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Northwest Iowa Community College Industrial Instrumentation & Control Students Win 1st, 6th, 8th and 9th in District ISA Competition

Northwest Iowa Community College's Industrial Instrumentation and Control (IIC) students took home first, sixth, eighth and ninth places at the District 6 Instrumentation Systems and Automation (ISA) Student Games held in the Livelong Learning and Recreation Center on NCC's campus, March 30.

Students on the 1st place team included: Travis Otto – Cherokee, Iowa; Dalton Klein, Sheldon, Iowa; Luke Pratt, LeMars, Iowa; Joey Mantel, Doon, Iowa.

Students on the 6th place team were: Nick Stettnichs, Ashton, Iowa; Chad Heitritter, Sheldon, Iowa; Jamison Van't Hul, Hospers, Iowa.

Students on the 8th place team were: Patrick Brausey, Yankton, South Dakota; Brennan Jungers, Hospers, Iowa; Matt Dolphin, Hartley, Iowa; Brett Barker, Sioux City, Iowa.

Students on the 9th place team were: Jeremy Kamp, Sheldon, Iowa; Gabe Reisz, Sheldon, Iowa; Mike Kirarei, Sheldon, Iowa; Jon Langfitt, Primghar, Iowa.

The Student Games are head-to-head competitions between Colleges including technical/ community colleges and Universities in a 6-state area in the field of Instrumentation and Control. The competition consists of a morning hands-on practical exercise working with instrumentation equipment and an afternoon exercise working with electrical control equipment.

There were a total of fourteen teams from six colleges competing this year. The colleges were: Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, Shell Lake, Wisconsin; Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois; Mesabi Range Technical College, Eveleth, MN; Mitchell Technical College, Mitchell, South Dakota; North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota and Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, Iowa.

Tim Floen, Industrial Instrumentation & Control Instructor, said, "Year after year we have the fortune of enrolling students that have qualities you cannot teach such as work ethic and competitiveness. Adding those qualities to an excellent education in the Instrumentation and Control field creates success in competitions as well as their careers. I feel very privileged to be a part of this process."

Bud DeGraaf, District #6, ISA Omaha Section, Vice-President, commented, "Please accept our congratulations on NCC's 1st, 6th, 8th, and 9th place finishes. I am beginning to think "Dynasty" is appropriate as a descriptor for NCC's Student Section. Your Omaha Section takes pride in your accomplishments. Our sincere congratulations to all at NCC for another great win."

NCC has competed at district level for twelve years finishing first ten times, second one time and third one time. NCC has also gone on to the International Competition four times. They have won seventh, fourth, third (bronze medal), and in 2007 NCC won a second (silver medal) place finish at the International Competition.

Winning the district level competition qualifies the team for international competition which is held annually if funding is available to host the competition.

The International Society of Automation first conducted the International Student Competition in 1993. The competition provides an opportunity for ISA Student Members worldwide to demonstrate and further their knowledge of automation and control technologies, while enjoying the camaraderie and fun of the competition.

Tim Floen, Industrial Instrumentation & Control Instructor, is the ISA team advisor.

Pictures: ISA1: 1st Place Team

(Left to Right) Luke Pratt, Dalton Klein, Travis Otto, Joey Mantel and Tim Floen (IIC instructor and ISA team advisor)

ISA2: All NCC students on the ISA teams and their 2 Instructors

Front Row (Left to Right): Tim Floen, (IIC instructor & ISA team advisor), Luke Pratt, Chad Heitritter, Dalton Klein, Travis Otto, Jon Langfitt, Patrick Brausey, Nick Stettinichs, Jeremy Kamp, Mark Bohnet, (IIC instructor)

Back Row (Left to Right): Brennan Jungers, Jamison Van't Hul, Joey Mantel, Brett Barker, Mike Kirarei, Matthew Dolphin, Gabe Riesz