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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Students Qualify for the Iowa Ford/AAA Competition**

Two Northwest Iowa Community College's High School Automotive Technology students, Alex Blankespoor, Orange City from Unity Christian High School, and Jacob Pollema, Doon from Trinity Christian High School, Hull have qualified for the Iowa Ford/AAA High School Auto Skills contest which will be held May 12 at Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa.

Blankespoor and Pollema 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.

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.

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!

**Photo (L-R):** Jacob Pollema, Alex Blankespoor