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NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRIO STUDENTS SPEND SPRING BREAK BUILDING HOUSES WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Six students from Northwest Iowa Community College's TRIO SSS program will be spending spring break in Hattiesburg, MS doing finishing work on a house through Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program. Students and TRIO staff will volunteer with the Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity, beginning Monday, March 7 and returning home Saturday, March 12.

In addition to donating their time and energy to help build this house, students raised money to help defray the costs of the trip. Fundraising as well as money through the TRIO Student Support Services Program (a federally-funded grant through the U.S. Department of Education) makes this experience possible for our students.

Jessica Brown, from Sanborn said, "I am excited to work with the deserving family who will get this house!" Brown, an Extended Practical Nursing student went on to say, "To see their joy, and know my time went into something that means so much to someone's family is such an inspiration."

Collegiate Challenge is a year-round school break program, coordinated through the Collegiate Challenge Team at Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Ga. More than 14,000 students from more than 700 colleges, universities and high schools will work at more than 200 sites nationwide for Collegiate Challenge. Collectively, these students have pledged more than \$1 million for the affiliates they are working with.

Students are helping themselves and the local community as they help others build new homes, new hope and new lives. If anyone can understand that, it would be non-traditional college students, who sacrifice many things to better their lives and the lives of their families through Higher Education.