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WIELENGA QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hannah Wielenga, a recent Northwest Iowa Community College Administrative Secretarial graduate, Orange City, has been invited to compete in Certiport's 2014 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in the Microsoft Word 2010 Competitive Track at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia from June 20-22, 2014.

Wielenga was selected to compete in the national championship because of the exceptionally high score she received on her Microsoft Office Specialist exam. She received one of the top five scores in the country by answering nine hundred and fifty four out of one thousand questions correctly.

All top five national competitors will take a Microsoft Office Specialist exam in their competitive track and participate in a competitive interview process conducted by Certiport judges. The interview will consist of a 10-15-minute assessment of the student's practical knowledge of his or her respective exam track and future academic and career goals.

Certiport's 2014 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship is the national qualifier to the World Championship, determining which students will represent the United States at the 2014 Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship (www.MOSchampionship.com) in Anaheim, California from July 27-30, 2014.

One National Champion in each of the following competitive exam tracks will be named, and will receive an all-expenses-paid trip (including lodging and travel) to the World Championship:

- Microsoft Office Specialist - Word 2007
- Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel 2007
- Microsoft Office Specialist – PowerPoint 2007
- Microsoft Office Specialist – Word 2010
- Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel 2010
- Microsoft Office Specialist – PowerPoint 2010

I was so excited when I read the email notification that I had placed in the top five, nationally” exclaimed Wielenga. “It was late at night when I received the email, but I ran into my mom’s room and woke her up because I couldn’t wait to tell her! I didn’t believe the news, in fact, I barely believe it now and it’s been a few days!”

Wielenga continued, “I definitely need to thank God because He had a major role in this. I would also like to thank my instructor, Janet Boone, for all of her hard work. Janet really pushed us, in a good way. She kept telling us to practice and to really polish and fine-tune our skills. I think that’s what made all the difference – all the practicing!”

Wielenga is planning to return to NCC in the fall to continue in the Administrative Office Management Program to receive her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree. Wielenga hopes to work in an office in the future working on making travel arrangements for executives or working in in a farmers coop.