

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Northwest Iowa Community College Inducts Eighteen Students into Phi Theta Kappa**

On November 16, 2015, 18 students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Northwest Iowa Community College. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society of the two-year college, NCC's chapter is called Beta Lambda Pi.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,285 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, Peru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates, and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 3 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 134,000 students inducted annually.

The Mission of Phi Theta Kappa is: *"The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."*

Students were invited to be a part of Phi Theta Kappa, based on eligibility requirements that center on having a 3.5 GPA. Dr. John Hartog, Vice President, Student and Academic Services, Ruth Hobson, Director of the Health Department and Associate Degree Nursing Instructor, and Laura Nachtigal, Administrative Assistant – Student and Academic Services, are the sponsors for the group.

Some service learning projects that NCC's chapter has completed in previous years include:

- Soles for Souls shoe drive
- Book drives
- Food drives
- Toy drives
- Campus clean-up
- Hat and mitten drives
- Collect personal care items for Family Crisis Center, etc.

More information about Phi Theta Kappa can be found at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org). To find out more about NCC call 800-352-4907, email [studentservices@nwicc.edu](mailto:studentservices@nwicc.edu), text THUNDER to 82942, or visit our website at [www.nwicc.edu](http://www.nwicc.edu). At NCC There's a Place For You!

**New PTK members:**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Alycia Bonestroo    | Rock Valley, IA |
| 2. Sheri Boon          | Rock Valley, IA |
| 3. Bridget Doeden      | Sibley, IA      |
| 4. Laura Emery         | Hartley, IA     |
| 5. Jessica Evenhuis    | Hospers, IA     |
| 6. Kaitlyn Kerr        | Hull, IA        |
| 7. Emily Kruger        | Ocheyedan, IA   |
| 8. Joanna Kruger       | Ocheyedan, IA   |
| 9. Samuel Lode         | Sheldon, IA     |
| 10. Kendra Mogler      | Alvord, IA      |
| 11. Kyle Post          | Rock Valley, IA |
| 12. Gregory Schneider  | Hull, IA        |
| 13. Elizabeth Scholten | Ireton, IA      |
| 14. Elizabeth Stokke   | Spirit Lake, IA |
| 15. Zara Trigg         | Hawarden, IA    |
| 16. Chase VerMeer      | Rock Valley, IA |
| 17. Alissa Walters     | Ellsworth, MN   |
| 18. Steven Winter      | Ashton, IA      |

**Returning PTK members:**

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| 1. Amber Buren       | Sanborn, IA     |
| 2. Gabrielle Hartog  | Boyden, IA      |
| 3. Seth Hoogendoorn  | Rock Valley, IA |
| 4. Catherine Kooiker | Sheldon, IA     |
| 5. Michelle Paltz    | Cherokee, IA    |

PTK – 1:

Back row: Bridgette Doeden, Laura Emery, Jessica Evenhuis, Joanna Kruger, Kyle Post, Zara Trigg, Chase Vermeer, Alycia Bonestroo

Front row: Elizabeth Stokke, Kaitlyn Kerr, Kendra Mogler, Elizabeth Scholten, Alissa Walters, Sheri Boon.

PTK – 2:

L-R: Alycia Bonestroo – Secretary; Alissa Walters – Secretary; Amber Buren – Vice President; Gabrielle Hartog, President