Dear alumni and friends of Northwest Iowa Community College, thank you for reading through this edition of The Connections magazine.

You will find that the theme of thankfulness appears on many pages. Why? Because gratitude binds us together in appreciation for the remarkable blessings we enjoy in northwest Iowa and the outstanding achievements we celebrate at Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC).

With joy and gratefulness, we were able to celebrate the grand opening of our Health Sciences Building. NCC now prepares the next generation of Certified Nursing Assistants and Nurses, Radiologic Technologists, Emergency Responders, Health Coding and Information Specialists, Pharmacy Technicians, and Medical Lab Technicians in a state-of-the-art facility made possible by widespread community support that is coupled with a relentless pursuit of excellence.

With thankfulness, we announce the initiation of a Paramedic program. NCC is offering this career pathway because we want to do our best to meet one of the pressing healthcare needs of our communities—the need for more first responders. We are unwavering in our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Northwest Iowans.

We are also appreciative of our new non-credit Industrial Maintenance program. This program efficiently and expertly trains people to keep our manufacturing partners “up and running.” Sensing a vital workforce need, NCC collaborated with industry partners to develop and equip a training center and to staff it with qualified instructors. The teamwork testifies to the power of partnerships. We are meeting industry needs, and students are realizing their aspirations. The collective effort underscores our commitment not only to providing quality, affordable education but also to building vibrant partnerships.

In June, with the generous support of an Iowa Department of Education Grant, NCC acquired the Area IV facilities in Sioux Center, Iowa. This property with its two buildings sits in close proximity to a number of area manufacturers and health care providers. In the months and years ahead, NCC will refurbish the facilities in order to enhance its educational offerings to area high schools and adult learners. Currently, the plan is to offer initial training for the career pathways of health care, operational technology, information technology, engineering design, welding, and K–12 teaching.

Three exceptional individuals will be guiding the College toward its promising future. Leah Murphy recently became our Executive Dean of Student and Academic Services, and she is already making an energetic and positive impact on the College. Shane Peterson is stepping into the role of Dean of Applied Technology. He brings a mindset for innovation and a passion for quality instruction to NCC. Dr. Greta Giese has become NCC’s first-ever Athletic Director. Her leadership will undoubtedly pave the way for the arrival of men’s and women’s soccer at NCC in the fall of 2024. Greta has already been working with the national and regional athletic associations and is in the process of hiring our inaugural coaching staff. Additionally, we continue to cultivate our Sport Shooting Team, having hosted our first-ever fundraiser for student-athlete scholarships on August 26, 2023.
We are rejoicing with the continuing construction of our newest residence hall, a project that commenced in the spring of 2023 and should be completed by the fall of 2024—in time for soccer. NCC names its residence halls after the counties we serve, so this dormitory will add 48 beds and be named “Sioux Hall.” It will be a great addition to campus that will complement the existing dorms of Lyon, Osceola, O’Brien, and Cherokee Halls. Although many of our students commute or dual-enroll while attending high school, Sioux Hall will significantly increase our capacity for on-campus housing, enabling more students to immerse themselves fully in the college experience at NCC.

We are excited that we could reimagine and refurbish NCC’s on campus dining experience. The Thunder Café is now an integral part of the NCC journey. This vibrant dining environment serves as the hub where students can refuel before their next exam, find respite from classes, and form enduring friendships with their fellow students. We understand the significance of nourishment in supporting both athletic and academic endeavors. Our culinary offerings are exceptional, ranging from interactive chef stations that bring a variety of meal choices to comforting homestyle cooking that reminds diners of home. And for those with food allergies, worry not—there is a dedicated area featuring delicious dishes crafted free from the top nine allergens, ensuring that every member of our diverse community can savor the culinary delights of the Thunder Café.

In our gratefulness, we are reminded of the collective effort and unwavering support that make progress possible. Our industry allies and active alumni strengthen NCC. Their involvement in our Advisory Boards, generous financial support, and daily encouragements are of paramount importance. Over the past year, financial gifts and equipment donations have strengthened programs such as Electrical, Welding, Powerline, Diesel, Heavy Equipment, Nursing, Automotive, Business, Radiologic Technology, and Industrial Maintenance. As we forge ahead, we will continue to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed. We will champion the delivery of accessible, affordable, high-quality education. We cannot do this great work alone—we need you, and we are very thankful that you help us in so many ways. With your support, the best just keeps on getting better!

Remarkably, gratitude conveys more than a mere expression of thanks. Gratitude elevates our spirits, enriches our well-being, and fortifies our connections. As we embark on a new academic year, I encourage you to contemplate the ways that NCC has positively impacted your life. Together, let us count our many blessings. Then let this mindfulness find voice in your interactions. Share your appreciation for NCC with those around you. May we continue to experience the transformation that emerges through our shared commitment to Care for People with our encouraging attitudes, words, and actions.

With anticipation for the future and gratitude for the present,

Dr. John Hartog III
President, Northwest Iowa Community College
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Hallie Zamora, Nursing student, checks on SimNewB in the maternity simulation center in the new Health Building addition. A complete simulation wing allows students to practice real-life situations in a safe learning environment.

Nondiscrimination in Education:
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Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) is thrilled to announce its exceptional ranking in the 2023 Best & Worst Community Colleges in the Nation report by WalletHub.com. In this year’s assessment, NCC has secured an outstanding 2nd place ranking for Career Outcomes and received a 3rd place ranking for Best Overall Community College among more than 650 institutions evaluated. This remarkable recognition marks the third consecutive year NCC has excelled on WalletHub’s national ranking.

WalletHub.com’s study was driven by the objective of providing students with higher education opportunities that are both affordable and rewarding. During the 2022 to 2023 academic year, community colleges stood out for their ability to offer quality education without imposing the financial strain associated with four-year institutions. The report underscores that tuition and fees for full-time, in-state enrollment at a public two-year college averaged $3,860 annually, compared to $10,950 at a public four-year institution and a significant $39,400 at a four-year private school. Community colleges also provide a financially viable path for students aiming to earn general-education credits before transferring to an in-state public four-year university, potentially saving substantial sums.

WalletHub.com evaluated community colleges using a comprehensive dataset comprising 19 key indicators spanning cost and quality metrics. This encompassed factors such as in-state tuition and fees, student–faculty ratios, and graduation rates. The study employed three pivotal dimensions in the assessment: Cost & Financing, Education Outcomes, and Career Outcomes. These dimensions were constructed using a total of 19 metrics, each meticulously selected to reflect the respective category.

NCC’S IMPRESSIVE RANKINGS:

Best Community Colleges by Career Outcomes:
1. Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
2. Northwest Iowa Community College
3. Columbia George Community College
4. State Technical College of Missouri
5. Manhattan Area Technical College

Best Overall Community Colleges:
1. State Technical College of Missouri
2. Manhattan Area Technical College
3. Northwest Iowa Community College
4. Mt. Hood Community College
5. Manhattan Area Technical College

A fascinating aspect of this year’s rankings is the connection between NCC and the #1 ranked institution, State Technical College of Missouri. The President of the top-ranked institution, Dr. Shawn Strong, is an alumnus of NCC, showcasing the impactful educational journey facilitated by NCC’s dedicated staff and comprehensive programs. A story featuring Dr. Strong can be found in NCC’s alumni magazine, The Connection, from 2017. His picture and story start on page 12: bit.ly/NCC-spring2017.

For further insights into the rankings, the study methodology, and additional information, please visit bit.ly/NCC-wallethub2023.
Filiz had an interest in medicine and a desire to help others, which led her to begin the Pre-Practical Nursing program in the fall of 2005. Due to her tireless work ethic and adaptability, she was able to graduate from the Associate Degree Nursing program in May of 2008. Filiz credits her International Student Advisor, Lisa Story, and her nursing instructors for helping her stay on track and providing her an ample amount of support during her time in the program.

Following her graduation, Filiz passed her NCLEX-RN boards and began working as a Registered Nurse at the South Dakota Department of Corrections. During this time, she assisted patients with a wide variety of challenges from life-threatening injuries to preventative medicine. She was able to develop the skills necessary to work in a stressful environment and improve her ability to improvise in challenging situations. She served in this role for two years.

For the past decade, Filiz has served in some capacity for Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center. Her initial role with the organization was a Registered Nurse on the Transplant and Oncology Unit/Apheresis. During her tenure in this role, she was named an Angel Care Award recipient from Avera McKennan for providing compassionate and kind care to terminal cancer patients.

After four years, Filiz moved on to serve as the Oncology Research Coordinator for Avera Research Institute, where she initiated new clinical trials for Avera McKennan. This involved collaborating with research groups from around the country, pharmaceutical companies, and other hospitals to collect and share information on various research trials. She was responsible for signing up new patients and also monitoring patient progress on multiple, simultaneous clinical trials.

In 2015, Filiz shifted to a different position as a Registered Nurse for Avera McKennan Outpatient Dialysis. She was responsible for all Registered Nurse tasks for a 22-bed dialysis unit that averaged in excess of 43 dialysis treatments per day. Common scenarios she dealt with on a day to day basis included patients suffering from cardiac arrest, severe hypotension, sepsis, and loss of consciousness.

Determined, motivated, innovative, compassionate and industrious are just a few of the words that describe nursing alumna, Filiz (Davidov) Junge. Filiz’s story begins in Romania, her home country, where she always had a dream of furthering her education in the United States. For international students like Filiz, studying in the U.S. is a complex journey. The path to become an International Student with the F-1 Visa required to study in the U.S., involves many steps. In order to apply for the Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility, students must provide an application for admission to their college of choice, copies of all academic transcripts (written in literal English translation), take a TOEFL exam (if English is not the primary language in their country), and provide a financial statement providing proof of funding for one year of tuition, fees, living expenses and books (at NCC, this equates to approximately $18,000). After all of these steps are completed correctly, students are issued the document required to obtain a student visa. The student then has to complete the process to study in the U.S. through the embassy in their home country, which includes additional paperwork and an interview. Once accepted, and for the duration of their college experience, students are required to meet certain criteria, follow a long list of guidelines and submit paperwork each semester. As you can see, Filiz had already been on quite the journey prior to beginning her education at Northwest Iowa Community College.
A few years later, she was presented with the opportunity to serve as a Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist. In this role, Filiz trained physicians and nurses on updated clinical documentation requirements. She was responsible for the input of patient data and patient treatments for billing purposes, which requires compliance and accuracy. Another aspect of this position that she enjoyed was compiling and analyzing statistics on medical treatments that were then presented to hospital administrators to track trends and efficiencies in the healthcare system. During this time, Filiz was also pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and immediately following the completion of this program, she continued on to achieve her Master of Science in Family Practice Nursing.

In 2020, the coronavirus made its way around the globe. As we all know, this changed the way we lived, and it especially changed processes in healthcare. Avera eCare launched a program through Avel eCare in order to provide care via telemedicine to nursing home patients. Filiz worked as a Certified Nurse Practitioner for Avel eCare where she remotely provided health consultation, education and treatments for geriatric patients via remote sources. On a typical day, she helped 10–20 patients using telemedicine technology. The use of this technology bolstered a safe environment for this high-risk population to receive proper care. It was quickly realized that these services could also be put to use as a resource for health professionals in rural and remote areas.

Filiz was recruited to join a team responsible for starting a telemedicine program designed to close the healthcare gap for rural patients, new to insurance patients, and high-risk patients. She worked as part of a multidisciplinary team that included case workers, health coaches, and risk management specialists to identify patients needing assistance in meeting their healthcare goals. As a Certified Nurse Practitioner, she also provided online consultations for patients needing assistance with acute healthcare needs, chronic conditions, referrals, and post-discharge education.

Recently, Filiz began a new role as a Certified Nurse Practitioner in the Hematology/Oncology Department at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center. Throughout all of her roles in the healthcare field, one thing is eminently clear — her passion for helping patients is her driving force. Filiz is devoted to working with oncology patients, stating,

“When you care for someone that is fighting for their life, it is no longer a job; it becomes a personal mission.”

The end result for my patients isn’t always good, but knowing that I can be there for them during the most difficult time, and help them understand and come to terms with their life ending, means a lot to me.”

Filiz thrives in a challenging and changing environment. She continues to take on new projects as they present themselves. In all of the roles she has held, she has proven that she is a lifelong learner. She is constantly seeking improvement and efficiency, and she cares deeply for her patients.

From personal experience, Filiz understands how challenging it is being an international student. She and her husband, Kelsey, recently established a scholarship for international students studying at NCC. The Filiz and Kelsey Junge International Student Scholarship will provide funds to assist international students in paying for tuition, fees, books, supplies or room and board during their time at NCC. The Junges are passionate about helping international students achieve their dream to study in the United States and receive a quality education.

Filiz’s family includes her husband, Kelsey, and their three children, Gabriella, Adrianna and Jordan.

Northwest Iowa Community College is thankful and proud to call Filiz an alumna. Filiz’s success is our story!
Makayla Davidson radiates positivity wherever she goes. Whether that is working directly with her patients at June E. Nylen Cancer Center, working with the 17 employees she oversees in the Radiation Oncology Department, serving on the many committees she volunteers for, including Northwest Iowa Community College’s Alumni Advisory Committee, or through her most important role of wife and mother, Makayla has accomplished a lot in the past decade since she graduated from NCC.

Makayla was raised in Le Mars, Iowa, where she attended Le Mars Community High School and graduated in 2010. Following high school, she attended NCC where she completed the Medical Coding program. She then entered into the Radiologic Technology program, graduating with an associate’s degree in 2013. Makayla immediately transferred to Mitchell Technical Institute’s Radiation Therapy program with the goal of providing therapy to cancer patients. During this time, she had many clinical rotations in a variety of locations, including one at the June E. Nylen Cancer Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Following her graduation from Mitchell Technical Institute, Makayla worked part-time at both Hawarden Regional Healthcare as a Radiologic Technologist and at June E. Nylen Cancer Center as a Radiation Therapist.

When Makayla initially began at the June E. Nylen Cancer Center, she was able to work in a variety of departments on a daily basis, interacting with and providing care to numerous cancer patients. In 2019, while employed full-time, she decided to continue her education even further, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging from Mercy College of Ohio. Makayla’s ability to adapt to a variety of roles and her excellent ability to show love to patients when they need it the most led to a promotion to her current position of Radiation Oncology Manager. In this role, she currently oversees all staff and operations within the radiation oncology and radiology departments. She has overseen many major transitional projects, including multi-million-dollar renovations, and has implemented some of the most up to date technology for cancer screenings and treatments to the Siouxland area.

Although Makayla has already accomplished a great deal in the past decade, she is continuously seeking self-improvement and further opportunities to grow her leadership skills. She uses her daily commute to listen to leadership development podcasts and uses much of her paid time-off to attend seminars, workshops, and conferences. She selflessly leads many projects and improvements at the cancer center, stays abreast of the clinical and technical advancements in the radiation therapy and diagnostic imaging departments, and is a key player in the cancer center’s accreditation processes. She served as the lead project manager for the installation of a new state-of-the-art PET scanner, a $2.9 million project.
In the spring of 2023, Makayla was selected as Northwest Iowa Community College’s Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. Each year, NCC recognizes one graduate for outstanding work in their profession and personal endeavors, volunteer work, awards or other notable achievements received, and the ways in which they contribute to NCC and student success. Makayla’s recognition for this award was held in conjunction with the Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremony on May 12.

Makayla remains connected to the College through her service on the Alumni Advisory Committee, whose mission is to create a strong bond between NCC and its alumni through alumni outreach, community advocacy and the assistance and guidance of future alumni. She has also participated in the Alumni Mentorship Program where she has provided professional mentorship to current Radiologic Technology students. Furthermore, she loves to hire NCC graduates to work at June E. Nylen Cancer Center.

Makayla is truly a lifelong learner. She is currently going back to school at the University of Sioux Falls to obtain a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in healthcare.

During NCC’s Spring Commencement, Makayla shared one of her favorite quotes by John C. Maxwell with the graduating class, “Achieving a dream is about more than just what you accomplish. It’s about who you become in the process.” She went on to state, “Our education is something that can never be taken away from us. Whether NCC is a steppingstone to your next adventure, or whether it is getting you to your final destination, celebrate each moment of accomplishment. Appreciate everyone who has poured into you. Continue to reflect on your journey, all that you have learned and how much you have grown. But most importantly,”

“no matter where you go or what you do, radiate positivity.”

Makayla’s family includes her husband, Joshua, and their daughter, Charlie.

Northwest Iowa Community College is thankful and proud to call Makayla an alumna. Makayla’s success is our story!
April 27, 2023 marked a significant milestone for Northwest Iowa Community College as it proudly unveiled the newly remodeled and expanded Health Sciences Building, Building H, with a grand opening celebration and Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event.

The Health Sciences Building, meticulously designed to mirror a modern healthcare facility, stands as a testament to NCC’s commitment to providing its students with cutting-edge education and practical experience. The layout of the labs is reminiscent of a fully functional hospital, fostering interdisciplinary training which is a pivotal aspect of the College’s curricula. Students pursuing various healthcare disciplines, such as Certified Nurse Aid (CNA), nursing, radiologic technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, and medical coding, not only master their specific fields but also learn collaboratively alongside their future colleagues. This approach mirrors the dynamics of a real healthcare setting, arming students with enhanced skills and a deeper understanding of teamwork in preparation for their careers as healthcare professionals.

A Glimpse into State-of-the-Art Training Facilities

The labs within the Health Sciences Building are equipped with state-of-the-art tools, including high-fidelity manikins that replicate lifelike scenarios. These advanced simulators enable students to apply their skills, make clinical decisions, and exercise critical thinking in a controlled and safe environment. The invaluable experience gained from these simulations empowers students to refine their abilities without any risk to actual patients. As the healthcare industry continually evolves, NCC remains at the forefront by offering students opportunities that mirror real-world experiences and challenges.

The investment made by NCC and the surrounding community in this state-of-the-art facility is a tremendous boon to the Radiologic Technology Program,”
emphasized Kelsey Van Beek, Director of the Radiologic Technology Program. “Our new Radiology lab not only boasts capacity for two fully operational machines, but also for an additional third energized machine. This expansion empowers us to offer our students enriched hands-on training, enhancing their readiness for real-world clinical experiences. We’ve even incorporated an energized portable machine into our curriculum. The addition of this lab introduces an unprecedented level of experiential learning that was previously unavailable on our campus.”

**Enhancing Patient Care through Quality Education**

Northwest Iowa Community College’s dedication to providing top-tier education translates to improved patient care and outcomes. The hands-on training and exposure to cutting-edge technology ensures that students are well prepared to face the demands of the healthcare industry. By producing skilled and competent healthcare professionals, NCC contributes to raising the quality of life in northwest Iowa and beyond.

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LEAH MURPHY  
Executive Dean of Student and Academic Services

Murphy officially assumed her new role on August 1st, bringing with her a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to advancing the College’s academic mission.

Leah Murphy’s journey with NCC began in 2016 when she began as the Director of the Learning Center, Alternative High School, and Accommodations. Her dedication and contributions led to her appointment as the Director of the Academic Center in 2017, followed by her role as the Dean of Arts & Sciences/Business & Health in 2021. Throughout her tenure, Murphy has exhibited an unwavering passion for academic excellence, innovation, and student success.

Murphy said, “I am honored and excited to continue with the NCC team in a new role as the Chief Academic Officer. NCC has a remarkable reputation for success and service for all, and I am eager to work closely with the talented individuals who build upon these values daily.

NCC continues to strive for growth in order to better serve Northwest Iowa, and I am humbled to help give opportunities to our communities, students, and partners.”

Dr. Hartog, President of NCC, expressed his enthusiasm for Murphy’s appointment, stating, “Following a thorough search process, we are delighted to introduce Leah Murphy as our new Chief Academic Officer. Leah’s passion for student success, her profound insight into our College’s current landscape, and her inspiring vision for its future all contributed to our decision. We firmly believe that she possesses the qualities needed to lead us into the next chapter.”

Dr. Hartog continued, “Leah’s extensive experience and expertise, coupled with her steadfast dedication to academic excellence, innovation, and the triumph of every student, make her an invaluable addition to our leadership team. We are confident that she will cultivate a collaborative and inclusive environment, working closely with faculty, staff, and students to propel NCC’s academic mission to new heights.”

Leah Murphy’s appointment as the Executive Dean of Student and Academic Services marks a pivotal moment for NCC. Her leadership is poised to bring about positive transformations, driving the institution’s growth and elevating its impact on the communities it serves.

Murphy resides in Sheldon with her husband Michael and children Lynn, Anthony, and Maggie.

FUN FACTS  
Famous people you’ve met: Talked to Diane Keaton on a Phone-a-Thon  
Favorite song: Silent Night in German—My grandmother sang it with her accordion every Christmas.  
Favorite dessert: Crème Brule

SHANE PETERSON  
Applied Technology Dean

This appointment marks an exciting milestone for NCC as it continues its commitment to providing quality education and innovative programs in applied technology.

With an educational background that includes an A.A.S. in Architectural Drafting from Northeast Community College (NE) and a B.S. Ed. in 5–12 Industrial Technology Education from Wayne State College (NE) Shane Peterson brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role. He has demonstrated his dedication to education and applied technology as the 8–12 Industrial Technology Instructor and SkillsUSA Advisor at West Lyon Community School District.

“We are thrilled to welcome Shane Peterson to the NCC family,” stated Dr. John Hartog. “His extensive experience in the field of applied technology, combined with his passion for education, make him an exceptional addition to our team. I have full confidence that Shane’s leadership and insights will significantly contribute to the growth and success of our Applied Technology Division.”

Hartog continued, “This marks an exciting time for NCC as we move forward with renewed energy and vision. Together, we will continue to uphold our commitment to providing exceptional education and empowering our students for success in the fields of applied technology.”
**Peterson commented,** “I am extremely excited for this opportunity to be a part of NCC.

The college has many great programs and a reputation as one of the best institutes in the nation.

I look forward to helping NCC continue to serve the region by preparing our future workforce.”

Shane Peterson officially assumed his position as Dean of Applied Technology on July 7, 2023.

Peterson resides in Inwood with his wife, Kelsey, and daughter, Teagan.

For inquiries or further information about the Applied Technology Division at Northwest Iowa Community College, please contact Mr. Shane Peterson at slpeterson@nwicc.edu.

**FUN FACTS**

**Favorite movie:** Top Gun (the original but Top Gun Mav was just as good)

**Favorite place to visit:** Norfolk, Nebraska (hometown)

**Favorite Hobby:** deer hunting, walleye fishing

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**Dr. Greta Giese**

**Athletic Director**

NCC announces the appointment of Dr. Greta Giese as the institution’s first-ever Athletic Director. Dr. John Hartog, President of NCC, made the announcement to the college community on August 15, 2023, recognizing her extensive experience and commitment to the College.

In her new role, Dr. Giese will be responsible for overseeing NCC’s athletic programs which compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) conference and the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC). With a wealth of knowledge and a collaborative leadership style, Dr. Giese is well-suited to guide NCC’s athletic department into a new era of success.

Dr. Giese stated, “I look forward to collaborating with students, faculty, and staff at NCC and throughout our community.

**Athletics development at the College is strategic to our recruitment, retention, and student experience objectives —**

and I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting journey and grateful for the opportunity to serve.”

Dr. Giese has been an integral part of the NCC community for many years, starting as the Coordinator of the Lifelong Learning & Recreation Center (LLRC) when it opened in 2011. She has since taken on various leadership roles and served on numerous committees, demonstrating her dedication to the College’s mission.

Under Dr. Giese’s leadership, the LLRC has become a hub for wellness activities, providing fitness solutions to NCC employees, students, and the wider community. Additionally, she played a vital role in the establishment and success of NCC’s Sports Shooting team which began in 2019 and has achieved notable accomplishments in state competitions.

Looking toward the future, NCC recently announced plans to join the NJCAA conference and introduce men’s and women’s competitive soccer in the fall of 2024. In line with this strategic expansion, the appointment of an Athletic Director became imperative to coordinate and implement multiple sports programs across NCC’s campus.

Dr. Giese is excited to take on this new challenge and is eager to build upon NCC’s sporting achievements. Her immediate plans include developing comprehensive athletic programs, ensuring student-athletes receive exceptional support and resources, and fostering a culture of excellence both on and off the field.

President Hartog said, “Today, we celebrate a historic milestone as we welcome our first-ever Athletic Director to our esteemed institution, Dr. Greta Giese. This appointment marks a new chapter in our commitment to fostering excellence in both academics and athletics. We believe that sports play a vital role in the holistic development of our students, instilling values such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. With Dr. Giese’s leadership, I am confident that our athletes will flourish and our teams will thrive. Together, let us welcome Greta as our Athletic Director with open arms and rally behind her as she shapes the future of athletics at Northwest Iowa Community College.”

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Dr. Giese enjoys spending time with her husband, Mitch, and their two children, Wyatt and Lydia. They proudly call Sheldon their home.

**FUN FACTS**

**Favorite TV Show:** Parks & Recreation; Ted Lasso

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I once played Annie in the musical Annie and even dyed my hair red for the part

**Favorite Food:** Nachos or Tacos

**Favorite Vacation:** Any of the road-trip-style vacations our family takes each year!

**Favorite Book:** Harry Potter or Little Women

**Favorite Band:** The Pork Tornadoes
The LIFELONG LEARNER Who Hopes to Inspire a Future Generation...

From a young age, Ken Vande Brake showed an aptitude for manufacturing and had a curious nature. He was especially fond of the art of welding. In 1971, Ken began as a welding instructor at NCC (back then, known as Northwest Iowa Technical College). After a few years, he shifted out of teaching and began working at manufacturers such as Maintainer in Sheldon and Link Mfg. in Sioux Center. Even though Ken no longer taught at NCC, his heart was still with the College and the students that received valuable workplace skills there. His passion and curiosity were so deep, he continued to serve on the NCC Board of Trustees for twelve years and was very active in many career and technical advisory committees. Based on this strong interest, his family established a scholarship in memory of Ken upon his passing in 2022. They believed that even though Ken isn’t with us in presence, his interest in welding should still benefit and inspire others. Rose Vande Brake, Ken’s wife, says, “Ken was a lifelong learner, always passionate to learn more about new technology and process improvements in all areas of manufacturing. Even in retirement he continued to read about manufacturing technology, current events and mystery novels, and always with one of his beloved dogs on or next to his lap.

A scholarship was a natural fit to support the next eager-to-learn manufacturing student.”

The Students Who Benefitted from the FLEXIBILITY a Scholarship Provided...

Since 2009, C-S Agrow has been supporting a wide variety of students in their educational pursuits. Craig Struve, owner of C-S Agrow at the time the scholarship was created, developed it with one goal in mind – flexibility. Almost any student who originated from Northwest Iowa would be able to apply for the scholarship, and since its inception, over twenty students have received its benefits. Its wide-open criteria lend for flexibility in its applicant base. However, the flexibility doesn’t stop there.

Two of the recipients of this scholarship have recently shared the impact that the C-S Agrow Scholarship had on their academic success. Laura (Timmer) Hurley (HIT ’09, PN ’10, EADN ’13, recipient in 2008) says, “Scholarships, like the C-S Agrow Scholarship, helped me get multiple degrees instead of just one. I was able to attend NCC and graduated with my Health Information Technology degree and my Associate Degree in Nursing. I am now a Registered Nurse, and I use what I learned while at NCC on a daily basis.

Additionally, Krystle (Vander Schaaf) Kempers, (PN ’12, ADN ’15 and recipient of the scholarship in ’11) also notes that her C-S Agrow scholarship helped her to work less and study more. Because nursing can be a very intense program of study, being able to work fewer hours a week allows more time to be devoted to studies and increases the likelihood for success in the program.

C-S Agrow helped me follow my dream of being able to help others each day.”
The FARMER Who Wants to see the Agriculture Industry Grow...

Rodney Anderson was a lifelong farm boy, with a passion to see the ag industry of Northwest Iowa flourish. Prior to his passing, Rodney established set parameters in his estate to create a scholarship at Northwest Iowa Community College that benefits students who will be working in the agriculture industry in some form. Rodney left the proceeds from the sale of his farmland to fund this endowment. Because of this gift, roughly $20,000 will be allocated annually to students who will be attending NCC and plan to have a career that is tied to some aspect of agriculture. From diesel mechanics to future veterinarians taking generals at NCC to business students who plan to work in ag lending, Rodney Anderson’s gift will impact multitudes of students.

The Donor and the Student Who Developed a FRIENDSHIP...

In 2008, Gert Van Wyk established a scholarship in memory of her husband, Dennis Van Wyk. Dennis was in the diesel industry and enjoyed helping future technicians in a number of ways at NCC. Arguably one of the best results, however, that came from this scholarship was the newfound friendship that has evolved between Gert and one of the scholarship’s recipients.

Collin Hoffard (Diesel ’22) was the recipient of the scholarship during the second year of his program. Collin and Gert met for the first time at the NCC Scholarship Banquet when he initially won the Dennis Van Wyk Memorial Scholarship. The two formed an easy bond. Fast forward to 2023, Collin now joins Gert routinely over Bingo at the Christian Retirement Home in Sheldon, and their favorite topic of conversation is not hard to guess—the diesel industry! This is easy to discuss because Collin is now employed at Van Wyk Trucking in Sheldon, which is the very business that Dennis served as Vice President decades ago.

As you can see, scholarships can be established for any number of reasons. However, the result of the gift isn’t always apparent when it is established. Over 513 scholarships (totaling $521,498) were given out in scholarships to NCC students through the NCC Foundation during the 2022-2023 academic year, and a complete list of donors and recipients can be found in the upcoming pages. If you are interested in learning more about establishing a scholarship through the NCC Foundation, contact Kristi Landis at klandis@nwicc.edu or at 800-352-4907 ext. 164.
The following scholarships were awarded during the 2022–2023 academic year. Thank you to all of our donors for making scholarship opportunities possible for students at Northwest Iowa Community College!

- **Accounting Scholarship ($500)**
  - Harley Carroll, Marengo—Accounting
  - Eli Klein, Hull—Accounting

- **Ag Processing, Inc. Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Aleksander Wallace, Cherokee—ICW
  - Ethan Baker, Melvin—ICW

- **AgriVision Equipment Group Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Calvin Brown, Cherokee—Diesel Technology
  - Wesley Flutt, Inwood—Diesel Technology

- **Alewthea Stubbie Scholarship for Leaders ($1000)**
  - Angela Sterk, Sheldon—ICW

- **Alliant Energy Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Bryson Martindale, Smithland—Powerline
  - Chance Hall, Anamosa—Powerline
  - Tate Mayer, St. Ansgar—Powerline

- **Alpha Epsilon Phi Nursing Scholarship ($2500)**
  - Faith Kamanda, Sheldon—ADN
  - Jessica Beldt, Sheldon—ADN
  - Joelle Keboom, Sioux Center—ADN

- **American Legion of Iowa Foundation Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Samantha Meeuwesen, Sioux Center—ADN
  - Chad Zenk, Boyden—ICW

- **Associated General Contractors of Iowa Scholarship ($500)**
  - Caleb Drees, Sloan—Heavy Equipment

- **Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship ($750)**
  - Cesar Gonzales, Sioux Falls—Heavy Equipment
  - Daniel Mutschler, Wells, MN—Heavy Equipment

- **Associated General Contractors of Iowa Scholarship ($500)**
  - Jon Lammers, Granville—Heavy Equipment
  - Caden Wiersma, Hospers—Heavy Equipment

- **Automotive & Light Duty Diesel Scholarship ($500)**
  - Jonathan Bibelkis, Orange City—Auto & Light Duty Diesel

- **Beech Foundation Scholarship ($675)**
  - Joelie Kieboem, Sioux Center—ADN
  - Autumn Huss, Ashton—Practical Nursing

- **Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship ($750)**
  - Caden Smith, Glidden—Powerline
  - Reece Devries, La Porte City—Powerline

- **Bomgaard, Inc. Scholarship ($500)**
  - Shayley Haggin, Kingsley—RadioLogic Technology

- **Brad Georgi & Mitchell Himmes Memorial Powerline Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Gage Pilack, Waterloo—Powerline

- **Carl H. Rolf Scholarship for Leaders ($1000)**
  - Johana Flores Andrade, Worthington, MN—ADN

- **Cleo Klein Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
  - Abby Bohnekenkamp, Remsen—RadioLogic Technology

- **Cody Fortune Memorial Powerline Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Bryson Martindale, Smithland—Powerline

- **Conquering Cancer 4 O’Brien Country Scholarship ($500)**
  - Rylie Boer, Sibley—RadioLogic Technology

- **Corn Belt Power Cooperative Scholarship ($500)**
  - Angela Du Randt, Sheldon—ICW
  - Chad Zenk, Le Mars—ICW
  - Levi Rice, Hinton—Powerline
  - Braeden Lehmkulli, Estherville—Powerline Technology

- **C-S Agrow Service Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Kiley Parks, Hospers—Associate of Arts

- **Dave Imlhoft Automotive Service Technology Scholarship ($500)**
  - Lyle Moore, George—Auto & Light Duty Diesel

- **Den Hartog Industries Scholarship ($750)**
  - Daemon Pendergrass, Rock Valley—Associate of Arts
  - Ashleigh Vermeer, Sioux Center—Associate of Arts

- **Dennis Van Wyk Memorial Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Brock Riedemann, Primghar—Diesel Technology

- **Diamond Vogel Scholarship ($750)**
  - Eli Klein, Hull—Accounting
  - Daniel Muniz, Rock Valley—Welding
  - Justin Heinrichs, Sibley—Information Technology Specialist

- **Dorothy McCormack Memorial Scholarship ($1500)**
  - Alexis Arends, George—Accounting
  - Levi Kupferschmidt, Rock Rapids—ICW
  - Legna Hoey, George—Practical Nursing

- **Dr. Alethea Stubbie Memorial Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Ashlyn Tjussem, Primghar—RadioLogic Technology

- **Eagle Riders Scholarship ($500)**
  - Ashley Bierman, Granville—Associate of Arts

  - Drake Johnson, Danville—Powerline
  - Ethan Unzicker, Danville—Powerline

- **Edward Archer Memorial/M&P&W Powerline Scholarship ($500)**
  - Tyler Mach, Wheaton—Powerline

- **Elders Endowed Accounting Scholarship ($250)**
  - Maryssa Borden, Kanawha—Agriculture

- **Elmer J. Steuck Memorial Scholarship ($1500)**
  - Mason Parks, Hospers—Diesel Technology

- **Emerging Leaders of Osceola County Scholarship ($2000)**
  - Ethan Baker, Melvin—ICW

- **Emma R. & Oscar Miller Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Jessica Beldt, Sheldon—ADN
  - Anneka Kaster, Hull—ADN

- **Emma R. & Oscar Miller Scholarship ($500)**
  - Jenna Dibbel, Sioux Center—Practical Nursing
  - Noelle Fjeld, Sheldon—ADN
  - Tristan Tiff, Sheldon—Ext Practical Nursing

- **Eva D. Stubbie Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
  - Mary Grace Cedeno, Spencer—ADN

- **Faye Grace Memorial Nursing Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Legna Hoey, George—Pre-Practical Nursing
  - Kally Maddar, George—ADN

- **Foundation Scholarship ($2500)**
  - Jaella Aviller, Primghar—Associate of Arts
  - Anna Postma, Rock Valley—Business
  - Ryan Hackbart, Grafton—ICW

- **Greg Drouwer Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
  - Damon Dausel, Battle Creek—Powerline Technology

- **Harold Smitt Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
  - Ebba Hicks, Marcus—Design Technology
  - Grace Dietrich, Spencer—Associate of Arts

- **Hartley Community Memorial Health Center Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Dalen Peters, Hartley—Ext Practical Nursing
  - Taya Mason, Primghar—Practical Nursing

- **Industrial & Commercial Wiring Scholarship ($500)**
  - Angela Sterk, Sheldon—ICW

- **Industrial Instrumentation Scholarship ($250)**
  - Matthew Kolbaum, Marcus—IIC
  - Katie Boyd, Grand Island—IIC
  - Kyle Peterson, Sheldon—IIC

- **Interstates Companies Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Kody Koerselman, Little Rock—ICW

- **Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives-Pioneer Trust Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Cory Kessler, Sheldon—Powerline
  - Garrett Lahann, Austin—Powerline

- **Iowa Land Improvement Contractor’s Association Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Kade Calhoun, Le Mars—Heavy Equipment

- **Iowa State Bank Scholarship ($500)**
  - Kinzie Van Kekerix, Orange City—Practical Nursing
  - Tristan Tiff, Sheldon—Ext Practical Nursing

- **Jefro, Inc.-Knife River Corporation Scholarship ($1500)**
  - Logan Rinnert, Muscatine—Diesel Technology
  - Dustin Heuer, Jordan, MN—Heavy Equipment

- **Jim Koerselman Memorial Scholarship ($200)**
  - Daniel Muniz, Rock Valley—Welding

- **Judy Winkel Scholarship ($500)**
  - Mark Jenson, Sibley—Business

- **Keith W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Damon Van Beek, Sheldon—Powerline

- **Ken Vande Brake Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
  - Colton Beyer, Boyden—Welding

- **Lems Auto Recyclers Scholarship ($500)**
  - Lyle Moore, George—Auto & Light Duty Diesel

- **Link Manufacturing Ltd. Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Megan Van Maanen, Rock Valley—Business

- **Lori Punt Memorial Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Tristan Tiff, Sheldon—Ext Practical Nursing

- **Lu Vella C. Burnett Health Scholarship ($1500)**
  - Elizabeth Poppema, Sheldon—Practical Nursing

- **Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship ($500)**
  - Sean Dykstra, George—Powerline

- **Maintainer Corp. of Iowa, Inc. Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Nathan Kooima, Hull—Business Management

- **Marcia Tracy Memorial Nursing Scholarship ($500)**
  - Samantha Meeuwesen, Sioux Center—Practical Nursing

- **Marlyn Menning Accounting Scholarship ($500)**
  - Wyat Borden, Sanborn—Accounting

- **MidAmerican Energy Company Scholarship ($1000)**
  - Cooper South, Denver—Powerline
  - Gunner Brossart, Muscatine—Powerline

- **MidAmerican Energy Company Scholarship ($500)**
  - Carol Dausel, Battle Creek—Powerline Technology
Midland Power Cooperative Powerline Scholarship ($2000)
Wilson Lofstedt, Ames—Powerline

Mindie Wimmer Witham “Overcomer” Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Andrea Kelderman, Doon—Radiologic Technology

Multi-Cultural Scholarship ($500–$1500)
Aime Ferro, Oelona—Practical Nursing
Hylane Omwenga, Sanborn—Ext Practical Nursing
James Chuma, Sheldon—Ext ADN
Johanna Flores Andrade, Wortonington, MN—ADN
Judgy Mungea, Sanborn—Ext Practical Nursing
Nicole Olivera, Sibley—Medical Coder
April Phomphakdy, Hull—Radiologic Technology
Ashlyn Gomez, Orange City—Practical Nursing
Dcychia Meshack, Sheldon—Ext ADN
Isabel Schirmier, Sanborn—Health Information Technology
Jobo Mose, Jackson, MN—Pre-Practical Nursing
Joshua Tetei, Lathrop—Associate of Arts/ADN
Keyvonnny Ramos-Espinosa, Waterville—ADN
Nelde Mxaura, Sheldon—ADN
Savy Vong, Kent—ADN
Faith Kamanda, Sheldon—ADN
James Wainaina, Santa Rosa—ADN
Mariance Sow, Sheldon—Ext ADN
Samuel Maubli, Sheldon—ADN

NCC/Iowa Regents Transfer Scholarship ($500)
Jaeta Anliker, Primghar—Associate of Arts
Kaden Kamstra, Sheldon—Associate of Arts

Neal Chase Lumber Co. Scholarship ($1000)
Angela Du Randt, Sheldon—ICW

Ned DeBoer Memorial Scholarship ($1000)
Jonah Nibbelink, Orange City—Auto & Light Duty Diesel

Northwest Iowa Electrical Association Scholarship ($500)
Ethan Baker, Melvin—ICW

Orange City Area Health System Scholarship ($2000)
Paige De Boom, Sioux Center—Radiologic Technology
Rianne VanMeeteren, Sanborn—Radiologic Technology

Osceola Regional Health Center Scholarship ($1000)
Ashlynn Dagel, Sibley—ICW

Pamela R. Kreykes Memorial Scholarship ($250)
Samuel Maubli, Sheldon—ADN

Papik Motors Scholarship ($500)
Thomas Munoz, Dooon—Auto & Light Duty Diesel

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship ($500)
Sheryllyn Wynja, Boyden—ADN
Andrea Kelderman, Doon—Radiologic Technology

Powerline Scholarship ($500)
Jesus Tinajero-Lule, Waucomega—Powerline
Noah Skow, Dakota City—Powerline

Premier Bank Scholarship ($100)
Trenton Van’t Hul, Rock Valley—Heavy Equipment

Premier Communications Scholarship ($1000)
Skyler Mullinix, Rock Valley—Associate of Arts
Ethan Van Middendorp, Sioux Center—Auto & Light Duty Diesel

President’s Scholarship (full-tuition)
Shelby Andringa, Hull—Accounting
Andrew Holz, Lone Tree—Powerline Technology
Tanner Holoch, Le Roy—Powerline Technology
Rubio Al كلمة Granado, Sioux Center—Practical Nursing
Halley Triplett, Hawarden—Radiologic Technology

Rock Valley Economic Development Corp Heavy Equipment Scholarship ($500)
Dustin Heuer, Jordan, MN—Heavy Equipment
Thomas Jacob, Grand Mound—Heavy Equipment

Rodney Anderson Agriculture Scholarship ($500)
Dylan Sholes, Worthington, MN—ICW
Damon Van Beek, Sheldon—Powerline

Ron Plum Endowed Scholarship ($250)
Caitlyn Weber, Maurice—Practical Nursing

Rosenboom Machine & Tool, Inc. Scholarship ($1000)
Ethan Diehm, Hartley—Welding

Ross Powerline Scholarship ($2500)
Cody Metcalf, Pleasantville—Powerline

Sanford Sheldon Medical Center Scholarship ($1250)
Elizabeth Carney, Sanborn—ADN
Brynn Van Voorst, Hull—Ext Practical Nursing
Julie Veldman, Rock Valley—Radiologic Technology
Madison Van Ginkel, Alvord—Radiologic Technology

Sheldon Competition Park’s Legacy Scholarship ($250)
Braden Grebner, Humboldt—Powerline

Sheldon Kiwanis Scholarship ($1000)
Kaden Kamstra, Sheldon—Associate of Arts

Sibley State Bank Scholarship ($500)
Justin Heinrichs, Sibley—Information Technology Specialist
Rylie Boer, Sheldon—Radiologic Technology

Sioux Center Health Scholarship ($1250)
Jesseea Baier, Sheldon—ADN
Megan Walder, Hull—ADN
Clara Smith, Rock Valley—Practical Nursing
Elizabeth Pederson, Marcus—Practical Nursing
Samantha Meuwesen, Sioux Center—Practical Nursing
Shelby Svoboda, Sioux Center—Practical Nursing
Sarah De Haan, Sioux Center—Radiologic Technology

Substation Technician Scholarship ($250)
Drew Kelley, Nora Springs—Powerline

Timothy J. Sandbulte Family Foundation Scholarship ($2000)
Caitlyn Weber, Maurice—Practical Nursing
Adrianna Vander Platts, Boyden—Practical Nursing

United Fund Lucile Woods Tuition Scholarship ($500)
Autumn Huss, Ashton—Practical Nursing

Valley Pullers Scholarship ($1000)
Reid Vande Stroet, Hull—Heavy Equipment
Trenton Van’t Hul, Rock Valley—Heavy Equipment
Jacob Dibbet, Sioux Center—Welding

Vander Haas’s, Inc. Diesel Technology Scholarship ($500)
Beau Rasmussen, Paulina—Diesel Technology
Jacob Friedrichsen, Cherokee—Diesel Technology
Karlee Knei, Vermillion, SD—Diesel Technology
Calvin Brown, Cherokee—Diesel Technology

Van’t Hul Instrumentation Scholarship ($750)
Kyle Peterson, Sheldon—ICW

Vern & Peggy Schoenenman Childcare Endowed Scholarship ($1000)
Faith Kamanda, Sheldon—ADN
Paige Smithson, Cherokee—Ext Practical Nursing

Voilink Trades Scholarship ($500)
Alex DeBoer, Boyden—Diesel Technology

Web & Graphic Design Software Scholarship ($240)
Brilen Harskamp, Boyden—Web & Graphic Design

Wesley & Rita Fremi Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Brady Ortner, Shellsburg—Powerline
Caithlin Weber, Maurice—Practical Nursing

Whorley Heidman Law Firm PLLC Armed Services Scholarship ($1500)
Cody Spier, Rock Rapids—Powerline

Wood & Silver Diversity Scholarship ($1000)
Brady Ortner, Shellsburg—Powerline

Wood’s, Fuller, Shultz & Smith P.C. Diversity Scholarship ($1000)
Bradley Zamudio, Ocheyedan—Accounting

Woudstra Scholarship ($1500)
Jordan Mendoza, Oakeley—ADN

The following scholarships were not awarded in the last scholarship cycle.
Osceola Electric Cooperatives

Wray Swarup Powerline Scholarship

**ADN=Associate Degree Nursing**
**ICW=Industrial & Commercial Wiring**
**IC=Industrial Instrumentation & Control**

A Community Celebration

The grand opening celebration was a collaborative effort that included a Chamber of Commerce coffee event featuring speeches from representatives of NCC and the Sheldon Chamber of Commerce. This event showcased NCC’s strong ties with the local business community and its commitment to producing highly skilled graduates who contribute to the region’s growth.

During the open house, NCC students actively engaged with the public by providing live high-fidelity manikin simulation demonstrations. The interactive tours offered visitors a firsthand look at the innovative facilities and the transformative educational experiences offered by the college. The open house was not just an occasion for the College but also an opportunity for the community to engage with the future of healthcare education.

“Emergency services and the healthcare industry as a whole are in a constant state of evolution,” observed Kevin Miller, Emergency Services Education Coordinator. “As the community supports the College’s expansion, NCC’s healthcare departments are dedicated not only enhancing student success but also advancing interdisciplinary simulation. Ultimately, as healthcare professionals, it is our responsibility to ensure that our students possess the ability to collaborate seamlessly across different healthcare sectors, all for the betterment of the patient.”

As YOUR community college, it is imperative that we offer our students opportunities that mirror the reality of their future roles, aligning with industry standards that emphasize service and success. Through this commitment, we foster improvements in patient care and outcomes, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life within our community.”

NCC: Shaping Success Stories
Northwest Iowa Community College’s dedication to its students’ success is palpable in its Health Sciences Building. The grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony signify more than just the opening of a building; they mark a pivotal step in shaping the future of healthcare education and the healthcare workforce. With its state-of-the-art facilities and commitment to excellence, NCC continues to be a beacon of educational advancement and community impact.
Our STRONG student base of 1,792 STUDENTS, which marks the second-largest fall class in our history dating back to 1966, and 13,310 NCC ALUMNI, and all of the ways they stay connected to the College.

In 2023, the Northwest Iowa Community College Foundation is THANKFUL for...

- Advisory Committees
- Adjunct Positions
- Mentoring
- Establishing Scholarships
- Attending College Events

And for all of the people who support the College, whether it’s through VOLUNTEERING, COMMITTEE WORK, GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION, or SIMPLY TELLING OTHERS OF THE GOOD THINGS NCC IS DOING.

The NCC Foundation has a lot to be thankful for this year. Every single scholarship or endowment created, piece of equipment donated, and volunteer or committee member giving the gift of their time and expertise makes a lasting difference in the lives of students at NCC!

Thank you for supporting student success!

If you have a desire to help CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK of NCC, gifts in many forms are always appreciated! Remember, gifts to the NCC Foundation could be tax deductible, and ALL GIFTS DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS!

And the 8 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED and the 21 STUDENTS THAT WILL RECEIVE THESE FUNDS.

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$25,000+
worth of lab equipment in non-monetary donations we received, and the difference we can make through those donations.

$500,000
in new endowments and planned gifts that the College received.

$25,000+
Under clear skies on a picturesque Saturday, the inaugural Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) “Shoot for Success” Sports Shooting Fundraiser took place, creating an unforgettable experience that blended camaraderie, sportsmanship, and charitable giving. The event, held on August 26th, 2023, at the esteemed Rock Valley Gun Club, brought together sponsors, participants, and supporters in a day of marksmanship and philanthropy.

The event had a great turnout of participants and partners, contributing to the resounding success of the fundraiser. The NCC Foundation extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who joined together to make this first-time event a memorable triumph.

Notable highlights of the day include:

**Impressive High Score:** Noah Sundene distinguished himself by achieving the overall high score of 95 out of 100, showcasing outstanding marksmanship and dedication to the event’s cause.

**Team Excellence:** The Team Overall High Score was a remarkable 435 out of 500, achieved by the talented group consisting of Derek Lawson, Max Jones, Skyler Van Oort, Ken Van Oort, and Mac Kelly. Their exceptional teamwork demonstrated the spirit of unity and cooperation that defined the event.

**Annie Oakley Triumph:** Noah Sundene’s accomplishments didn’t stop at the high score; he also secured victory in the Annie Oakley Contest, further solidifying his position as a standout participant.

**Raffle Winner:** Landon Van’t Hul was the lucky recipient of the event’s raffle, winning a coveted CZ Shotgun that added an extra layer of excitement to the day.

The NCC Foundation acknowledges the individuals and groups that made this event a resounding success:

**Coaching Excellence:** Head Coach Brian Lauck transformed the event into a personalized “pro shop” experience with his expert coaching, while Assistant Coach DJ Van’t Hul extended a warm welcome and encouraging words to all participants.

**Community and Alumni Engagement:** The participation of alumni, industry partners, and community members showcased a united commitment to education and student success.

**Premier Partnerships:** The Rock Valley Gun Club’s exceptional hosting and ongoing partnership with NCC’s Sports Shooting Program contributed significantly to the event’s seamless execution.

**Supporting Scholarships:** Industry and community partners generously donated funds toward scholarships, emphasizing the importance of education and collaboration.

The NCC Foundation is pleased to report that just over $8,300 was raised and all proceeds will support scholarship opportunities for student athletes at NCC. Intercollegiate athletics are still new to the College and we are thrilled to be building our fund for athletic scholarship offerings.

“This first annual event captured the essence of a perfect summer day, underscored by the clays shattered, the laughter shared, and the genuine connections made. As scholarship dollars increased for student success, the NCC “Shoot for Success” Sports Shooting Fundraiser epitomized the power of collective effort for a meaningful cause.

— President, John Hartog III

We are thrilled with the support we received for our first Athletics fundraising event!

Our student-athletes and coaches alongside our Alumni and Foundation staff provided a memorable experience for participants and the results both in scores and in dollars raised illustrate that.”

— NCC Athletic Director, Greta Giese

For more information about NCC’s Sports Shooting Team please visit nwicc.edu.
All instructional programs at NCC host twice-a-year Advisory Committee meetings to make sure our programs are teaching industry relevant information, and setting our students and alumni up for success. These committees are an important part of making sure YOUR community college is doing everything possible to ensure student success. Currently we have openings in the following program advisory committees:

• AGRICULTURE
• VIRTUAL ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT
• PHARMACY TECH

If you are interested in learning more about, or volunteering for, any of these openings, please contact Leah Murphy at lmurphy@nwicc.edu or at 800-352-4907 ext. 118.