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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. **Trent Eisenberg**, La Grange, MO; **Chris Klapperich**, Chester, IA; **Tim Nicholson**, Sheldon, IA; and **Nathaniel Terpstra**, Pella, IA, were recognized for this honor.

Adam Winge, Fort Dodge, IA, has been awarded the James L. Wentworth Powerline Scholarship. This scholarship was established in the memory of James L. Wentworth by his wife, Janice Wentworth; his parents, Roger and Lorraine Wentworth; and his brother, Al Wentworth and family. Wentworth was a 1982 graduate of the Powerline Program at NCC. Wentworth was killed in a work-related accident in 1996. An endowment has been set up at NCC for scholarship purposes.

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 **Lorn Wielenga** of Hull, IA.

The Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship was established in memory of Bill Franey. The recipient of the Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship is **Matt Kittleson**, Janesville, 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.

The Peter J. Dudgeon Memorial Powerline Scholarship has been awarded to **Sam Beaver**, St. Ansgar, 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.

Pictured-back row (l to r): Gary Morris, instructor; Trent Eisenberg; Steve Collen, instructor; Nathaniel Terpstra; Tim Nicholson; and Scott Meinecke, instructor – front row (l to r): Lorn Wielenga, Matt Kittleson, Chris Klapperich, Adam Winge, and Sam Beaver