



The Hard Drive Café is Definitely Not Your Typical Classroom

The Mason City Hard Drive Café is open for business. The newly-renovated computer lab and classroom at Mason City High School (MCHS) was funded by NIACC as an incentive to increase awareness and interest for MCHS students in the Information Technology (IT) Academy.

Themed after the famous Hard Rock Café, the classroom features a contemporary coffeehouse décor complete with booths, posters, special lighting, and sports and other memorabilia.

The Hard Drive Café houses a variety of classes which are part of the Career Link program, formerly known as Tech Prep. These include: Beginning Web Page taught by Tammy Johnson; Composition & Speech taught by Chrisanne Peterson; and Technology Essentials, Intro to Computers, Web Page Development I, Intro to Programming Logic, and CISCO Networking I taught by Keith Jaben.

The Hard Drive Café was designed and renovated by NIACC employees Norb and Marie Thomes.



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in my job every day. I have gotten to work on first-degree murder cases, divorces, terminations of parental rights, corporate law cases, and contract disputes. Basically, I spend my days researching and assisting my judge to write appellate opinions. Because I love writing and get to write every day in my job, it's an ideal situation for me."

Anna's career choice appears to be a good match for her as well. "The first two months of residency have been taxing, but it is very rewarding working at a tertiary care facility taking care of some of the sickest patients in the state," Anna said. "I've gotten to do some very amazing things my first couple months like chest tubes, central lines, intubations, and lumbar punctures. I'm looking forward to the rest of residency if it is anything like what I've experienced so far."

Laura doesn't necessarily appreciate the graphic details of her sister's work, however. "Anna keeps sending me e-mails telling me things such as how she got several patients in one week with different impalement injuries, and then she says 'Neat!!!!'," Laura said. "I don't know how we turned out so different, because quite frankly, that kind of stuff turns my stomach! I think she likes the excitement and fast pace of working in the ER."

Despite their busy schedules, the sisters help each other out when they can. For instance, Laura spent a weekend recently at Anna's Iowa City apartment, helping her catch up on household chores. "Anna once jokingly told me

that she needs a wife, like all the male residents have, to take care of these things!" Laura said.

While the Ostrander twins wound up in very different lines of work, their paths began almost identically. The Clear Lake natives received straight As at NIACC, earning them both a spot in the NIACC Academic Hall of Fame. They went on to Luther College in Decorah, where they graduated magna cum laude. Laura majored in English and minored in biology, while Anna majored in biology and minored in chemistry. Laura and Anna completed law school and med school, respectively, at the University of Iowa.

"I can't adequately express how helpful it was choosing to go to NIACC first rather than starting at a four-year school," said Anna. "After graduating from high school, I was undecided regarding my future career, although I had an interest in healthcare. I took some amazingly good courses at NIACC that stimulated my interest in medicine: Biology, Organic Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, and Microbiology, as well as Career Decision-Making."

"I think many people have the misconception that NIACC isn't a great place to start if you're interested in pursuing a graduate degree," Anna commented, "but I feel that I benefited from the small class sizes and personal attention I received at NIACC, and I was ahead of my classmates when I transferred to Luther and started senior-level science courses."

Laura also offers unsolicited praise for NIACC. "Of the three colleges I attended, I enjoyed NIACC the most," she said. Laura's decision to attend law school was influenced, in fact, by two NIACC instructors, Carol Schutte and John Schmaltz.

"Carol Schutte worked with Dr. Neil Bernstein and me on the publication for the regional environmental conference that was held at NIACC. I was a co-editor with Dr. Bernstein, and he e-mailed me once and told me I'd make a good lawyer," Laura said. "Anyway, that's what made me start thinking about applying to law school, and Dr. Bernstein wrote a wonderful letter of recommendation when I applied."

NIACC instructor John Schmaltz, who says he expects Laura to become a judge one day, gave her another important connection. "Mr. Schmaltz helped me set up an internship at Iowa Legal Aid my senior year at Luther College, and I had a wonderful time working for them during Luther's January Term," Laura said. She also worked there the summer following her first year of law school.

"I can't tell you exactly what I do because that would violate my oath of office," said Laura of her current position, "however, I can say that I have been given a lot of responsibility and my judge respects my opinion when it comes to deciding cases. I have a lot of respect for Judge Zimmer and for the Iowa Court of Appeals. I hope that my next job will be as rewarding as my current job."

Laura will complete her work with the Iowa Court of Appeals next year, and Anna will finish her residency in 2009.

Time is Precious, So NIACC Alumnus Bob Peterson Spends His Wisely

From rebuilding his father's electric tricycle to his personal library of 2,500 books, Bob Peterson, a 1967 NIACC alumnus, immerses himself in all his interests and hobbies.

"I am never bored. I have so many interests and hobbies. I don't see this as a disadvantage, but an opportunity to find ways to be more efficient with my time. I always have a book with me, so if I'm waiting somewhere, I can read. If I'm waiting at an appointment for 10 minutes and not reading, I feel that I have wasted 10 minutes of my life," Peterson said.

Peterson officially works as a graphic artist for Evergreen Packaging Equipment in Cedar Rapids and has done so since 1969. He grew up in Mason City, graduated from NIACC, and has taken many credit courses at the University of Iowa, Cornell College, Coe College and Kirkwood Community College.

One of his greatest accomplishments has been rebuilding the electric tricycle his father, Henry, built in 1942. The bike was his father's answer to the gas rationing during World War II, when each family only received two gallons of gas per week. With two connected six-volt batteries, Peterson's father used his self-created electrical controller to go one of two speeds, 6 miles per hour or 14 miles per hour. Henry used a Montgomery Ward Monarch bicycle frame, Texas longhorn handlebars, and a 1912 Dodge generator as the motor. He would take the bike to work at Zack Bros. Electric in Mason City. The creation was even featured in the April 1945 Popular Science magazine. As a teenager, Peterson updated the bike with a gasoline engine and rode it around during the summer.

Years later Peterson found pieces of the tricycle at his parents' home following their deaths. His true love of tinkering unleashed itself, and Peterson decided to restore his father's unique creation.

"I remember playing with the bike in the '60s as a kid. I wanted to restore it to look just like it did when my father rode it two miles to work each morning and back each evening to charge it with his home-built battery charger. I have even restored the battery charger. The bike ran for the first time in 64 years on November 19, 2005," Peterson said.

Once all restorations are completed, the electric tricycle will be displayed in the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA. Then, after a few years on display, the Iowa History Museum in Des Moines will accept it as a piece of Iowa lore.

Another mode of transportation also idles close to Peterson's heart. He owns the 1,000,000th Thunderbird manufactured by Ford Motor Company. This automobile was the center of a huge celebration on June 22, 1972, when it rolled off the assembly line at the Pico Rivera (Los Angeles) plant.

"After being loaned for one year to the Best of Show winner at a national Thunderbird convention, George Watts bought the car from Ford. He also owned the first production Thunderbird serial 005. I purchased the car from George and have registered 5,000 miles during my 20 years of ownership. Two of the special features of this car are the cast bronze

medallions in the roof landau bars that proclaim, 'Millionth Thunderbird 1955-1972,' and an identical medallion mounted on the dash," Peterson said.

His interests don't end with forms of transportation. He possesses about 2,500 books in his personal library, and he recently donated about 40 books to the NIACC library. Architecture also intrigues him. He is a member of Mason City's Wright on the Park and served as a tour guide for architectural trips through Kirkwood Community College. A great art collector, Peterson donated a black and white lithograph by Peter Hurd to the MacNider Art Museum in 2004. He also collects European oil paintings.

His love of art and love of reading resulted in the creation of his book, *European and American Painting: A Reference Guide*, a 10-year project in the making which will be published next year.

Traveling is something else he enjoys. His favorite excursions involve hiking and camping in places like Clear Creek in the Grand Canyon. Future trips include Italy, Russia, China, and Central and South America.

Peterson will provide two NIACC scholarships, one to a student in a Fine Arts program and one to a student in a Career program, for the 2006-2007 school year. He plans to continue these scholarships for many years. Former NIACC engineering drafting instructor Harold Palmer and others helped guide Peterson's education, and Peterson credits them for helping him become the artist he is today.

"I attended the old downtown campus. I must say that the new campus and faculty have the same great character as the old," Peterson said. "Any graduates of Mason City Junior College or NIACC should consider assisting the College so that NIACC can continue to grow and serve. Small gifts are just as important as larger ones. If you haven't had a tour of the campus, take one. Talk to the students, visit with instructors, step into the auditorium, or just walk amongst the buildings. You'll be amazed at what NIACC has to offer."



Bob Peterson with the electric tricycle his father built in 1942 in response to the gas rationing during WWII. Once all restorations are completed, the electric tricycle will be displayed in the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, then accepted by the Iowa History Museum in Des Moines as a piece of Iowa lore.

Retired Attorney Thanks NIACC with Planned Gift

A retired Mason City attorney has established a trust and named North Iowa Area Community College a beneficiary. The U.S. Bank of Denver, CO, recently notified the College of the Warren L. DeVries Family Charitable Trust provisions as it related to NIACC.



Warren DeVries

The trust will be divided equally between three Iowa communities – Orange City, Des Moines, and Mason City – with the balance supporting higher education institutions at each location (Northwestern College, Drake University, and NIACC, respectively). The remainder will go toward other community organizations special to the DeVries family.

"My mother didn't have an opportunity to attend college, but she taught me the value of education," said DeVries, who grew up in Orange City and graduated from Drake University Law School. "We need to take care of our educators and our educational institutions. They need our help."

DeVries and his late wife, June, raised their sons, Klay and Philip, in Mason City, where he opened his law practice on April 1, 1950. He was eventually joined by Brad Price and Jon Scoles, in whose capable hands he left the firm upon his retirement in 1988. The law firm continues today as DeVries Price & Davenport.

DeVries and his wife, Harriet, currently divide their time between Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Tucson, Arizona.

According to Sandra Gobeli, treasurer of the NIACC Foundation, the trust will generate approximately \$12,000 annually for North Iowa Area Community College. As with all trust beneficiaries, the distributions are perpetual.

Class of 2006



Approximately 675 students graduated from North Iowa Area Community College during the commencement ceremony on May 5, 2006. The College awarded 750 degrees, diplomas and certificates, along with several honors and recognitions, to the graduating students. NIACC's Class of 2006 represents 5 countries, 7 states, and 95 communities across Iowa.

NIACC Natural Science instructor **Carol Schutte** has been selected as the recipient of the 2006 Two-Year College Biology Teaching Award from McGraw-Hill and the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) two-year college section. Selection criteria included mastery of effective and diverse teaching techniques, scholarship and professional growth, student service and accessibility, as well as academic standards and student performance. Schutte will receive \$1,000 and a plaque at the 2006 NABT National Professional Development Conference.



NIACC extreme makeover College Edition

The 4th of July is a day of celebration. This year, the celebration was extra special for Kenny Hanson, of Hampton, and Londa Schnell, of Lake Mills. That's because, on Independence Day, they found out they had won North Iowa Area Community College's Extreme Makeover: College Edition.

As winners of the contest, they received free NIACC tuition plus textbooks and other prizes for the 2006-07 school year. The three runners-up – Patricia Bielema, of Charles City; Eva Gutierrez, of Mason City; and Michael Negen, of Clarksville – each received a \$1,000 NIACC scholarship. The five finalists met one another during Clear Lake's 4th of July celebration.

According to NIACC Admissions Director Rachel McGuire, the contest met with much enthusiasm and was open to adults at least 23 years old who hadn't taken a NIACC credit class in the past three years. Contestants submitted a 250-word essay telling why they needed/deserved an educational makeover. Next, a panel of judges selected five finalists based on the essays. Finally, the public voted for their favorite contestants. Over 1400 votes were cast online for NIACC's Extreme Makeover: College Edition, with the winners capturing 67 percent of the votes.



Kenny Hanson hopes to work in the medical field.



Londa Schnell plans to pursue a business degree.

Pappajohn Earns Outstanding Community College Alumni Award

NIACC/MCJC graduate John Pappajohn has joined the prestigious contingent of community college alumni from across the nation to receive the Outstanding Community College Alumni Award. He was recognized during the 86th annual convention of the American Association of Community Colleges in Long Beach, California, earlier this year.

"John is a very good friend to the College and the entire state of Iowa," said NIACC President Mike Morrison. "His hard work and keen business sense have helped many others succeed who might not otherwise have had that opportunity. When Iowa's history of entrepreneurship is written, the first chapter should be titled, 'John Pappajohn: Iowa's Entrepreneurial Godfather'."

NIACC is home to one of five John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers in the state.



Pictured left to right following the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) awards presentation are: George Boggs, AACC Executive Director; John Pappajohn, 2006 Outstanding Community College Alumnus; Mike Morrison, NIACC President; and Michael McCall, AACC Board Chair.

NIACC Introduces Six New Study Options

Students have six new options for study at North Iowa Area Community College beginning this fall. The newly-organized programs include graphic communications, human services, early childhood education, cyber security, criminal justice (daytime), and software and video game testing. NIACC's new programs provide students with a foundation in each of the six areas.

"We hope and expect that our new programs will benefit North Iowans and North Iowa employers. NIACC continuously evaluates the needs of our students and the North Iowa economy, and we do our best to respond to those needs," said Mark Johnson, NIACC Vice President for Academic Affairs.

For more information, call 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4245.



New Programs at NIACC

- **Graphic Communications** combines art and information technology courses, such as graphic arts and web design, to provide students with a solid background in the area. Graduates will have the skills needed to work in the field or transfer to a four-year college.
- The **Human Services** program prepares students for careers in the social service field. Following program completion, students will be ready for employment or transfer to a four-year institution.
- Students who receive an **Early Childhood Education** diploma will be prepared for advancement in the child care field or continuation of their education towards a transferable associate of arts degree.
- The new **Cyber Security** program will provide students with skills in computer network administration and computer security. Labor market data indicates a significant demand in Iowa and nationally for professionals with skills in this field.
- **Criminal Justice** courses will now be offered during the day, as well as evenings. This popular program prepares students for careers in law enforcement and also provides graduates with a transferable associate of arts degree.
- The new **Software and Video Game Testing** program will prepare students to become information technology professionals who can test computer software. Students will also learn about developing and testing computer games.

NIACC Enrollment at All-Time High

Enrollment at North Iowa Area Community College climbed to 3,227 students this fall, breaking the 3,136 record set one year ago. This new figure is based on NIACC's 14th day enrollment head count reported to the state, which subtracts withdrawals and cancellations that occurred during the first 14 days of school. Current NIACC students are taking a total of 31,857 hours of college credit, according to the NIACC Records Office.

NIACC Faculty Receive Excellence in Teaching Awards

North Iowa Area Community College faculty members Rob Heimbuch, Craig Zoellner, and Bill Backlin received NIACC's "Excellence in Teaching" Award for 2006. Instructors are nominated by graduating NIACC students, and the award recipients are announced at the beginning of each academic year.

Heimbuch, representing Career and Technical faculty, has been part of NIACC's nationally-recognized Automotive Service Technology program since 1999. Student nominations for Heimbuch included comments such as, **"He interacts well with all students and teaches in a way that keeps students interested and wanting to learn more,"** and **"He made me feel like I belong here and opened me up to everything in college life."**



Rob Heimbuch

Zoellner, representing Arts and Science faculty, teaches several courses in the Natural Science division, including biological principles and environmental science. He joined the College in 1992. Zoellner's student nominations included comments such as, **"The man is full of energy and knowledge. What he teaches affects us in our everyday lives, and he teaches that connection as well,"** and **"He is passionate and wants everyone to succeed. He is one of the best teachers I have ever had the privilege to learn from."**



Craig Zoellner

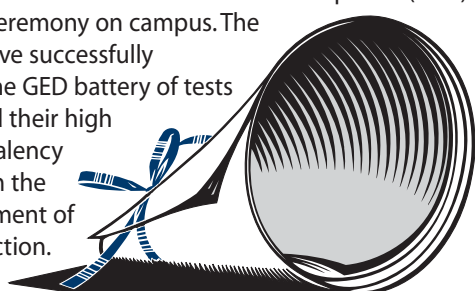
Backlin, representing adjunct (part-time) faculty, teaches piano studies, music theory and music history for NIACC. He has been an instructor at the College since 1996. Student nominations for Backlin included comments such as, **"He has made me want to become a music teacher so I can challenge, but understand, my students just like him,"** and **"He makes class interesting, he is always prepared, and you know what is expected of you. I will remember him for years to come."**



Bill Backlin

Thousands Earn GED through NIACC

Over the past 20 years, nearly 2,400 individuals have passed the GED tests through North Iowa Area Community College. NIACC recognized more than 70 individuals during the most recent General Education Diploma (GED) graduation ceremony on campus. The graduates have successfully completed the GED battery of tests and obtained their high school equivalency diploma from the Iowa Department of Public Instruction.



NIACC Honoree, Speaker Works with Major Corporations and Travels the Globe

The keynote speaker for the next "Pathways to Success" program (on April 10, 2007) will be Mary E. Stibal, a 1969 NIACC graduate who currently lives in Boston. She will also receive the 2007 NIACC Outstanding Alumna Award at that time.

Mary is a member of the Stibal family from New Haven, Iowa, featured in the NIACC First advertising campaign – with 11 of 12 family members attending NIACC.

"Attending NIACC was a family tradition," she commented. "And our mother has the graduation tassels to prove it!"

Also included in the bank of college tassels is one from Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, granted to Stibal when she graduated with a BA, cum laude, from their Extension School in 2004.

"I took a somewhat different route," she says.

After graduating from NIACC, Stibal attended the Universities of Iowa and Minnesota, moved to the Florida Keys, and finally to Boston. It was in Boston that she became the first employee of successful entrepreneur Michael Bronner who founded Digitas, now one of the largest marketing firms in the country.

"I was fortunate that I have been involved in some of the most influential marketing efforts ever launched," she says.

As the agency's partnership expert for 25 years, Stibal has developed marketing relationships for key clients that include General Motors, AT&T, American Express, Delta Air Lines, Major League Baseball, Bank of America, and Pfizer.

She has also published fiction in *Yankee Magazine*, had an article she wrote for the *Journal of Marketing* used by *CBS 60 Minutes*, and has produced op-ed pieces for both the *Boston Globe* and the *Boston Herald*. She will also have a short story published this fall in the book *Seasmoke, an Anthology of New England Crime Fiction* and has just completed a mystery novel, *A Duchess in Rubies*.

Stibal has also traveled extensively in Europe, Australia, Asia and Africa. She took a train across Australia, has been on several safaris in Kenya, and while in Mali stayed in Timbuktu, and then sailed down the Niger River, camping along the banks. On a visit to Namibia she tracked elephants through GPS collars across the country's deserts.

She has lived in a yurt in Mongolia, spent a month in a small village on India's Bay of Bengal, and has traveled across China, as well as Cambodia and Thailand. She also lived in Russia for three months and sailed on a Russian trawler across Siberia's Lake Baikal, an experience she calls "glorious yet harrowing."

Stibal has recently started her own consulting business, developing marketing partnerships for a range of clients that include Victoria's Secret, Amtrak, and Bath & Body Works.

The public is welcome to attend Stibal's presentation during the NIACC Alumni Association's 2007 Pathways to Success luncheon. Tickets will be available from the NIACC Box Office in the spring.



Mary Stibal



Distinguished Alumni Nominations Sought

The NIACC Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the NIACC Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is designed to recognize graduates of North Iowa Area Community College or Mason City Junior College demonstrating superior achievement of a personal, professional or civic nature who have made a difference in their communities. Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented during the annual Pathways to Success event in April. To nominate yourself or someone you know for the NIACC Distinguished Alumni Award, go to www.niacc.edu and select the "Alumni Award Nomination" link. Nominations are accepted year round, with final selections after the first of the year.

Student Digital Photography on Display at CoffeeCat

Works created by students in NIACC's Digital Photography class were on display and available for sale this summer at the CoffeeCat, a local business located in downtown Mason City. The Digital Photography class is part of NIACC's new Graphic Communications program, which prepares students for careers in various fields, including ad design, graphic layout, and Internet marketing. For more information about the program, contact Norb Thomes at 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4312 or thomenor@niacc.edu.



International Alumni Spotlight

Interview with Kalliope “Kallie” Papantonis, age 54, of Argos, Greece

Question: Since you’re from Greece originally, how did you come to attend NIACC?

Answer: I finished the French school in Greece and, in 1970 at the age of 18, I went to study in Mason City, Iowa, where I have family from my father’s side. By the way, I have the same name as my first cousin, Kalliope (Papantonis) Jolas, who still lives in North Iowa.

Question: What do you remember most about your time at NIACC?

Answer: There are a lot of things that I remember...like the massive amount of snow and some very special professors, including Mr. Page. Everyone was really nice to me. I remember the first months I didn’t go anywhere without a lexicon (dictionary) in my hands. Most of my friends joked about it! I also took part in a play. I don’t remember the name of it, but I recall that my English got a lot better.

Question: Where did you go after NIACC?

Answer: I returned to Greece in 1973. I found a very good job with the country’s biggest contracting company, where I met my husband. Together we went to Africa for some years, spending time in Nigeria, Ghana, and Saudi Arabia.

Question: What are you doing today?

Answer: For the last 14 years, my brother and I have run a winery in Greece. The Papantonis Winery includes a 27-acre vineyard in Peloponnese in the Nemea region. We produce one red dry wine called MEDEN AGAN from the Agiorgitiko variety in limited production, around 60,000 bottles yearly. Last year for the first time we vinified a white wine from the same region with the Rodidis variety called METRON ARISTON. Both names come from the oracle of Delphi, meaning nothing in excess. We also produce a sweet wine from the Agiorgitiko variety named LISIMELIS.

Question: Do any other family members help with your business?

Answer: My daughter, Lydia, handles our wine sales in Athens and occasionally represents our winery abroad if I’m unable to go. She is 28

years old, attended high school in Brussels, college in Athens, and earned her masters in wine marketing in the UK.

Question: Do you spend a lot of time traveling?

Answer: This year I have been to China as well as Chicago, Washington D.C., and N.Y. I also go every year to London for the Wine Fare and to Germany for Anuga, another big wine exhibition.

Question: Do you keep in touch with anyone in North Iowa?

Answer: My cousin, Kalliope, and I keep in touch through phone calls and e-mail and we visit one another occasionally. I also have several friends there, including the Zanios and Pappajohn families. It is so nice that I still have contact with people there and that they keep coming to Greece looking for me and asking their friends to come visit me!! It gives me a lot of pleasure. (Recent visitors include Mike and Mary Thede, Tom and Linda Schaefer, and Mike and Pat Morrison). I will try to come back to North Iowa one of these days to visit with them and to visit my old college.



Kallie Papantonis

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Masonry Classes Introduced at NIACC

NIACC’s Building Trades program will help students cement a successful future with new masonry courses. The courses are offered in the evening and provide hands-on experience working with block, brick, stone, and manufactured materials. According to program instructor Andy Wermes, students learn to mix and handle mortar as well as develop and practice skills to build walls and other solid and veneered masonry structures.

The courses are supported by contractors, suppliers, and the Masonry Institute of Iowa. A survey conducted by the Contractors’ Advisory Association revealed there is a need for local construction workers to have masonry skills so they can perform masonry as well as carpentry work processes.

“Workers with these combined skills become more employable and valuable to their contractors,” said Wermes.

Scholarships are available, and industry tools will be presented to those who satisfactorily complete the Masonry courses. For more information, call 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4245.

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NIACC President **Dr. Michael Morrison** has received the Award of Merit from the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE). Recognized as the founder of the Tech Prep initiative in Iowa, Dr. Morrison has worked passionately at the state and local levels to create a seamless and effective K-16 educational delivery system. ACTE’s state affiliates present two awards annually for extraordinary efforts in career and technical education. Dr. Morrison was selected alongside Iowa Senator Tom Harkin.



Alumni...Tell us what you’ve been up to!

We hope your experience at NIACC has enriched your life, and we look forward to reading about your accomplishments. Send us an update at www.niacc.edu/ssl/alumni_update.htm

Record Number of Season Tickets Sold for Performing Arts Series

Single Event Tickets Still Available

If season tickets sales are any indication, the 2006-2007 NIACC Performing Arts Series may be the best yet. A record 725 season tickets were sold for this year's entertainment lineup featuring 17 spectacular shows. The North Iowa Community Auditorium, which just underwent a \$1.1 million renovation, seats approximately 1,160.

The NIACC Series is made possible by many generous donors. Platinum sponsors include the Elizabeth Muse Norris Charitable Fund; Globe Gazette; Alliant Energy; Community National Bank; Henkel Construction; Principal Financial Group; and NIACC. Gold sponsors include Drs. Beck & Lovick, Neurological Surgery; Clear Lake Bank and Trust; First Citizens National Bank; First State Bank of Belmond; Mercy

Medical Center – North Iowa; Piper Jaffray & Co.; and Sukup Manufacturing. In-kind sponsors include the Hanford Inn; KIMT; and Pepsi.

As of press time, the following shows were already concluded: Debby Boone, Willy Wonka, and Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida.

Single event tickets are still available by calling the NIACC Box Office at 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4188. Dinner reservations are also available prior to most of the shows.

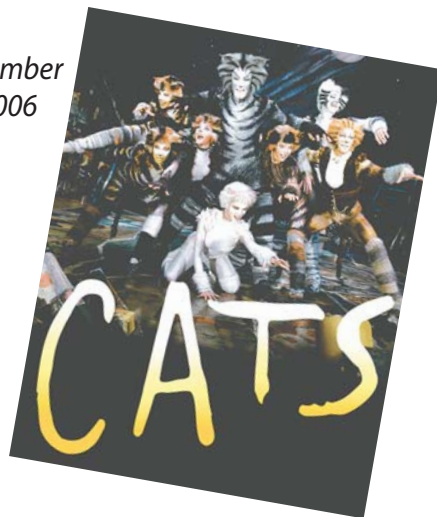
"Those Were the Days"
by Jack Moelmann
October 15, 2006

Seals and Seals
October 21, 2006

Rent
October 27, 2006

Lorie Line and Her Pop Chamber Orchestra
November 12-13, 2006

Cats
November 29, 2006



Candlelight Christmas Festival
December 7-8, 2006

I Can't Stop Loving You, The Music of Ray Charles
December 15, 2006

Jesus Christ Superstar
January 8, 2007

Will the Real Rich Little Please Stand Up?
January 27, 2007

Stomp
February 13-14, 2007

David Sanborn
March 8, 2007

Twelve Irish Tenors
March 22, 2007

Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy
April 14, 2007

Minneapolis Guitar Quartet
April 28, 2007

Plus, the 2006-2007 NIACC Leadership Series will feature the following distinguished speakers:



An Evening with Garrison Keillor
October 12, 2006

The Real Story Behind the Fake News, Rob Corddry of The Daily Show
February 24, 2007

Guerrilla Marketing, Jay Conrad Levinson
April 4, 2007

A "Lot" of Tractors

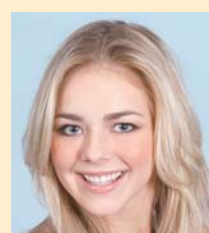
Over 350 tractors filled NIACC's east parking lot in preparation for the annual KGLO tractor ride held mid-July. More than 600 farmers and other riders participating during the 3-day event joined together for dinner and a meeting on campus prior to the ride. Each rider also received a NIACC hitch pin, courtesy of the College.



Photo courtesy of Harrison Photography

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Mackenzie Lowry, a 2006 graduate of North Iowa Area Community College and Clear Lake High School, has been accepted to Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. She will begin her studies in the fall of 2007.



2006 NIACC Student Leaders

Congratulations to the 43 students of North Iowa Area Community College who received the NIACC Student Leadership Award during the Alumni Association's 16th Annual Pathways to Success Program held on campus in the spring. Honorees are nominated by NIACC staff and faculty for their academic achievement, positive attitude, character, teamwork, and ability to inspire others.



Pictured front row from left: Thomas J. Mousel (Sioux City), Daniel R. Reed (Lindstrom, MN), Brenda J. Mahoney (Nashua), Brian C. Vine (Mason City), Jeffrey A. Keen (Marshalltown), Jacque J. Smith (Rockwell), Sharon D. Tanke (Nora Springs), Travis D. Sprague (Osage), Elizabeth A. Klein (Forest City), Jennie R. Sorensen (Clear Lake), Eli R. Flieth (Mason City), Bret M. Bredlow (Garner), Hiroko Hattori (Tokyo, Japan), Debra K. Hamilton (Latimer), James N. Bruen II (Austin, MN), Samantha T. Donisi (Rockwell), Kathryn S. Dahl (Mason City), Chelsie D. Anderson (Plymouth), and Brock R. Watson (Mason City). Pictured back row from left: Justin J. Johnson (Mason City), Beau A. Ellingson (Dyersville), Joseph C. Nelson (Mason City), Benjamin J. Buck (Clear Lake), Christopher J. Meyer (Belmond), Jonathon R. Braden (Mason City), Timothy J. Cahalan (Mason City), Stephanie D. Gittins (Clear Lake), Daniel J. Sherman (Lake Mills), Tyler M. Johanns (Grafton), Dustin L. Dalluge (Grafton), Jeremy L. Purvis (Britt), Steven G. Moretz (Hanlontown), Abbee C. Dickman (Thornton), Sarah K. Buck (Garner), Jessica A. Cornett (Mason City), Ashley A. Jensen (Greene), and Kelly C. Ihrke (Garner). Not pictured: Jennifer L. Johnson (Britt), Ross R. Ostendorf (Thornton), and Jennifer L. Cole, Adam J. "AJ" Haines, Christelle E. Lauen, and Matthew L. Orton, all of Mason City.

Tyler Johanns, a NIACC accounting student from Grafton, received the national Teachers of Accounting at Two-Year Colleges (TACTYC) Scholarship. He entered an essay responding to a managerial accounting case problem and was sponsored for the \$1,000 scholarship by NIACC accounting instructor Greg Lauer. He earned this prestigious award from a national pool of candidates and ranked highest of all the scholarship applicants.



Balek Services Provides Internship Opportunities

NIACC has teamed up with Balek Services, Inc. of Mason City to give students in the Tool and Die Technology program hands-on experience through internships.

"Graduates from NIACC's Tool and Die Technology program have the skills we use in our business," said Jamie Balek, owner of Balek Services, Inc., whose services include CNC work, lathe work, welding, design work, parts repair and more. "We can provide the entire North Iowa and Southern Minnesota area with high precision machine shop work that many used to have to leave the area to find."

NIACC's Tool and Die Technology program offers in-depth knowledge of high precision industrial dies and die components, progressive dies, and plastic industry molds. A portion of the program is devoted to using computer-aided (CAD) software to draw molds and dies, then using computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) software to generate computer-numeric controlled (CNC) machine language.

"We're thrilled to provide students with the opportunity to intern, and possibly earn a job, at a new high precision machine shop like Balek Services," said Gary Eckholt, NIACC Tool and Die Technology Instructor.

NIACC Offers Scholarships for Adult Students

Individuals who invest in themselves through education see the payoff in the end. But for many adults, finding the time and money to attend college can be challenging.

NIACC is encouraging adults to invest in themselves by offering special scholarships. The scholarships, which arange from \$250 to \$1000 depending on the number of hours enrolled, are available to individuals at least 23 years old who have not taken a NIACC credit class in the past three years.

"NIACC's scholarships for adult students are for anyone who needs a fresh start or has ever said they don't have the time or money to go back to school," said Rachel McGuire, NIACC Admissions Director. "This assistance will help those who qualify get the education they need to improve their skills or completely change their skill set."

For more information, call 1-888-GO NIACC or go to www.niacc.edu/makeover.

Wellmark Funding Awarded to Local Company



Kathy Alden (center), founder and CEO of Creative Solutions Unlimited, Inc., a software development firm specializing in long-term healthcare out of Sheffield, IA, receives a \$100,000 check from the Wellmark Community Ventures Fund presented by Tim Putnam (left) and Jamie Zanos with NIACC's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center.

Potential Wellmark-funded projects are identified, investigated, and recommended by NIACC's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC). Then, Equity Dynamics, a John Pappajohn company, further reviews the recommended projects, performs the necessary financial due diligence and, if appropriate, approves funding. Project funding comes from part of a \$25 million pledge from Wellmark designated for Iowa-based economic development opportunities.

Applications for Wellmark Funding may be obtained online (www.niacc.edu/pappajohn) and by calling 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4111.

Noah Elected to NIACC Board of Directors

Toni Noah of Charles City was elected to the NIACC Board of Directors on September 12, 2006. She replaces Colin Robinson from Charles City, who decided not to seek re-election. He had served as a trustee since 1997.



Toni Noah

Noah represents District II on the nine-member Board. District II includes the Charles City school district and part of the North Butler school district.

A graduate of North Iowa Area Community College and Drake University, Noah brings a wealth of experiences to the Board. She has served in the Peace Corps and the U.S. Navy. She's an organizational facilitator, cross-cultural trainer, and she teaches communication courses for NIACC. She is involved in various civic and church-related activities, coordinates overseas travel groups, and is even associated with the United Nations as a volunteer election monitor for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

"North Iowa Area Community College has been an important part of my life for over 35 years: first as a 1971 NIACC graduate, later as a member of the original Charles City Scholarship Dinner Committee, and currently as an adjunct instructor," she said. "I consider it an honor to continue my involvement with NIACC by serving on its Board of Directors."

NIACC Launches New Business Internship Program

North Iowa Area Community College now offers both students and businesses the opportunity to participate in the College's Business Internship program.

"This is a great opportunity for qualified NIACC students who would benefit from work experience as well as area businesses who are interested in additional assistance during peak seasons or with special projects," said Laura Merfeld, NIACC Business Instructor. "Many students are already working at jobs that they could be earning college credit for right now."

Students participating in the NIACC Business Internship program can increase employment skills and learning power, earn college credit, and make contacts that could lead to permanent employment. Businesses participating in the NIACC Business Internship program can gain valuable assistance from student interns, participate in a positive community service project, and recruit potential well-trained employees.

For more information about participating in the Internship program as a student or a business, call 1-888-GO NIACC (press 9); email businessinternship@niacc.edu; or visit www.niacc.edu/intern.

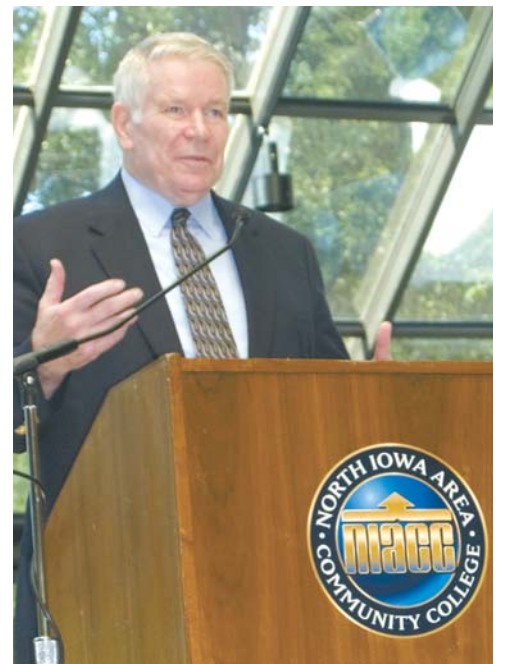


Celebrating a Milestone

Elected trustees of Iowa's Community Colleges converged on the NIACC campus during the summer for the 2006 Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Conference and 40th Anniversary celebration. Mason City Junior College became North Iowa Area Community College 40 years ago, following legislation creating a statewide system of 15 community colleges.



NIACC Tool and Die Technology instructor Gary Eckholt holds two of the medallions he milled in the CNC machining lab in celebration of the Iowa Community Colleges' 40th Anniversary.



Conference speaker Dr. David Pierce, who served as President of NIACC throughout the 1970s, blended a vision of the future with some flashbacks to the past during his presentation. Dr. Pierce is also President-Emeritus of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).



The NIACC Board of Directors and members of the NIACC staff served as hosts for the statewide conference. Pictured here donning 40th anniversary shirts are from left: NIACC trustee John Heilskov (Hampton), Ronda Smith, NIACC trustee David Steffens, Jr. (Lake Mills), Linda See, Mary Cole, Tammy Hove, and Sandra Troge.

Great Response to Iowa Business Plan Competition

Iowa has a growing number of aspiring and new business owners. More than 80 of them, representing 46 communities across Iowa, submitted formal plans for their businesses and are hoping to come out on top in the John Pappajohn Iowa Business Plan Competition.

The winners will be announced at the Iowa Venture Capital and Entrepreneurship Conference to be held in Des Moines on October 11. Cash prizes are \$25,000 for first place, \$15,000 for second, and \$10,000 for third.

John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers (JPECs) at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, Drake University, and North Iowa Area Community College assisted new businesses about to start or newly formed businesses (less than six years old) with the development of their business plans.

Business ideas are diverse and include software, manufacturing, infection prevention, biodiesel, online sales, publications, building trades, packaging technologies, ecological products, food products, specialty farming, hybrid corn development and sales, sports products, biosciences, medical devices, high tech, and much more.

"Truly, Iowans are an inventive and productive lot, and as they receive assistance and encouragement to take their dreams and develop them into good business plans and launch those businesses, the state of Iowa will have a strong future with increasing opportunities for employment and wealth creation," said John Pappajohn, sponsor of the contest.

Revolving Loan Fund Begins with USDA Grant

North Iowa Area Community College's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center has received a \$99,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to develop a Revolving Loan Fund. The Fund is designed to encourage rural development and assist North Iowa communities and businesses in Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Wright, Franklin, and Butler counties. For more information, call 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4342.



“The Best Gift We Have Ever Given!” So say Tom and Linda Schaefer

Scholarships make a profound difference every year at NIACC, allowing students of all ages to pursue an education, while minimizing the expense, providing additional time to more fully embrace the collegiate experience, and allow more time to devote towards achieving the academic standards to continue on beyond NIACC when appropriate and desired.

The NIACC Foundation, through the generosity of countless alumni, friends, and benefactors has a large endowment and term scholarships available for needy and deserving students. Yet every year, despite awarding nearly 400 scholarships, over 300 students go without a scholarship award and depend upon student loans and other sources. Sometimes this means working over 40 hours a week and taking classes at the same time. This burden takes a toll with some students not being able to continue to meet the time requirement of a college education. Unfortunately, many discontinue or suspend their acquisition of higher education while others don’t

get to participate fully and grow as effectively during their early college years.

Each year the NIACC Foundation hosts a lunch for scholarship recipients and scholarship donors where they can meet each other and share in the stories of some students and what the scholarships mean to them. The event brings tears of joy and is one of the most meaningful events that occur each fall.

Through the generosity of people like Tom and Linda Schaefer, students have an opportunity to fully participate in the college experience and graduate without a significant financial burden staring them in the face. Consider what Tom wrote to us following last year’s Scholarship Recognition Event.

“...I have to tell you that it is the best gift we have ever given. It is really great to see the students prosper, to hear their experiences, and especially, to visit with them. And of course we really enjoy their thank you notes!...”

Scholarships do make a difference, not only in the lives of the recipients, which is most important, but also in the lives of donors whose gifts keep on giving year after year. If you are considering how you might “give back” to NIACC, we would urge you to consider a gift that keeps on giving in the form of a tax-deductible contribution to the NIACC Foundation to support scholarships for our worthy students of need.

You can make a contribution on line at www.niacc.edu/foundation, where you can gain information on how to include NIACC in your will to benefit future generations. You may also contact the NIACC Foundation Office at 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4386 to get more information or schedule time to discuss how to establish an endowed scholarship.

We are confident that you will experience the joy of giving, just as Tom and Linda Schaefer have by helping secure the future of students from North Iowa.

ALUMNI ALMANAC • **1950s** • **James Kay ’56** and **Blanche (Crawford) Kay ’56** live in Bettendorf, IA. • **1960s** • **Kenneth Jaspersen ’63** lives in Omaha, NE. • **Dennis and Ione (Wisman) Barron ’64** live in North Mankato, MN. Ione has retired after teaching 40 years in the Mankato School System. • **Lyndon Crist ’64** is retired and lives in Iowa City, IA. • **Gordon Gratias ’65** is a private investigator and owner of Gratias Investigations, Inc., in Des Moines, IA. He lives in West Des Moines with his wife, Sharon. • **David McGinn ’68** is employed by Trendway Corporation as vice president of sales. He lives in Saugatauck, MI, with his wife, Ginger. • **James McDonald ’68** lives in Woodstock, IL. He is the controller for Motorola Labs. • **Frances McCoid Sheehy ’68** lives in Coconut Creek, FL. She is a tax attorney and runs her own business, the Law Office of Frances Sheehy. • **Gerhard Hylland ’69** lives in Stewartville, MN, with his wife, Nancy. He is president of GEOTEK, Inc. • **1970s** • **Michael Romig ’72** of Manly, IA, was recognized by the Iowa Association of Realtors for listings and sales totaling more than \$3 million. He has been a RE/MAX realtor for over 12 years. • **Larry Stoltenberg ’72** lives in Kelley, IA, and is employed by Iowa State University as assistant for travel and service programs. He also plays in two bands – The Sofa Kings and Redzband. • **Grant Roelf ’72** lives in Las Vegas, NV, and is a teacher. His 7th grade students received 1st and 3rd place awards in NASA’s Space Settlement Design contest. • **Cheryl (Fox) Jahnel ’75**, Mitchell County Supervisor, recently participated in the second annual County Leadership Institute in New York. • **Hugh Hadlund ’76** of Eden Prairie, MN, is a commercial loan officer at Americana Community Bank in Chanhassen. • **Debora (Houg) McKee ’76** resides in Beaverton, OR, with her husband, Mitchell, and family. • **Phillip Barker ’77** of Hammond, IN, is a contract specialist with FEMA. • **Gilman Anderson ’78** is chief information officer with GFK Custom Research Worldwide. He lives in New York with his wife, Lynn, and family. • **Deborah Geering-Fend ’78** is an optometrist in southern California. She lives in Redondo Beach with her husband, Helmut, and family. • **Timothy Hauber ’78** is dean of enrollment at AIB College of Business in Des Moines, IA. He resides in Windsor Heights. • **Marie (Schroeder) Roberts ’78** of Clive, IA, is vice president and controller at West Bank in West Des Moines. • **Scot Kruckenberg ’79** was recognized for customer satisfaction excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates distinguished insurance agency program. He has been an agent for American Family since 1991. • **1980s** • **Barbara Brandau ’80** of Mason City, IA, has been named to the U.S. Bancorp Circle of Service Excellence. • **Nancy Reicks ’84** lives in Plano, TX. She is employed by JC Penny as a marketing and fashion merchandiser. • **Rachael Kelly ’86** was selected as one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2006. She is employed as a RN at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City. • **Rosalie M. (Baltes) Owens ’86** lives in Lakeland, FL, and is semi-retired from the Lakeland Regional Medical Center where she worked in the nursing field. • **Tim Quinn ’86** is employed by the Harrisonville Cass R-IX School System in Missouri as a principal for grades 9-12. He lives in Harrisonville with his wife, Kelli, and family. • **Tracy Tafolla ’86** is a Lt. Col. in the United States Marine Corp. He lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with his wife, Jami, and family. • **Paula Jo Ubben ’86** of Eden Prairie, MN, is a custom graphic designer and owns her own business, Custom Graphic Design & Communications. • **Joan (Foxen) Wildeboer ’86** is employed by RSM McGladrey as an internal client server. She lives in Cedar Falls, IA, with her husband, Dennis. • **Jodi (Ostendorf) Cahalan ’87** has been named dean of the College of Health Sciences at Des Moines University. She lives in West Des Moines with her husband, Don, and family. • **Thomas Rattay ’87** and **Lori (Smith) Rattay ’03** reside in Mason City, IA. Tom is employed by Graham Mfg., and Lori works for the Department of Natural Resources. • **Michael Boekelman ’89** is employed as an investigator in the Federal Defender’s Office in Sioux City, IA. He lives in Sergeant Bluff with his wife, Kimberly, and family. • **1990s** • **Brad Lill ’90** lives in Sussex, WI. He is a buyer for Kohl’s Department Stores, working out of the corporate offices in Menomonee Falls, WI. • **Katie (Bye) Cordova ’91** lives in Oro Valley, AZ. She is a lecturer at the University of Arizona, teaching upper level and graduate accounting courses. • **Tony Pals ’90** was named the new pharmacist at Mercy Family Pharmacy-Forest Park in Mason City, IA. • **Michelle (Weigel) Pieczynski ’90** of Urbandale, IA, is employed by Woodland Fair Construction Company. • **Matthew Dodge ’91** was recognized for customer satisfaction excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates distinguished insurance agency program. He has been an insurance agent with American Family Insurance since 1993. • **Lance Siefken ’91** works at Curries as a drafting manager. He and his wife, Dawn, and family reside in Mason City, IA. • **Scott Squier ’91** lives in Mason City, IA, with his wife, Annette, and family. He is employed by Kum & Go. • **Glenn Hilliker ’92** lives in Jacksonville, IL, with his wife, Toni. He is CFO of Paws Four Adoption Animal Shelter. • **Michelle (Rademacher) Broerman ’93** is a service tech at American Homepatient. She lives in Rudd, IA, with her husband, Devin, and family. • **Tara Lenius ’93** of Lake in the Hills, IL, is employed at Motorola, Inc. as human resource manager. • **Rob Parker ’93** of Mason City, IA, has completed his MBA with an emphasis in marketing through University of Phoenix. • **Jason Schmitt ’93** and **Carolyn (Borchardt) Schmitt ’94** reside in Plymouth, IA. Carolyn is employed at Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City, and Jason farms and works at the North Iowa Co-op. • **Dena Furst ’94** is a recruiter for Paragon It Pros. She lives in Urbandale, IA. • **Kendal Colvin ’95** is plant manager for Van Gorp Corporation in Pella, IA, where he lives with his wife, Brenda. • **Brian Hansen, D.O. ’95** has completed his residency at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City and has joined the Franklin Medical Center in Hampton, IA. • **Jason Putney ’95** lives in Readlyn, IA, and is a teacher in the Waterloo Community School District. • **Gavin Sandvig ’95** is a Lieutenant in the Iowa Army National Guard and serves as human resources officer for a 2100-soldier Brigade. He and his wife, Shannon, and family live in Ankeny, IA. • **Dana Dempsey ’96** is the human resources administrator

at Iowa Mold Tooling Co., Inc., (IMT) in Garner, IA. • **Lisa (Johnson) Flores ’96** lives in Salt Lake City, UT, with her husband, Paul. • **Sonja (Kienitz) Klaas ’96** is an associate product manager at Dice, Inc. She lives in Urbandale, IA, with her husband, Brian, and family. • **Wendy (Daniels) Rish ’96** is employed as a personal banker at First Citizens National Bank. She lives in Mason City, IA, with her husband, Chris. • **Nate Skow ’96** and his wife, Stacy, and family reside in Marengo, IL. He is employed by The McHenry Group as a national account executive. • **Jeremy Holcomb ’97** lives in Waukee, IA, with his wife, Mandi, and family. He is employed at REL Productions in West Des Moines as new media design director. He is also assistant varsity football coach at Dallas-Center Grimes. • **Zachary Moore ’97** works as regional director of development for the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, IA. He lives with his wife, Kelly, in Ankeny. • **Kristi (Sletten) Myers ’97** is employed by the office of Nettleton, Hoffman, Hehr and White. She and her husband, Mike, live in Mason City, IA. • **Tadd Reilly ’97** is employed by Spalding as a national account manager. He lives in Jefferson, IA. • **Derek Emerson ’98** finished med school at the University of Iowa and is completing a hospital internship in San Diego, CA. • **Marilyn Janssen ’98** of Belmond, IA, was awarded the 2005 Class 1 top listing and sales agent at the GMAC awards banquet in Des Moines. • **Linda (Scarrow) Johanns ’98** is an administrative assistant at Arzberger Law Office in Mason City, IA. She lives in Nora Springs with her husband, Gabe, and family. • **Andrea (Magnuson) Serna ’98** lives in Black Hawk, SD, with her husband, Grant. • **Heather (Coborn) Englin ’99** is employed by the American Cancer Society as a community relations representative. She lives in Clear Lake, IA, with her husband, Michael, and family. • **Casandra (Mensing) Grube ’99** and her husband, Eric, will graduate from Des Moines University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2007. • **2000s** • **Kevin Converse ’00** and **Sara (Schroeder) Converse ’00** live on a farm in Hawkeye, IA, with their son, Lane. Sara is a head start teacher. • **Jeff Ginapp ’00** is living in Madison, WI, where he is entering the geographic information systems capstone graduate program at the University of Wisconsin. • **Julie (Snyder) Norris ’00** is a manager at Toys R Us. She lives in Monroe, IA, with her husband, Jason. • **Abby (Keppler) Cline ’01** is a financial services agent for the Financial Decisions Group of Oelwein, IA. She lives in Decorah with her husband, Nathan. • **Lyndsee (Bantz) Detra ’01** is employed with Greenbrook Elementary School in Southhaven, MS. She lives with husband, Jason, in Cordova, TN. • **Shawn Elsbury ’01** is assistant auditor for the State of Iowa. He lives in Ames, IA, with his wife, Mary, and family. • **Jenna Gruis ’01** lives in Davenport, IA. Her current field of study is nursing. • **Jamie (Wilhelm) Smith ’01** lives in Marion, IA, with her husband, Mark. She is employed by Abbe Center for Community Mental Health as a community support liaison. • **Greg Humpal ’02** lives in West Des Moines, IA, with his wife, Karith, and family. • **Carissa (Silver) Otto ’02** is a developmental preschool teacher in the Central Decatur Community School District. She lives in Corydon, IA, with her husband, Dustin. • **Joshua Weiler ’02** is currently living in Athens, WI. • **Jill (Lindsay) Berman ’03** is employed by Scheels Sports in Waterloo, IA. She lives in Cedar Falls with her husband, Jesse. • **Jon Heinz ’03** is IT/MIS director at Metalcraft in Mason City, IA. Previously, he was a systems technician at the Globe Gazette. He lives in Mason City with his wife, Ashley. • **Linda (Rodberg) Hunt ’03** is employed in the radiology department at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa. She lives in Mason City, IA, with her husband, Nathan. • **Nichole Stortz ’03** lives in Rochester, MN, and is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic. • **Bethany Wihlm ’03** of Ames, IA, is employed by APC, Inc. as a lead research technician. • **Adam Boehmer ’04** lives in Clear Lake, IA, with his wife, Ashley. • **Jacob Heimer ’04** joined Wells Fargo as a business banking trainee. He is a native of Rock Falls and a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. • **Jason Ward ’04** and **Melissa (Acker) Ward ’02** live in Mason City, IA, where they are both employed by Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa. • **Kerry Hall ’05** of Garner, IA, is employed by Iowa Mold Tooling Co., Inc. (IMT) as a network administrator. • **Elicia (Hendrickson) Jones ’05** lives in Mason City, IA, with her husband, Bryon, and family. • **Yolanda Harden ’06** of Mason City, IA, is a personal banker at Wells Fargo.

Send us YOUR update by visiting the NIACC website at www.niacc.edu/alumni.htm and choosing “Alumni Update Form”. We look forward to hearing from you!

In Memory • Alumni (by class) • 1940 Reynold M. Anderson, 86 • 1942 Charles H. Debban, 85 • 1947 Lawrence D. Secory, 80 • 1948 Andrew N. Pergakis, 80 • 1952 Eileen T. Fox, 83 • 1953 Rosemarie (Freeseaman) Meacham, 73 • 1955 Irene E. (Benjegerdes) Gorkowski, 95 • 1964 Robert V. Ristau, 62 • 1964 Thomas P. Schultz, 64 • 1967 Ellis A. Soash, 36 • 1967 David A. Spitz, 59 • 1970 Mary E. (Johnson) Lauritson, 70 • 1972 Mark C. Gard, 53 • 1974 Jon B. Dunn, 51 • 1975 Robert A. Carlson, 50 • 1976 Carline M. (Day) Billick, 73 • 1978 Frances O. (Martin) Griffen, 76 • 1982 Thomas J. Reuter, 44 • 1985 Lise A. (Levitt) Symens, 40 • 1990 Marvin A. Zieman, 42 • 1992 James D. Trettin, 46 • 1992 Bradley J. Kittleson, 46 • 2003 Sandra R. (Lechman) Hawkins, 63 • 2005 Charles J. Ruiter, 22 • **Other NIACC Friends** • Donna E. (Hattam) Browning, 78 • John H. Calhoun, 92 • June M. (Johnson) Dorsey, 75 • Beth Sherman Elder, 94 • Margaret Charlene Garrels, 86 • Dale E. Harmon, 69 • James Y. Hendricks, M.D., 75 • Margaret M. (Bagan) Hoffman, 89 • Jessie E. (Church) Huey, 94 • Dr. Van W. Hunt, 90 • Susie E. (Beavers) Johnson, 93 • Melisande ‘Sandy’ (Carlson) Krieger, 59 • Archie V. Martin, 96 • Richard ‘Dick’ Mathre, 74 • Clarice (Kelly) R. Paulson, 89 • John E. Pauley, 89 • Roger D. Pedelty, 71 • Ruth Nancy J. (Thomas) Reasor, 89 • Imogene (Fox) Schubert, 87 • Tressie L. Sherriffe-Lyghtner, 86 • Ellis J. Wick, 89 • Jack F. Wilcox, 70

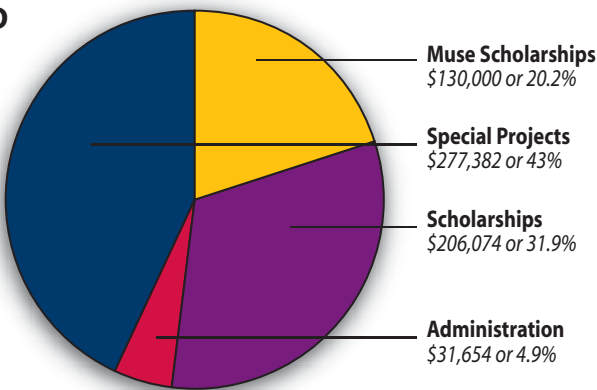


The NIACC Foundation is changing its fiscal year from the calendar year (January-December) to July 1-June 30 in order to match that of the College. The following information reflects only half of the year (January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006) due to the change.

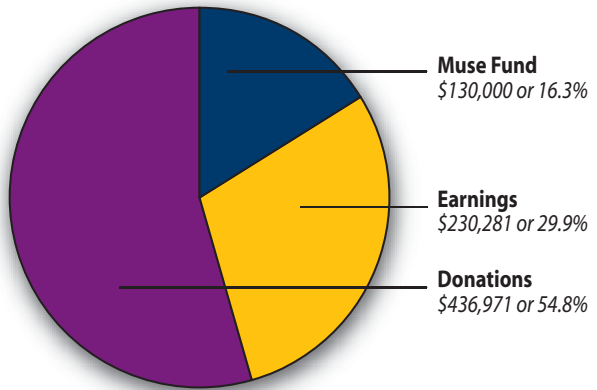
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Assets	
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,874,692
Investments - The Commonfund.....	11,879,057
Pledges.....	532,936
Other Assets	969,013
Total Assets.....	<u><u>\$15,255,698</u></u>
Liabilities & Fund Balances	
Liabilities.....	\$88,917
Fund Balances:	
Unrestricted Funds	\$1,363,754
Charitable Annuity Fund/Trust	1,491
Permanent Endowments	3,495,416
Endowment Challenge Fund	3,620,395
Term Restricted Funds.....	586,319
Board Designated Funds	824,408
Total Fund Balances	\$15,166,781
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances.....	<u><u>\$15,255,698</u></u>

EXPENDITURES AND ALLOCATIONS: \$645,110



RECEIPTS: \$797,252



The NIACC Foundation received \$797,252 between January 1-June 30, 2006. Total assets of the Foundation exceed \$15 million. Approximately 12 percent is invested in North Iowa financial institutions. The rest is in The Commonfund, a non-profit membership corporation organized and operated and providing investment management services exclusively for educational institutions. A member for over 20 years, NIACC is the first community college in Iowa and one of the few community colleges in the country to belong to The Commonfund.

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Thanks to the following alumni and friends who have demonstrated their support for North Iowa Area Community College through tax-deductible gifts to the NIACC Foundation during the first half of 2006.

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NIACC Faces

North Iowa Area Community College welcomes the following individuals who have recently joined the NIACC team of employees!



Bill Basler



Tammi Curry



Chris Frenz



Dawn Guzman



Kean-Woon "David" Liew

Bill Basler is the Criminal Justice Instructor/Program Leader. He has served as an Adjunct Instructor for NIACC since 1996 while also being employed as a Special Agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. He has a BA in business management from the University of Northern Iowa.

Tammi Curry is the School Partnership Entrepreneurial Coordinator. She recently relocated with her family from Surprise, Arizona, where she worked as a 5th grade teacher. Curry holds a BA in Elementary Education/Reading from Wartburg College.

Chris Frenz is the Enrollment Specialist for Adults and Head Coach for Men's and Women's Golf. A native of North Iowa and a graduate of Brown Institute, Frenz spent 18 years with KGLO Radio and worked at Farmers State Bank over the past year.

Dawn Guzman is the Secretary in NIACC's Counseling Center. She is a graduate of NIACC with an Associate in Science Business (ASB) degree and previously worked for IC System, Inc. in Mason City.

Kean-Woon "David" Liew is a Mathematics Instructor. Before joining NIACC, he taught high school math in Wichita, Kansas. He earned his MS in Mathematics from Wichita State University.

Kevin Losee is a Tool & Die Instructor in the Murphy Manufacturing Technology Center. He lives in Hanlontown and came

to NIACC from Eaton Corporation in Belmond. He is an alumnus of NIACC's Tool and Die Technology program.

Dan Mason (yes, he's back!) is the NIACC Athletic Director and Event Coordinator. He is a former NIACC Admissions Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach. In 1995, he led the Trojans to a national championship. In between, he was employed by Central College in Pella, IA, as an instructor and director of sport clubs.

Eric Mein is a Composition/Speech Instructor. He was previously employed by Rochester Community College in Minnesota. He has a MFA degree in writing from Hamline University.

Mark Olchefske is the Director of Regional Business Development Services. He is responsible for the North Iowa Business Accelerator and development of the new Business Incubator funded by Congress. A MBA graduate from the University of St. Thomas, Olchefske lives in Albert Lea, MN, and was most recently the President and COO of Fountain Industries.

Aaron Rasset is an Academic Coordinator and Assistant Football Coach. He spent the last two years as an Assistant Football Coach at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. Rasset earned his BS in health management from University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Randy Smit is a Retail Management/Marketing Instructor in the Business Division. He has his MBA from the University of Phoenix. Before joining NIACC, he was a business teacher for the Northwood-Kensett school district and taught part-time for Buena Vista University, Hamilton College, and NIACC.

Michael Strohmeier is a Housing Head Resident and Assistant Football Coach. He recently received his BA in organizational management and communications from Concordia University in St. Paul, MN.

Lisa Vance is a Student Support Services Counselor. She holds a Master of Arts in rehabilitation counseling and owns/manages the HealthQuest fitness center with her husband in Charles City.

Joette Worke is a Financial Aid Secretary. She has relocated to Clear Lake from Owatonna, MN. Before joining NIACC, she worked for Waseca County Court Administration. Worke holds an AAS in court reporting from Professional Court Reporting College in Richardson, TX.

NIACC also recognizes the following employees who have new roles at the College.

Larry Kollman is a full-time Psychology Instructor at NIACC. He was a social worker with the Department of Human Services

and an adjunct instructor at NIACC for many years. He spent the last year as a Student Support Services Counselor for the College. A NIACC graduate, he also has degrees from Buena Vista University and Augsburg College.

Rhonda Nesheim-Kauffman has moved from Secretary/Bookkeeper in the NIACC Business Office to Associate Director of Financial Aid. She has worked for NIACC since 1996 and recently completed her BA degree in finance/ banking at Buena Vista University.

Jennifer Patterson has become the Tutorial Coordinator/Instructor for the Student Support Services Program. She has worked for the College since graduating from NIACC in 2000, and she holds a BA degree in business management/ entrepreneurship from Buena Vista University.

Michelle Petznick has become the NIACC Registrar. She previously worked as the Associate Director of Financial Aid. A graduate of NIACC, she has worked for the College since 1996.

Jessica Putnam is the Director of Learning Support. She previously worked with the Student Support Services Program as the Tutorial Coordinator/ Instructor. She holds a master's degree in higher Education from Iowa State University and has been on staff at the College since 1988.



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Jennifer Patterson



Michelle Petznick



Jessica Putnam

John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Making Significant Impact

The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC), located on the North Iowa Area Community College campus in Mason City since 1997, provides college level courses and degree programs in entrepreneurship, as well as consulting services for business start-ups and existing industries in the North Iowa region. The Center also provides FastTrac® training programs both for beginning companies and existing companies. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) works in conjunction with the JPEC.

Anyone interested in programs for business support or education may visit www.niacc.edu/pappajohn or call 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4342.

JPEC Highlights from the Year

- **New Business Starts: 41** (198 since JPEC inception)
78% of all new businesses are still operating!
- **New Jobs Created: 125** (477 since JPEC inception)
- **Entrepreneurship Program Participants: 2327**
(6091 since JPEC inception)





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Football	Men's & Women's Cross Country	Men's & Women's Golf
Volleyball	Men's & Women's Track and Field	Baseball
Men's Soccer	Men's & Women's Basketball	Softball

What Goes Around Comes Around

A message from NIACC Athletic Director Dan Mason

What a privilege it is to be back at North Iowa Area Community College. I had the pleasure of serving the College as Director of Admissions and Head Men's Basketball Coach in the nineties and am now back in the position of Athletic Director.

Upon my return, I was amazed at how many things had changed in the athletic area. All but one of the coaches are new, we have added several sports, and we have expanded our space. For that matter, I keep walking into doors that are no longer where they used to be!

With that said, I agree that the more things change the more they stay the same. What I have observed this fall is inspirational. We welcomed over 150 student athletes to our fall sport programs. Those athletes represent 13 states and 5 countries.

The NIACC that I knew was committed to the concept of student-athletes pursuing excellence in the arena and in the classroom. I am glad to report that our coaching staff today is clearly committed to the values that our programs were initially founded upon. The athletes display a passion and a zeal for representing NIACC with a championship mentality.

As another year of our storied athletic history plays out, I am sure that it will be filled with excitement and drama. I invite you to encourage and support our student athletes as they write the next chapter of NIACC athletic history.



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Seeing Double

They're intelligent, they look alike, they're proud of NIACC, and they're successful in anyone's eyes. The only thing that distinguishes twin sisters Laura and Anna Ostrander, 2000 NIACC graduates, is their choice of profession. Laura is a lawyer, and Anna is a doctor.

Laura has worked for the Iowa Court of Appeals since passing the bar exam a year ago, and Anna began her residency at the University of Iowa

Hospitals and Clinics this summer as an emergency medicine physician.

"Of the three colleges I attended, I enjoyed NIACC the most."

"I can't say enough about how much I love my current job," said Laura, who is the law clerk for Iowa Judge Van Zimmer. "I enjoy the variety I see

Laura Ostrander (left) is a lawyer, and her twin sister, Anna, is a physician. Both are members of NIACC's Class of 2000.



Thanks, North Iowa, for Renewing the NIACC Plant Fund Levy!

North Iowans demonstrated their confidence in North Iowa Area Community College by renewing NIACC's Plant Fund Levy during the school election on September 12, 2006. Every 10 years, the NIACC Board of Directors asks voters across the College's nine-county service area for authority to continue to levy the modest 20 1/4 -cent (per \$1,000 valuation) property tax.

Three past NIACC Board Chairs – Joyce Hanes of Mason City, Jim Benjegerdes of Manly, and Kevin Kolbet of Osage – formed the "Citizens Committee for NIACC's Plant Fund Renewal" to encourage its passage.

"I am very grateful for the leadership provided by Joyce, Jim and Kevin as well as public support for the passage of this important levy," said Michael Morrison, NIACC President.

The levy, which has been in place almost since NIACC's inception, generates approximately \$950,000 per year for the College and is specifically reserved for buildings, equipment, and grounds.



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