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## **Edwards to Retire from Northwest Iowa Community College**

Laurie Edwards, TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Grant Director will be retiring from Northwest Iowa Community College on July 31, 2017. Edwards has been with NCC for almost 16 years – since September 4, 2001.

Edwards began her career as an elementary school teacher in Juneau, AK and Pilot Station, AK. After a twenty one year absence, she moved back to the Sheldon area and began her career at NCC.

Edwards served three years as President of the Iowa EOA, (Educational Opportunity Association), which is the TRIO professional association for a 10-state region. She continues as a member of the group.

Edwards favorite moments at NCC, “Our annual TRIO Graduate Luncheon each May, when I look out over the room and see our successful students celebrate and be honored for their accomplishments.” Edwards’ advice for her NCC coworkers, “It’s a win-win for all when our students succeed, so always look for a way to help that happen.” She continued, “I have enjoyed my time at NCC, and many of you have become good friends. The best of luck to you always!”

Edwards’ plans for retirement, “I will work at Hope Haven waiver homes in Orange City.”