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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.

Adam Olson, North Liberty, IA, and **James Ruble**, Sheldon, IA, have been awarded the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives - Pioneer Trust Scholarships. The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives is the Des Moines based service organization representing the state's rural electric cooperatives.

The Powerline Scholarship, endowed by the electrical power industry, was awarded to four students who exemplify excellence in the program. **Andy Klostermann**, Manchester, IA; **Troy Kunnari**, Ashton, IA; **Tyler Gulden**, Sheldon, IA; and **Kyle Baetsle**, Batavia, 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 **Mike Wiegmann** of Dumont, IA.

The Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship was established in memory of Bill Franey. The recipient of the Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship is **Ezra Weikert**, Ackley, 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 **Matt Bryan**, Nashua, 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.

David Breuer, Waterloo, IA, has been awarded the Sheldon Competition Park Legacy Scholarship. Sheldon Competition Park was a motorsports complex that offered Motocross, Demolition Derby, Go-Karts and Mud Drags. The complex was constructed with the aid of NCC's Powerline and Heavy Equipment programs. The dedication and hard work of all the volunteers who made the organization successful has created this scholarship as a legacy to encourage students interested in Powerline and Heavy Equipment to use their talents for the betterment of their communities.

Pictured (left to right): Andy Klostermann, Troy Kunnari, Mike Wiegmann, Tyler Gulden, Ezra Weikert, Kyle Baetsle, Adam Olson, James Ruble, Matt Bryan, and David Breuer.