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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Recognized as 15<sup>th</sup> in the Nation by Create a Career**

Create a Career, an online resource for career information, has recognized Northwest Iowa Community College in a recent article titled *The 25 Best Community Colleges in the United States*. They ranked NCC as 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation. NCC was the only Iowa community college to be listed.

According to their website Create a Career an independent organization, that provides important, relevant information to help job seekers and students make informed choices. They utilize years of experience and expertise in the fields of higher education and careers to recommend the appropriate education programs for each career requiring secondary education.

Brian Rudin, Create a Career Managing Editor, stated, "We realize community colleges play a vital role in developing the workforce and preparing students to enroll at four-year colleges. We selected the 25 best community colleges based on a comparison of several studies and ratings of community colleges as well as factors such as overall quality, reputation, student success, program availability and student support."

The Create a Career website states that when ranking the community colleges they looked at factors such as student retention rates, percentage of students who graduate or transfer to another school within three years, student-to-faculty ratios, student support, the types of programs provided and the schools' reputation.

You can find the article at: <http://createacareer.org/best-community-colleges-united-states/>

NCC has been the recipient of several national awards over the past several years. In 2013 *TheBestSchools.org* ranked NCC #11 in their ranking of community colleges in the United States. *CollegeMeasures.org* said NCC has the highest Graduation/Transfer Rate/Overall in the state of Iowa among all 2 year public universities. *StateUniversity.com* ranked NCC #1 Safest School in Iowa. NCC's Automotive Program was recognized as one of the top 4 Automotive Programs in the nation by the *Tomorrow's Tech* 2013 School of the Year Contest, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts and WIX Filters. In 2012 and 2011 NCC was recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Best 120 Community Colleges in the nation. In 2011 *CNNMoney.com* ranked NCC as seventh in the nation for graduate success.

Quick facts about NCC:

- 10,000+ College Alumni
- 98% Placement Rate for College Alumni
- 94% of our graduates are employed in a related field of study
- Average first-time wage of our 2012 graduates was \$17.08/hour
- 40+ Programs of study
- Spending by NCC and its students adds an estimated \$24.2 million in economic output to the region, 372 jobs and increased tax revenues of \$1.4 million\*

*\*Source: 2011 NCC Economic Impact Report —A study completed by Iowa Workforce Development and the Iowa Department of Education*

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