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Brian Hellenga Awarded the Outstanding Adult Educator Award by the Iowa Association for Lifelong Learning

Brian Hellenga, EMT Instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College, (NCC) Sheldon, IA has been awarded the Outstanding Adult Educator Award by the Iowa Association for Lifelong Learning (IALL). Hellenga has taught EMT courses at NCC since 1981. He was nominated for this award by Evan Bensley, NCC's Emergency Services Education Coordinator.

The IALL is a statewide organization made up of persons involved in the delivery of education to adults. IALL is committed to the professional development of its members and they are devoted to providing and promoting lifelong learning opportunities in Iowa.

Hellenga is active as a Training Center Faculty for the American Heart Association and NCC. He has taught several CPR Instructor Courses and has mentored students in their teaching of the AHA courses. He has been awarded the Part Time Instructor of the Year Award at NCC in 1995. He has also been awarded the Volunteer EMS Instructor of the Year Award through the Iowa EMS Association in 1992. He received the Iowa Volunteer of the Year Award from Governor Terry Branstad in 1990.

Brian started the Little Rock, Iowa volunteer ambulance service in the early 1980's. He continued to serve as the director for several years. He served as a Volunteer Firefighter on the Little Rock, IA Fire Department for 20 years.

Bensley commented, "I have worked with Brian closely for the past 15 years at NCC. I can always count on Brian to assist with any educational offering the college sponsors. He is at the forefront of any curriculum or scope of practice changes occurring at the state and national EMS levels."