Instrumentation and Control degree, while still working forty plus hours a week and tending to his family of five. Since his family lives in Yankton, he commuted daily to school which is a ninety minute commute one way. This is not an easy feat with rising gas prices and northwest Iowa winters, but his desire to achieve a better way of life kept him motivated."

Floen continued, "Pat is a rare find when it comes to a student, as he is very intelligent, an excellent leader in the classroom and is able to teach me things I otherwise might need to research or attend training to understand. Pat is a great example of what our community college system can provide to individuals seeking higher education who are already in the workforce."

Brausey is currently working in the Industrial Instrumentation & Control field at Interstates Control Systems in Sioux Center, Iowa.