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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **RECORD BREAKING NUMBER OF GRADUATES FOR NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A record number of students graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College this spring. Two hundred and sixty seven students were eligible to participate in Commencement exercises at Northwest Iowa Community College that were held on Friday, May 14, 2010. There were two Commencement Ceremonies held at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Building A.

The Nursing Graduation and Pinning Ceremony took place in Building A at 10:30 a.m. The Student Keynote Speakers were Anita Schneider, Marcus, and Catelyn Kirkholm, Inwood, both Associate Degree Nursing graduates. The Faculty Speakers were Dawn Recher, RN, MSN and Melanie Wynja, RN, BSN.

A second commencement ceremony was held in Building A at 1:30 p.m. for the regularly scheduled Spring Commencement. The commencement address was given by Mr. Gregory E. Christy, President of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa. The Outstanding Faculty Award was presented to Stephen Gibbons, Social Sciences Instructor.

Dr. Giddings, President of Northwest Iowa Community College, commented, "With the record breaking enrollments NCC has had over the past few years and the addition of programs, such as the Professional Photography program, NCC is experiencing the inevitable situation of outgrowing our facilities for commencement ceremonies. A record number of Spring graduates has caused the College to hold two commencement ceremonies this year. In the past we have held traditional nursing pinning ceremonies in the morning before graduation so this year we decided to combine the pinning ceremony and their Spring graduation into one event. Two commencement ceremonies allowed all of our graduates to enjoy the day with their friends and families. We hope in the spring of 2011 to be able to combine the graduation ceremonies back into one event and hold it in the new Northwest Iowa Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center."