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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO POWERLINE STUDENTS

Students in the Powerline program at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, have received scholarships based on academic achievement and leadership qualities.

The Powerline Scholarship, endowed by the electrical power industry, was awarded to four students who exemplify excellence in the program. **Austin Anderson**, Wilton, IA; **Ryan Booher**, Eolia, MO; **Jake Mulgrew**, Hospers, IA; and **Matt Ockenfels**, Swisher, IA, were recognized for this honor.

The Mel Marcotte Memorial Powerline Scholarship was established in memory of Mel Marcotte, an instructor at NCC for over 23 years. Marcotte was instrumental in creating the Powerline Program at NCC. An endowment has been set up for scholarship purposes through funds from Marcotte's children, former students, industry leaders, current Powerline instructors, and Powerline program funds. This year's recipient of the Mel Marcotte Memorial Powerline Scholarship is **Joel Crooks** of Farmington, MN.

The Peter J. Dudgeon Memorial Powerline Scholarship has been awarded to **Gaven Jett**, Sheldon, IA. The Scholarship was established in memory of Peter J. Dudgeon by his family and co-workers. Peter was a 1990 graduate of the Powerline program.

The Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship was established in memory of Bill Franey. The recipient of the Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship is **Aron King**, Rockwell City, IA. Bill began his career with the Greene County REC which later became Midland Power Cooperative. He worked for the Cooperative for 30 years starting as an apprentice lineman, a journeyman/lineman, a foreman and for the last ten years of his career he served as line superintendent. He retired after 41 years with the Cooperative. The memorial has been established by Bill's wife, Shirley.

Pictured: Front row (left to right): Gary Morris, instructor; Gaven Jett; Ryan Booher; Austin Anderson; Aaron Dvorak, instructor.

Back row (left to right): Lee Van Kley, instructor; Jake Mulgrew; Joel Crooks; Matt Ockenfels; Aron King.