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Northwest Iowa Community College Inducts Eighteen Students into Phi Theta Kappa

On November 9, 2016, 14 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
- Operation Christmas Child
- 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 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!

New PTK members:

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| 1. Alyssa Buren | Vail, IA |
| 2. Nate DeJong | Orange City, IA |
| 3. Ryan Foley | Sheldon, IA |
| 4. Kala Hartog | Boyden, IA |
| 5. Taylor Howing | Hartley, IA |
| 6. Diana Ibarra | Alvord, IA |
| 7. Mallorie Jones | Sheldon, IA |
| 8. Timothy Kuhn | Palmer, IA |
| 9. Shay Lund | Paullina, IA |
| 10. Melissa McKeen | Spirit Lake, IA |
| 11. Jacob Sandholm | Sheldon, IA |
| 12. Gian Spadafora | Sheldon, IA |
| 13. Kelsey Swanson | Hawarden, IA |
| 14. Emily VerSteeg | Sibley, IA |

Returning PTK members:

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| 1. Samuel Lode | Sheldon, IA |
| 2. Elizabeth Scholten | Ireton, IA |
| 3. Susanna Schriever | Rock Rapids, IA |
| 4. Steven Winter | Ashton, IA |

Photo: Back row (L-R): Jacob Sandholm, Kala Hartog, Kelsey Swanson, Taylor Howing, Elizabeth Scholten

Front row (L-R): Emily VerSteeg, Shay Lund, Susanna Schriever, Diana Ibarra