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NCC EntrePrep Students Graduate

Congratulations are in order for the eleven EntrePrep students of 2010! Having completed their internships and classes at Northwest Iowa Community College they graduated on Wednesday, May 5 with a special ceremony and slide presentation. The guest speaker for the evening was Brad Gill, he currently teaches business classes at NCC and instructed this year's students during the Summer Institute.

The "EntrePrep" program is sponsored by Northwest Iowa Community College and has promoted the program for the past thirteen years. The program has taught students the various stages of new business formation - focusing on the development of skills, knowledge, and attitudes. Students also completed a 100-hour internship with local entrepreneurial firms and attended entrepreneurial workshops during their yearlong class. Graduates received a \$500 stipend; in addition graduates choosing NCC for higher education received an additional \$500 scholarship from NCC.

Brianna Laubach, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn High School, "EntrePrep isn't just about the business aspect. It's about the life lessons that you learn along the way, things that can never really be taught, only experienced."

This year's entrepreneurial firms include: Burk Marvin Photography, Inc, Spencer; Ground Effects, Sioux Center; Dr. Kathleen Keltz Optometry, Hawarden; Transformations, Hawarden; Prairie Moon, Sheldon; Woodbury County Engineer, Merville; Midwest Livestock, Larchwood; Diamond Vogel, Orange City; Infinity Netware, Boyden; and J-D Management, Marcus.

The following students graduated from the EntrePrep program this year: (front row, left to right) Amanda Barents, West Sioux; Brianna Laubach, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn; Leah Netten, MOC-Floyd Valley; Amanda Jamtgaard, West Sioux; Katie Gibbons, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (back row, left to right) Addison Zellmer, Woodbury Central; Joshua Nymeyer, Unity Christian; Tory Mogler, West Lyon; Tyler Brady, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn; Jordan Mouw, Boyden Hull; and Jonathan Bolie, MOC-Floyd Valley.