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Northwest Iowa Community College Inducts Ten Students into Phi Theta Kappa

On November 11, 2013, ten 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.

Established in 1918 by Missouri two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members and 1100 chapters located in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada, Germany, and Japan. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges and in 2000 the Association of College Honor Societies recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the general scholarship honor society serving associate degree granting institutions.

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. To find out more about NCC call 712-324-5061, 800-352-4907, email studentservices@nwicc.edu, text THUNDER to 82942, or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu. At NCC There's a Place For You!

2013-2014 PTK Membership

First Name	Last Name	City	State
New Members			
Amber	Bjorklund	Hartley	IA
Michelle	Christians	George	IA
Emily	Fonkert	Sheldon	IA
Gabrielle	Hartog	Boyden	IA
Jessica	Hissong	Woodburn	IN
Angela	Kruse	Melvin	IA
Toni	Lottman	Fairview	SD
Caitlin	Meiners	Carroll	IA
Denise	Moore	Primghar	IA
Ashley	Schultz	Rock Valley	IA
Returning Members			
Brenda	Koel	Rock Rapids	IA
Kassandra	Rains	Sheldon	IA

Photo: Front Row: L-R – Ashley Schultz, Gabrielle Hartog

Back Row: L-R – Denise Moore, Toni Lottman, Emily Fonkert, Michelle Christians, Caitlin Meiners