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ENTREPREP INSTITUTE OFFERED AT NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eight area high school juniors and seniors have been selected for the EntrePrep Institute, which was held August 1-5, 2016. The EntrePrep Institute is being implemented by Northwest Iowa Community College. The program targets students from their Junior to Senior year in high school, who have personal and academic characteristics which make them likely future entrepreneurs.

Participants in the EntrePrep program were selected based on recommendations of their school counselors and teachers, personal essays and interviews. Each EntrePrep student is teamed with an entrepreneur mentor and participates in an intensive five day residential summer institute which provides instruction in entrepreneurship concepts. Following the Summer Institute each EntrePrep student then contributes 30 hours to an internship with his/her entrepreneur mentor's business.

The program provides both formal instruction and real business experience that establishes the entrepreneurial foundation upon which the students can build their future. EntrePrep blends academic instruction with practical experience to develop a cadre of young people who may one day launch their own business ventures. The EntrePrep program consists of an orientation session, Summer Institute, Internship, and Booster Workshops. Upon completion of the program each student receives college credit for the course. If they attend Northwest Iowa Community College the following fall after their high school graduation they will receive a \$250 scholarship for the fall and spring term. The coordinator from Northwest Iowa Community College is Donna Ascherl. Instructor for the program was Brad Gill.

The following area high school juniors and seniors began the program July 6, 2016 by attending an orientation session at Northwest Iowa Community College. August 1-5 the students were on campus attending the summer institute.

This year's participants are front row, left to right: Hailey Justi, Sheldon Community School; Sara Siebrecht, Sheldon Community School; Amber Dougherty, South O'Brien Community School; Rita Amnatka, Sibley Community School; back row left to right, Alec Schoof, South O'Brien Community School, Alyssa Hofland, Western Christian High School; Emma DeJong, MOC-Floyd Valley Community School; and Alicyn Rehder, South O'Brien Community School.