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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Students Place Third in Ford/AAA Auto Skills State Championship**

Two of Northwest Iowa Community College's High School Automotive Technology students, Kellie Einck, Primghar and Jamison Kooima, Rock Valley earned third place honors after competing as a team in the Ford/AAA Auto Skills contest held May 10 at Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa.

In February high school students enrolled in NCC's Transportation program took an online qualifying exam. Only the ten highest scoring two-person teams from across the state were selected to advance to the state finals, with only one team eligible per instructor. At the state finals, teams raced against the clock to correctly diagnose and repair a deliberately "bugged" 2013 Ford Focus placed by Ford engineers. A combination of the online exam and hands-on competition scores determined each state's championship team.

Einck and Kooima were the third team to have their Ford Focus running and across the finish line before the 1 ½ hour time limit was up. Only three out of the ten teams competing were able to complete this task and qualified to be judged. After all the scores were tabulated from the written and the hands-on test Einck and Kooima were announced as the 2013 Iowa State third place runner-ups.

This year, nearly 10,500 high school juniors and seniors competed in the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition representing more than 958 automotive technology programs from all 50 states.

To prepare for the competition Northwest Iowa Community College partnered with local Ford Dealer, Drenkow Motors. Mark Steinle, Automotive Instructor, said, "The students knew they were going to be "debugging" a 2013 Ford Focus, so I contacted Drenkow Motors and asked if they could bring a Focus to NCC for the students to familiarize themselves with it."

Steinle said, “We would like to thank Drenkow Motors for supporting NCC’s automotive programs.”

Einck and Kooima are attending NCC and are earning college credit through a dual enrollment program that is a partnership between NCC and their high schools. NCC has a strong history of working with school districts to provide opportunities for high school students to earn college credit while still in high school. NCC truly values our high school students, and believes that these courses can be a benefit to students. Some of the main reasons are: students get a head start on college, they save money – joint enrollment classes are generally free to the student, they gain college experience, and expand the course opportunities for high school students in both college transfer and career and technical programs.

Congratulations also go out to Kellie Einck for being named the National Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation Winner in Agriscience sponsored by the American Farm Bureau through the National Association of Agriculture Educators. Kellie receives a \$1000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

For more information on NCC’s Automotive Technology High School Career Academy or to find out more about any of NCC’s more than forty programs of study contact the Admissions Office at [studentservices@nwicc.edu](mailto:studentservices@nwicc.edu) , call 800-352-4907 or 324-5061, or visit our website at [www.nwicc.edu](http://www.nwicc.edu). At NCC There’s a Place For You!