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NICC Expects a Jump in Enrollment this Fall

Faculty and staff at Northeast Iowa Community College are getting ready for a larger number of incoming students this year. Although final numbers will not be ready until two weeks after the term begins, the college is expecting a significant increase in enrollment. Curt Oldfield, vice president for academic affairs, reported that two days before the beginning of the term, the college is up 6.41 percent in headcount and 5.63 percent in credit hours. "Extra recruitment efforts that faculty and staff have undertaken are paying off," said Oldfield. "In addition, we are offering several new programs and more evening and weekend courses."

"As the semester begins we will focus some of our efforts on retention initiatives such as Success Squad coaching program and learning communities. These initiatives provide additional resources that will help students be successful," said Oldfield.

Oldfield also reported to the board regarding the college's progress on its new accreditation process called AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Project) through the Higher Learning Commission. "The goal of this process is to infuse quality planning and systems thinking throughout the college," stated Oldfield. A quality council will be developed to coordinate and track the measurement and success of the college's strategic planning and quality improvement activities. NICC will be reaffirmed, rather than re-accredited, next year.

In other news, the board approved a lease agreement that would allow Genuine Genius Solutions, with headquarters in Minneapolis, to move into the top floor of NICC's Town Clock Center and expand their operations into Dubuque. The company, whose motto is "idea solutions", will develop software service packages for auto dealerships. Over the next year they plan to hire 16-20 people.

Dr. Liang Chee Wee, Calmar campus provost, told the board of plans for the fifth annual Fall Fest on the Calmar campus on September 6. This event brings nearly 2500 people to campus and is a great way for NICC to showcase its programs and campus to the community. A meal from Lynch BBQ will be served free of charge from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The evening's events also feature entertainment the whole family can enjoy including miniature golf, a pedal tractor pull complete with prizes, bingo, carnival games, a balloon artist, kettle corn, Moo Mobile, and train rides around campus. In addition, six inflatable "soft play" games including Bungee Run, Titanic and the Children's Bouncer will be available for all ages.

In her president's report, Dr. Penny Wills announced plans to induct outstanding alumni into the college's newly developed Wall of Fame. Eight

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alumni on each campus will be honored during special ceremonies later this fall.

The summer graduation ceremony for the Peosta campus was held at the Peosta Community Centre with 140 students graduating. Past NICC student, Dan McDonald of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, spoke to the graduates.

The board approved the hiring of Hillaree Alexander, nursing instructor; Carolyn Hemesath, health information technology instructor; Kristi Houdek, switchboard operator/bookkeeper; Marilyn Hupfield, academic advisor; Beth Lacey, custodian; and Patricia Martinson, massage therapy instructor, all on the Calmar campus. They also approved Elaine Capek, TRiO Student Support Services administrative assistant; Carol Chesterman, nursing department chair; Kristine Davison, nursing clinical instructor; Jessica Ditz, child care assistant; Sara Goedken, administrative assistant to Peosta campus provost; Katie Hinderman, child care assistant; Angela Steuer, continuing education bookkeeper; Sue Stork, Dubuque and adult transition coordinator; and Kristine White, continuing education program manager, all on the Peosta campus.

The NICC Board of Trustees met on Monday, August 20, 2007, on the Peosta campus. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the Calmar campus boardroom.

Peosta Campus Holds Summer Graduation Ceremony

PEOSTA—Northeast Iowa Community College hosted its summer commencement ceremony August 10 at the Peosta Community Centre. This summer, 140 students earned degrees, diplomas or certificates from NICC's Peosta campus.

The commencement ceremony featured keynote speaker Daniel McDonald, assistant director of the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation. McDonald spoke about the challenge of striving towards individual goals in the face of adversity.

Using examples of famous personalities who rose to success despite setbacks, McDonald inspired the NICC graduates in the audience, explaining that even in the depths of life's difficulties, it's important to persist when it comes to your life and career. For emphasis, he quoted Winston Churchill's memorable nine words: "Never give up, never give up, never give up."

In the student keynote address, NICC graduate Cheree Morey shared details about the own setbacks in her life, and how she traveled the path toward academic success. A nontraditional student, Morey earned both a degree and a diploma from NICC, and has already attained post-graduation employment.

NICC is committed to being student driven and community focused. To receive more information on over 70 NICC academic programs, call the Peosta campus admissions office at 563.556.5110, or phone the Calmar campus at 563.562.3263.



**Fall Fest 2007 -
September 6
Don't Miss
the Fun!**

Welcome to NICC!



Dr. Liang Chee Wee

Dr. Liang Chee Wee was named provost of NICC's Calmar campus. Wee began his new role at NICC on August 1. Previously, Wee served as registrar and associate dean at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Wee earned dual bachelor's degrees, a master of business administration, and a doctorate from the University of Arizona.

Communique will publish an in-depth article on Wee in the September issue.

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NICC Hosted Grand Opening for New Building in Peosta on August 20

—Gas utilities and construction building opening begins new Peosta campus program

PEOSTA—Northeast Iowa Community College celebrated the Peosta campus' newest facility, the gas utilities and construction building, with a grand opening on Monday, Aug. 20. The new building is located west of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) on the northwest corner of campus. This 10,000 square foot industrial technology building houses a 2,500 square foot lab for the Gas Utility Construction and Service program, NICC's new associate in applied science degree offering, as well as NICC's construction trade programs. The building also features additional classroom space, office space and computer areas to alleviate space constraints at the primary Peosta campus facility. NICC recognized area employers, students and community supporters of the new building construction during the grand opening event.

NICC's Gas Utility Construction and Service program is the only two-year program of its kind in the state of Iowa. Alliant Energy, Aquila Gas Company and InfraSource partnered with NICC to develop the program to meet their current and future local workforce needs. The program trains students to install, maintain and operate natural gas distribution systems. Graduates will be qualified to enter one of the most technologically intensive industries in today's economy with potential careers in propane gas delivery, new customer tank and cylinder installation, bulk plant operation, gas construction mechanics and other jobs in the field that require technical and practical skills.

Royal Oaks Development of Peosta served as the general contractor for the project and many area independent construction firms handled specific components, such as sheet metal work, concrete, heating and ventilation, roofing and electrical wiring.

Two Accelerated Career Education (ACE) grants through the Iowa Department of Economic Development funded the building's construction. The state's economic development office responded to NICC's application for financial assistance because the project met requirements for new academic programming and met industry needs. The Peosta campus addition also expands the current instructional capabilities of NICC's carpentry and welding programs.

To learn more about NICC's new Gas Utility Construction and Service program, call the Peosta campus admissions office at (563) 556-5110, ext. 401. A digital photo album recorded milestones in the construction process from April 12-July 18. The photos are available for viewing at www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms/gasutilities.html.



From groundbreaking ceremony to opening day!

NICC trustees and administrators, staff, business leaders and community supporters (pictured above left) joined in celebration last March 27, 2007 to break ground on the new gas utilities and construction building in Peosta. Throughout this past summer, the NICC community witnessed construction progress on a daily basis, from foundation work to interior electrical work, drywall construction, hallway tiling and painting, and the open house on Aug. 20. Supporters and college officials, including Curt Oldfield, NICC vice president of academic affairs and NICC Board of Trustees President, Dr. Ken Reimer (pictured above right), were on hand Aug. 20 to celebrate the official opening day of the gas utilities and construction building.

NICC Econ Development VP Named Administrator of Year



NICC DISTRICT—The Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) honored Ken Vande Berg, NICC’s vice president of economic development services, with the Outstanding Administrator of the Year award at their annual conference in Council Bluffs on August 1-3. Vande Berg was chosen from a selection of nominees from all of the state’s community colleges for his contributions to NICC’s success.

IACCT recognized Vande Berg for his career accomplishments, leadership and consecutive years of record business and industry training contracts throughout the college’s district. Bond sales through Iowa’s 260E New Jobs Training Program legislation hit a record high \$5.06 million during fiscal year 2005-2006, a figure that topped NICC’s previous high of \$3 million. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, NICC coordinated bond sales just under the \$4 million mark. The data shows that area employers are embracing the community college message of employee training and workforce collaboration, Vande Berg said.

“Lean manufacturing training, productivity and quality improvement are the hot buttons in training. These areas of training are critical to our industries staying competitive and profitable. Much of this mode of training emphasizes a hands-on approach using simulations and then follow-up training to assist with implementation. NICC also knows its area employers need flexibility, convenience and affordability,” Vande Berg said.

Vande Berg began his employment with NICC in 1981 as a continuing education coordinator. From 1989-1998, Vande Berg served as director of economic development services and has served as NICC’s vice president for economic development services for the past nine years. He was interim president in 2004. Vande Berg holds a B.A. in history from Central College and an M.A. in educational psychology from the University of Northern Iowa.

“I was totally surprised,” Vande Berg said of the IACCT award. “I also recognize this award represents a lot of work by a lot of people, and it’s very gratifying for Northeast Iowa Community College and the staff.”

NICC to Host Fifth Annual Fall Fest on Sept. 6 at Calmar

Northeast Iowa Community College is welcoming back students this fall by hosting its fifth annual Fall Fest at the Calmar Campus on Thursday evening, September 6th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Students and their families along with the general public are encouraged to join in the activities.

A meal from Lynch BBQ will be served free of charge. The evening’s events also feature entertainment the whole family can enjoy including miniature golf, a pedal tractor pull complete with prizes, bingo, carnival games, a balloon artist, dunk tank, miniature golf, an ice cream eating contest, a calf petting zoo, kettle corn, Moo Mobile, and train rides around campus. In addition, six inflatable “soft play” games such as Bungee Run, Titanic, Joust and the Children’s Bouncer will be available for all ages. A disc jockey will be on hand to provide music throughout the event.

Most activities during the event are free. The Carnival games and the inflatable rides will be available for 25 cents each and the specialty food items like cotton candy, kettle korn and Moo Mobile ice cream will also be available for purchase. The activities and meal will be located in the center of campus with parking available nearby. NICC and KDEC FM 100.5 and Lynch BBQ in Decorah are hosting this event along with support from area businesses.

NICC Instructor Wins Motorcycle Safety Foundation Award

PEOSTA—David D. Reel, a motorcycle safety instructor at Northeast Iowa Community College, has been selected to receive an “Outstanding RiderCoach” award from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The annual award recognizes one individual in each state who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in promoting motorcycle safety.

“I have been teaching the motorcycle course since 1995 and am thrilled to be receiving this award. I feel honored as there are so many outstanding instructors in our state,” Reel said. As an MSF-certified RiderCoach, Reel has taught over 200 motorcycle safety courses at NICC.

“Dave has a way of igniting the interest of students,” said Carolyn Olberding, NICC driving program manager. He and his co-instructor, Frank Dardis, earn consistently high ratings from student evaluations. By going out of their way to ensure the success of every student, the pair regularly gives remedial instruction to students who would otherwise fail the course.

NICC motorcycle safety courses use the Basic RiderCourse (BRC) curriculum developed by the MSF, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to make motorcycling safer and more enjoyable.

Welcome New NICC Staff!



Elaine Capek is a new administrative assistant for TRiO Student Support Services. Capek earned a B.S. in journalism and mass communications from Iowa State University. She was previously employed by Genesis Health System and YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln in the Quad Cities. She and her husband Mike have two children and currently reside at Girl Scout Camp Little Cloud, where Mike is employed as site ranger.

Carol Chesterman is the new chair of nursing at the Peosta campus. Chesterman earned an M.S.N. from the University of Iowa. She was formerly assistant professor of nursing at Clarke College, where she received the Iowa Association of Nursing Students 2006 Teacher of the Year award.

Kristine Davison is a new nursing instructor at the Peosta campus, co-teaching the “Comprehensive Nursing Care of Adults” class. Davison earned an A.D.N. from NICC in 1997, and a B.S.N. from Clarke College in 1999. She was previously employed in Bullhead City, Az. She and her husband Chris and their two children live in Dubuque.

Marcel R. Didier is a new part-time business instructor. Didier is multilingual, enjoying a multi-national business career after spending his childhood in Europe. He previously served as interpreter for Chrysler and for the Detroit Olympic committee during the 1968 Olympics in Germany. He earned a B.A. from the University of Detroit and an M.B.A. from the University of Dubuque. He resides in Galena, Ill.

Mary Hageman is a new continuing education secretary at the Calmar campus. Hageman is an NICC student and previously served as switchboard operator and bookkeeper at the Calmar campus. She and her husband, Lloyd, a hog farmer, live in Ossian with their six children.

Carolyn Hemesath is a new health information technology and medical transcription instructor on the Calmar campus. Hemesath is an NICC graduate and was previously employed by the University of Iowa and Gundersen Clinic, and at Palmer Lutheran Health Center. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Ossian.

Christine M. Jasper is a new psychology instructor at the NICC Dubuque Center. Jasper earned an M.A. from U.W.-Platteville, and a B.A. from Clarke College. She was previously employed by Keystone AEA. She and her husband, Travis, live in Dubuque with their two sons.

Mary Jane Krapfl is a new continuing education secretary at the Town Clock Center for Professional Development in Dubuque. Krapfl is an NICC student earning dean’s list honors and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was previously employed by Flexsteel Industries. She and her husband, Rod, live in Dubuque and have three children and five grandchildren.

Serena Peters is a new part time sociology instructor at the Peosta campus.

Angela Steuer is a new continuing education bookkeeper at the Town Clock Center for Professional Development in Dubuque. Steuer earned a B.A. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from the University of Dubuque. She was previously employed by Planters Bank in Nashville, Tenn.

Lynn E. Triervieler is a new English instructor at the Peosta campus. Triervieler earned a B.S. in English in secondary education. Her academic honors include membership in Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). She lives in Dubuque with her husband, Bob. They have two daughters.

Troy Vande Lune is a new assistant director of student life at the Calmar campus. He earned a B.A. from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo. Vande Lune was previously employed by New Hope Christian Church in Marshalltown, where he was involved in various community service and volunteer projects, and the creation of the Ebenezers Youth Workers Network. He and his wife, Becky, live in Decorah with their three children.

Kristine M. White is a new health continuing education program manager at the Town Clock Center for Professional Development. She earned a B.S.N. from Mount Mercy College. White was previously employed at Mercy Medical Center's surgical services unit in Dubuque. She and her husband, Michael, live in Cascade.

NICC Scholarships 2007-2008

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship program, contact Barb O'Hea, assistant to the president for resource development, at 800.728.7367, ext. 284. For further information on Peosta campus scholarship programs, contact Kim Baumler at NICC's Office of Financial Aid at 800.728.7367, ext. 212. Calmar campus scholarship information is available by contacting Jeff Murphy, NICC's director of financial aid, at 800.728.2256, ext. 447.

Academic Scholarship Awarded to Three Students

Malinda Bartels of Elma, James Harbaugh of Elkader, and Erin Vandersee of Fayette have been awarded the Northeast Iowa Community College Academic Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. The \$1,500 scholarship is divided between first and second semesters at NICC.

Malinda is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. She is the daughter of Donald and Judy Bartels of Elma.

James is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. He is the son of Tim and Julie Harbaugh of Elkader.

Erin is enrolled in the Associate in Arts-Education program. She is the daughter of Darwin and Denice Vandersee of Fayette.

NICC Academic Scholarships are available to high school graduates with a minimum high school GPA of 3.0. Recipients must maintain a college GPA of at least 2.0 to continue the scholarship into the second semester.

Leadership Scholarship Awarded to Three Students

Tom C. Langreck of West Union, Kayla Nelson of Mabel, Minn., and Benjamin Seifert of Sleepy Eye, Minn. have been awarded the Northeast Iowa Community College Leadership Award for the 2007-2008 school year. The \$1,000 scholarship will be divided between their first and second semesters at NICC.

Tom is enrolled in the Associate in Arts-Criminal Justice program.

Kayla is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. She is the daughter of Joe and Barb Nelson.

Benjamin is enrolled in the Associate in Science-Pre-Veterinary program, with an emphasis in Dairy Science. He is the son of Steven and Barbara Seifert.

NICC's Leadership Award is available to high school graduates who have demonstrated leadership abilities in school or community activities. Recipients maintain a college GPA of at least 2.0 to continue the scholarship into the second semester.

NICC's Opportunity Scholarship Awarded to Three Students

Maury Landt of Luana, Megan Lansing of Ossian, and Joseph John Rilling of Decorah have been awarded the Northeast Iowa Community College Opportunity Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. The Opportunity award will be divided between their first and second semesters at NICC. The amount of the award is \$1,000.

Maury is enrolled in the Associate in Arts-Education program. He is the son of Neil and Cindy Landt.

Megan is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. She is the daughter of Ken and Judy Lansing.

Joseph is enrolled in the Automotive Technology program. He is the son of John and Cindy Rilling.

NICC Opportunity Awards are available to high school graduates with a high school GPA of 2.0 to 2.99. Recipients must maintain a college GPA of at least 2.0 to continue the scholarship into the second semester.

NICC's Board of Trustees Scholarship Awarded to Oelwein Student

Christina Irvine of Oelwein has been awarded the Northeast Iowa Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Christina is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. She is the daughter of Ken and Deb Irvine of Oelwein.

The Board of Trustees Scholarship was established from gifts to the NICC Foundation to honor the dedicated service of the NICC Board of Trustees. The scholarship is awarded to students from Iowa with a minimum high school GPA of 2.5 who demonstrate good citizenship, strong academic achievement, and leadership and community service.

Calmar Campus Scholarships 2007-2008

Six Area Students Awarded Insurance Advisory Committee Scholarship

Six area students have been named for the NICC Insurance Advisory Committee Scholarship. The recipients will receive a tuition scholarship for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

The scholarship recipients are currently enrolled in the first year of their two-year program at NICC. The selection of the recipients was based upon citizenship qualities, standards of excellence in academic achievements, leadership and service.

The recipients from the Calmar campus are Robert Bennett, Jr., of Oelwein; Vicki Cartwright, of Cresco; Samantha K. Darling, of Oskaloosa; Stephanie Hackman and Amanda McIntosh, of Decorah; and Natalie Rieck, of Fredericksburg.

Robert Bennett, Jr., is an Associate in Arts-Business Administration program student and the son of Bob Bennett, Sr., and Marilyn Bennett.

Vicki Cartwright is a Business Specialist program student and the daughter of Wayne and Ellen Halstead.

Samantha K. Darling is an Associate in Arts-Human Service student and the daughter of Julie Hildenbrand, and Ronda and Dave Worthy.

Stephanie Hackman is an Associate in Applied Science-Massage Therapy Specialist student and the daughter of Mark and Bonnie Hackman.

Amanda McIntosh is enrolled in NICC's Cosmetology program and the daughter of Randy and Renae McIntosh.

Natalie Rieck is enrolled in NICC's Associate Degree Nursing program and the daughter of Kevin Rieck and Connie Benter.

Marlys Seitz Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Student from Decorah

Jairo A. Molina of Decorah has been awarded the Marlys Seitz Memorial Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year at Northeast Iowa Community College. Molina is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program at NICC's Calmar campus.

The scholarship was established in memory of Marlys Seitz of Monona who was a graduate of NICC's nursing program in 1993. Students, staff and family donated funds for an endowed scholarship to carry on Marlys' dream of becoming a registered nurse.

NICC Student from Waterville Awarded Wilder Memorial Scholarship

Susan M. Pederson of Waterville has been awarded the Wilder Memorial Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Pederson is enrolled in the Associate in Arts-Education program. She and her husband Terry have two children.

The Wilder award, a tuition scholarship established by a \$10,000 grant in 1973 by the estate of the late Frank A. and Mary G. Wilder of Strawberry Point, recognizes students who are outstanding in their fields, demonstrate leadership and service, and are a "credit to their school and society."

Students From Hawkeye, Monona and Waukon Awarded NICC's Donna R. Jesser Nursing Scholarship

Stephanie Hanson of Hawkeye, Amy Manning of Monona and Rebecca Byrnes of Waukon have been awarded the Donna R. Jesser Nursing Award for the 2007-2008 school year.

Stephanie Hanson is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Stephanie and her husband Bryce have three children.

Amy Manning is the daughter of Bob and Betty Handke and is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Amy and her husband Brian have two children.

Rebecca Brynes is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Rebecca and her husband Heath have three children.

The awards were established by Donna R. Jesser to assist NICC students pursuing a degree in the Associate Degree Nursing or Practical Nursing program. Applicants for the Jesser Scholarship must be part- or full-time students, exhibit a strong desire to be successful in completing the program and pursuing employment in the health care field.

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Michael Dahl of Peterson, Minnesota Awarded Two Scholarships

Michael Dahl of Hesper has been awarded the Land of Lakes, Inc. Award and the Eileen Bruening Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year at NICC. Dahl is enrolled in the John Deere Ag Tech program at the Calmar campus. He is the son of Sverre and Mary Dahl.

The Land of Lakes, Inc. Award was established to assist a student seeking a future in agriculture. The scholarship provides tuition for a full-time, second-year NICC student who is committed to successful agricultural employment. The Eileen Bruening Scholarship is awarded to NICC students who have completed at least one semester in an agriculture or dairy program.

NICC's Presidential Scholarship Awarded to Student from Oelwein

Karen Spragg of Oelwein received the NICC Presidential Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year at Northeast Iowa Community College. Karen is enrolled in the Associate in Arts-Business Administration program at the Calmar campus. She is the daughter of Mervin and Lois Gregerson of Oelwein.

The presidential scholarship was established to assist a student in good standing who is enrolled at least half-time with a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. Preference is given to non-traditional, displaced worker or single parent students.

Fredericksburg Student Wins Klimesh Memorial Auto Award

Aaron Rethamel, a student from Fredericksburg, won the Robert A. Klimesh Family Memorial Automotive Award for the 2007-2008 school year at NICC. The scholarship is designed to encourage students who pursue coursework and future employment in the automotive technology field. Rethamel is enrolled in the Auto Technology program at the Calmar campus. He is the son of Bob and Jeri Rethamel of Fredericksburg.

Two Students Receive Shearer and Green Scholarships

Stefanie Kappes of Cresco and Darren C. Kraus of Postville have been awarded the George and Elizabeth Shearer Maquoketa Valley Award and the K & L Green Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Stefanie is the daughter of Steven and Brenda Kappa of Cresco. Darren is the son of Curtis and Diane Kraus and enrolled in the Dairy Science Technology Program.

Students in NICC's Dairy Science Technology program are eligible to receive the George and Elizabeth Shearer Maquoketa Valley Award. The K&L Green Ag Scholarship is available to students in an agriculture program.

Kate Kious of Waterville Receives Three Scholarships

Kate Kious of Waterville has been awarded a Benjamin H. Shull Agricultural Scholarship, the Kregel Family Dairy Service Award and the Evenson Brothers Award for the 2007-2008 school year. Kious is the daughter of Kirk and Linda Kious and is enrolled in NICC's Dairy Science Technology program.

This Shull scholarship fund was established by NICC faculty, staff and the family of Benjamin H. Shull. The late Benjamin Shull is the father of Pat Denson, wife of former NICC President Rob Denson. The Evenson Brothers and Kregel Family Dairy Service awards were established to assist students seeking a future in agriculture.

Two Students Receive Shull and Green Scholarships

Ashley Mueller of Harmony, Minn., and Blake Schulte of Watkins have been awarded a Benjamin H. Shull Agricultural Scholarship and the K & L Green Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Ashley is enrolled in NICC's Associate in Applied Science-Dairy Science Technology program and is the daughter of Michael and Juliann Mueller. Blake is also enrolled in NICC's Associate in Applied Science-Dairy Science Technology program and is the son of Mark and Lori Schulte.

This endowment fund was established by NICC faculty, staff and the family of Benjamin H. Shull. The late Benjamin Shull is the father of Pat Denson, wife of former NICC President Rob Denson. The K&L Green Ag Scholarship is available to students in an agriculture program.

John and Roberta Rodecap Agriculture Transfer Scholarship Awarded to NICC Student from Monticello

Klark Telleen of Monticello has been awarded the John and Roberta Rodecap Agriculture Transfer Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year at Northeast Iowa Community College. Klark is enrolled in NICC's Dairy Science Technology program. He is the son of Bruce and Jani Telleen of Monticello.

The scholarship was established by John and Roberta Rodecap to assist students who have successfully completed the Dairy Science Technology Program as part of the Agriculture Management Program curriculum. Preference will be granted to applicants transferring to Iowa State University or the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Peosta Campus Scholarships 2007-2008

Two Dubuque Students Receive Arensdorf Scholarship

Lillian Dryer and Kristine Ortiz, both of Dubuque, have received the Karen Schlueter Arensdorf Scholarship for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The scholarship is awarded to NICC nursing students enrolled at least half-time. Both students are enrolled in NICC's Associate Degree in Nursing program at the Peosta campus.

Craig Runde Receives Scholarship

Craig Runde of Cuba City, Wis., has received the Carol Slade Memorial Scholarship for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The scholarship is open to second-year NICC nursing students who earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 during their first year of study. Runde is enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing program at NICC in Peosta. He is the son of Howard and Judy Runde.

Jill Bradbery Awarded Mercy School Of Nursing Alumni Scholarship

Jill Bradbery of Dubuque has received the Mercy School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The scholarship is awarded to second-year nursing students in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Bradbery is enrolled in NICC's Associate Degree in Nursing program at the Peosta campus.

Bellevue Student Receives Presidential Scholarship

Catherine Caughron of Bellevue has received a Presidential Scholarship for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. She is the daughter of Victoria Putman and Rus Caughron. She is enrolled in NICC's Associate in Arts – Graphic Design program at the Peosta campus.

Six Students Receive NICC Insurance Advisory Committee Scholarships

Six area students have received NICC Insurance Advisory Committee Scholarships for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The NICC Insurance Advisory Committee scholarship is open to second-year students who are Iowa residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Scholarship selection is based upon citizenship qualities, standards of excellence in academic achievement, leadership, and community service. The scholarship recipients are enrolled at NICC's Peosta campus.

Vanita Bries of Epworth is enrolled in the Associate in Arts Human Services degree program.

Stephanie Hunt of Epworth is enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science Radiologic Technology program. She is the daughter of Dennis and Sallie Hunt.

Rebekah Matthews of Dubuque is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. She is the daughter of Phyllis and Cary Matthews.

Jessie Metcalf of Dubuque is enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science Respiratory Care program.

Mike Nardin of Dyersville is enrolled in the Associate in Arts Business Administration program.

Amanda Ruden of Dubuque is enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science Radiologic Technology program. She is the daughter of Tim and Deb Ruden.

Kari Wainwright Receives Sr. Rosalie Whalen Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Kari Wainwright of Dubuque has received the Sister Rosalie Whalen Memorial Nursing Scholarship for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. She is the daughter of Gordon and Brenda Hyslop of Ypsilanti, Mich. She earned the award by successfully completing the first year of NICC's Associate Degree in Nursing program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Dana Daniels Awarded Wilder Memorial Scholarship

Dana Noelle Daniels of Miles has been awarded the Wilder Memorial Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. She is enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science Radiologic Technology program at the Peosta campus, and is the daughter of David and Susan Daniels.

The Wilder award, a tuition scholarship established by a \$10,000 grant in 1973 by the estate of the late Frank A. and Mary G. Wilder of Strawberry Point, recognizes students who are outstanding in their fields, demonstrate leadership and service, and are a "credit to their school and society."

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Students Linda Deschamps And Kenneth Bichell Receive Virginia Heim Memorial Nursing Award

Linda Deschamps of Galena, Ill., and Kenneth Bichell of Dubuque have received the Virginia Heim Memorial Nursing Award for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The scholarship is open to second-year NICC nursing students. Deschamps and Bichell are enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing program at NICC in Peosta.

Regional Transit Authority to Add Bus Routes to Serve NICC's Dubuque and Peosta Location

DUBUQUE & PEOSTA—The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has obtained grant funding to support bus routes for stops throughout Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson counties. For Dubuque-area NICC students, staff and faculty members, the new RTA bus routes between the Peosta campus and the NICC Dubuque and Town Clock Centers are a convenient, affordable and cost-saving alternative.

The new RTA bus schedule begins on Wednesday, Aug. 22, and will operate Monday through Friday. Buses start their daily route at 7:15 a.m. in front of the NICC centers on Main St. and arrive at the Peosta campus lower circle drive at 7:45 a.m. After unloading passengers, the buses return to Main St. and repeat their route at 15 minutes after the hour, every hour, until final drop-off at 4:15 p.m. in Dubuque. The last full route for NICC commuters is a 3:15 p.m. pick-up at the downtown centers and a drop-off and pick-up at Peosta campus at 3:45 p.m. A printed schedule with additional information will be available soon.

Bus fare is \$1 for a one-way ticket or \$2 for roundtrip. Bus operators will accept cash and will sell ticket books for extended use of this service. The NICC Peosta campus bookstore will be selling ticket books for NICC students, staff and faculty members soon. The vehicle beginning the new route is not currently handicap accessible, but is expected to be available soon, according to RTA officials.

Questions about the RTA bus route for NICC should be directed to Cindy O'Bryon, NICC Peosta campus provost, at (563) 556-5110, ext. 201.



Business Development Director Terry Sullivan Earns Iowa Star Award

Terry Sullivan, Iowa Small Business Development Center director at NICC's Town Clock Center in Dubuque, was named the 2007 Iowa State Star by the Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC). He will be honored at the national ASBDC convention Sept. 16-19 in Denver, Co.

The Iowa Small Business Development Center conducts research, counsels and trains business people in management, financing, and operating small businesses, and encourages unique local efforts to meet area small business needs in the area. By extending entrepreneurial education, SBDC programs and activities promote and contribute to regional economic growth.

According to Wendy Wheelock, executive director of the Town Clock Center in Dubuque, "Terry is highly knowledgeable and very skilled at what he does. He is always ready to help or answer a question. Terry has worked tirelessly for the SBDC network, building strong and valuable relationships with Iowa legislators, and our congressmen and senators."

NICC Creates Articulation Agreements with UI and UIU

The University of Iowa welcomed Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) and its nearly 5,000 students to the UI's new 2 Plus 2 Guaranteed Graduation Plan this week.

Under the 2 Plus 2 plan, UI advisors will help NICC students select the right courses to receive an associate of arts degree in two years at NICC and transfer to Iowa, where they can earn a bachelor's degree after just two more years, guaranteed.

Also this week, the UI announced a new \$1,000 2 Plus 2 Transfer Scholarship. Up to 25 of the scholarships will be awarded to incoming 2 Plus 2 students with the highest grade-point averages for the spring semester of 2008.

UI Provost Michael Hogan said the 2 Plus 2 initiative is an attempt to address the unique needs of a significant student demographic at the UI.

Students transferring to the UI from Iowa community colleges accounted for more than 700 new students at the university in fall 2006, or about 12 percent of all new undergraduate students at Iowa that year.

"Northeast Iowa Community College is committed to preparing students interested in transferring to four-year schools such as Iowa," Hogan said. "Our goal is to simplify that process for their students, recognizing that students have a legitimate interest in obtaining both degrees in a timely and cost-effective manner."

Ideally, students enroll in the 2 Plus 2 plan during their first year of community college study, but college-bound high school students also are encouraged to investigate the plan and its potential to save them time and money.

In addition to the early degree-planning assistance, 2 Plus 2 participants enjoy other UI benefits even before they arrive on the UI campus. With acceptance into the plan, students receive access to UI library and career-planning resources and discounted tickets to select university events with their UI student ID. Upon admission to Iowa, they also become eligible for the new 2 Plus 2 Transfer Scholarship, which they can apply toward tuition at the UI.

The UI offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, and certificate programs, in more than 100 areas of study on its Iowa City campus. Right now, the 2 Plus 2 plan is available to students in select majors. The UI will add all Iowa community colleges and more Iowa majors to the plan in the near future. For more details about 2 Plus 2, visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/2plus2/>.

A similar initiative is in place for NICC students transferring to Upper Iowa University (UIU) through NICC and UIU's 2+2 plan. The 2+2 plan streamlines the transfer process for associate in arts and associate in science students and allows guaranteed transfer of credits to UIU's residential, online, external degree or off-campus center programs.

NICC and UIU are providing academic advising and transfer planning assistance to NICC students as part of the articulation agreement. "With the proper guidance, a student can easily come to NICC for two years, transfer to UIU and graduate with a bachelor's degree within four years," said Curt Oldfield, NICC's vice president of academic affairs.

NICC is committed to helping all students learn and succeed. "The increased availability of online and evening courses has made it much easier for students with family, work and other commitments to obtain their degree," says Oldfield.

NICC, for example, offers an evening AA-Business Administration degree option. Students in this program take two courses in the evening, one night each week for eight weeks. These are hybrid courses, meaning a portion of the class is taught in the traditional classroom setting and the remainder is taught online. This format utilizes the online format to add flexibility but still gives students some classroom time to allow for faculty-student interaction.

UIU also offers various online and external degree options that allow students to study at times and locations convenient to them. "This agreement will ultimately allow NICC students to stay close to home to complete their bachelor's degree with a well-known local partner in a flexible manner," stated Oldfield.

