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Cannoy to Retire from Northwest Iowa Community College

For the past 30 years, Rick Cannoy has been a mainstay in the classroom at Northwest Iowa Community College. This veteran of the automotive industry will retire July 19, 2013.

Cannoy commented, "In the 30 years I have been at NCC I was fortunate to be part of the automotive team when the program was voted #1 in the State fourteen different years*. I was very lucky to have worked with a lot of good people in the Automotive Program Department and throughout the College. I have had the opportunity to teach so many young adults and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time doing that. There is never a dull day with students and I hope I was always a positive influence in their lives. One of my biggest rewards in my career is to see where my past students go in life and their accomplishments."

Cannoy has seen many changes in the automotive industry and in automotive education throughout the years. "Technology is the biggest change I have seen while at NCC. Technological changes in the automobiles, but also in the classroom. Computers and the internet have changed everything. In 1983 I hand wrote handouts, quizzes and tests. I typed very little myself. Today quizzes and tests are on the web, grading is on the web and computer skills for students are a must. In 1983 we had books to look up needed repair information today we use 1:1 laptops and computer programs."

Rick recently presented at a national conference in Kansas City about NCC's use of laptops in the classroom. The presentation was for instructors that were considering, or already have, laptops for every student in their class. Discussion centered on the pros and cons NCC automotive instructors have experienced during the conversion process to 1:1 laptops over the last four years. As well as the growing pains from books only, to laptops with hardcopy books, and now eBooks.

Cannoy received the NCC Faculty of the Year recognition in May, 2013.

Cannoy said he and his wife, Lori, are planning to travel and see the things they couldn't during the school year. They also plan on going to the grandkids events and doing the things grandparents do.

*NCC's Automotive Program was selected as the *Best Automotive Program* in Iowa: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

2007 was the last year that the *Best Automotive Program* in Iowa was awarded.