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New NIACC President Dr. Debra Derr Takes the Reins

New North Iowa Area Community College president Dr. Debra Derr began her duties in early July.

Derr is excited about her new role at the College. "I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to join NIACC. Every experience I've had and every person I have talked with thus far and every piece of information I have read tells me this college is a star in North Iowa. I am excited by the possibilities for the community and our students, and will continue the important work of Dr. Mike Morrison and the NIACC Board in moving our region forward," Derr said.

Derr previously served as vice president for learner success at Madison Area Technical College in Madison, Wisconsin. In that position, she strategically led college academic, student development and workforce development areas serving as chief academic and student affairs officer; supported the college president and board of trustees with information pertaining to long-term planning, goals and activities related to college strategic goals; led Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) efforts supporting continuous improvement in academic and student affairs; and led continuing development, implementation and refinement of district enrollment management plans related to academic and student affairs. In addition to her post-secondary administrative experience, Derr also has post-secondary teaching and counseling experience. She has her Doctorate of Education from Oregon State University, a Master of Science degree from Portland State University and a Bachelor of Arts from Linfield College. Prior to her work at Madison Area Technical College, Derr served as vice president for student development and services at Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon.



Dr. Debra Derr



Record Enrollment

3,485 NIACC Students

**Thank You for
Another Record Enrollment**



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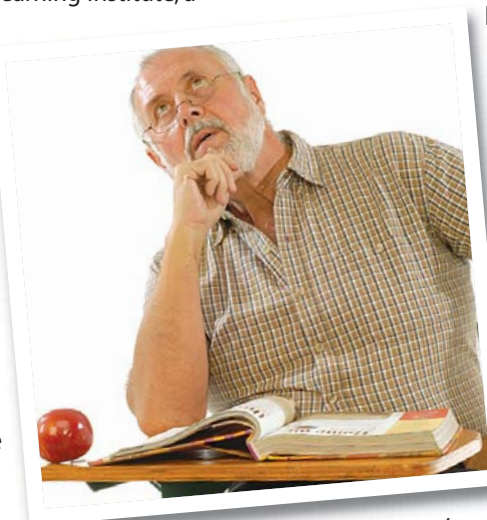
NIACC's New Lifelong Learning Institute Offers Opportunities to Renew, Revitalize and Reinvent

Hunger for intellectual stimulation? Want to study something you never had time to learn? Looking for a unique way to socialize with old friends and connect with new ones? Renew, revitalize and reinvent with North Iowa Area Community College's new Lifelong Learning Institute!

Starting this fall, NIACC offers the opportunity for adults to become a member of the Lifelong Learning Institute, a community of adults who learn for the joy of learning without grades, tests, papers or long-term classes. The Lifelong Learning Institute serves people of all educational backgrounds and provides the perfect way to expand knowledge while meeting other like-minded adults.

"This marks an exciting, new learning adventure! We can fall in love with learning all over again. Lifelong Learning Institutes are developing at colleges all over the nation. We are proud to bring this opportunity to our region," Dr. Debra Derr, NIACC president, said.

NIACC's Lifelong Learning Institute focuses on fun, friendship and college level learning! Members can take advantage of short courses,



lectures and discussions, study circles, social events, civic engagement opportunities and more. Topics for the offerings will be based on member requests and interests.

A \$99 annual membership fee provides members with membership benefits, including all the privileges of a student ID, such as use of NIACC facilities, a NIACC email account, library use and orientation and passes to athletic events; no tuition for Lifelong Learning Institute courses, lecture series and groups; Leadership Series speaking event tickets and speaker receptions; artist chats prior to Performing Arts Series events; career/retirement coaching sessions; college credit course audits at ½ tuition plus fees with the space availability requirement waived; and a 10% discount of NIACC NOW courses.

For more information on NIACC's Lifelong Learning Institute, visit www.niacc.edu/LLI, email lli@niacc.edu or call Susan Nagle at 641-422-4271 or toll-free 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4271.



NIACC Career Link Graduates Earn High Wages

A recent survey of former North Iowa Area Community College Career Link (formerly Tech Prep) students from the high school Class of 2003 reveals that they earn an average hourly wage of \$17.56 and that 80 percent of the students surveyed work in Iowa. The Career Link program provides students with NIACC courses while they are still in high school.

"It's rewarding to learn that these former students, who are now 23 years old, earn excellent wages! In addition, I was thrilled to hear that 80 percent of those contacted live and work in Iowa. We've known for years that community college graduates typically stay in the region; this new information confirms our existing belief. The survey also reinforced a belief that students possessing technical skills gained at a community college command very respectable wages," Jean Ostrander, NIACC Career Link and School Partnerships director, said.

The average hourly wage of the former students surveyed is \$17.56. The Iowa Department of Economic Development reports that the average hourly wage for all workers in North Iowa is \$14.48. This means that 23 year-old graduates of the Career Link program earn an average of \$3.08 an hour more than the average for workers of all ages in North Iowa.

"With the rising cost of living, it is imperative to prepare students to work in fields for a wage that supports themselves as well as their



families. The NIACC Career Link program does just that by allowing high school students to get the best training possible in competitive fields," Dr. Debra Derr, NIACC president, said.

The Class of 2003 Career Link students who work throughout Iowa, with a heavy concentration in North Iowa, are employed as information technology consultants, auto service technicians, tool and die engineers, food

service managers, nurses, and in many other well-paid positions. The students took advantage of Career Link programs, such as nursing, information technology, business, health care, automotive service technology and tool and die technology while they were still in high school.

Currently, Career Link programs are offered in 30 career areas as well as transfer classes for four-year degrees. Career Link allows high school students to earn college credit, gain valuable experience and skills, and explore fields of study. Career Link also helps high school students prepare for high-demand careers through hands-on experience with high-tech equipment and a risk-free look at a career.



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The secure site is accessible from the NIACC Foundation homepage at: www.niacc.edu/foundation

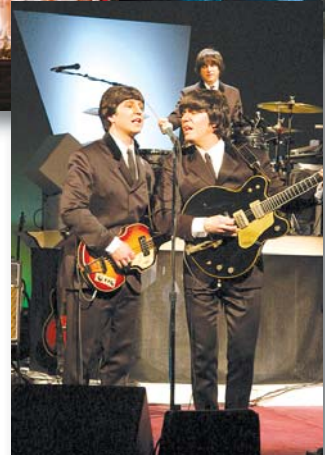
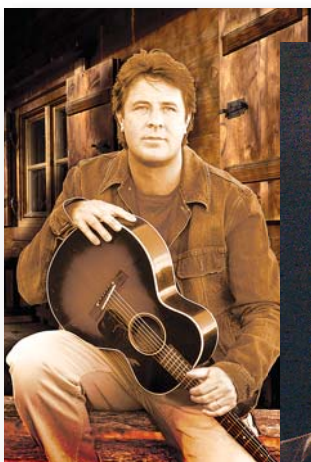
2008-2009 NIACC Performing Arts and Leadership Series

The 2008-2009 NIACC Performing Arts Series has already hosted such acts as **Simply Sinatra: A Tribute Starring Steve Lippia** and a **16 Piece Band**; **A Special Acoustic Evening with Vince Gill**; and **Sweeney Todd**. The Series continues with **Organ Concert featuring Donna Parker** on October 12; **Magic Tree House®: The Musical** on October 21; **An Evening with David Crosby and Graham Nash** on November 1; **Lorie Line** on November 14 and 15; **Candlelight Christmas Festival** on December 4 and 5; **Spirit of Christmas** on December 19 and 20; Tap Kids on January 8; **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** on January 27; **To Kill A Mockingbird** on February 21; **Movin' Out** on March 5; **Rain – The Beatles Experience** on March 12; **Quartet San Francisco** on March 21; **The Drowsy Chaperone** on April 5; and **Bebe Neuwirth – Stories with Piano** on April 18.

The Leadership Series will feature **John Bul Dau, author of A Memoir: God Grew Tired of Us** on October 15 (a FREE documentary showing of God Grew Tired of Us, narrated by Nicole Kidman on October 8) and **“Redesigning Our Future: The Great Ocean Adventure”** with Jean-Michel Cousteau on April 14.

For tickets, call the NIACC Box Office at 1-888-466-4222, ext.4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.niacc.edu.

Platinum sponsors for the 2008-2009 series include NIACC, Globe Gazette Elizabeth Muse Norris Charitable Fund; the Globe Gazette; Alliant Energy; Community National Bank; Henkel Construction; and Principal Financial Group. Gold sponsors include Diamond Jo Casino; First Citizens National Bank; First State Bank of Belmond; Kraft; Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa; Martin, Cooney, MacNider & Cooney, Financial Consultants of Raymond James and Associates, Inc.; Dr. Gary W. Swenson and Dean A. Genth; and Sukup Manufacturing. In kind sponsors include Country Inn and Suites; KIMT; and Pepsi.



Major Gifts and the Benjamin Franklin Legacy

Have you considered how you might like to leave your legacy? Have you considered making a Major Gift in your lifetime or as part of a bequest?

Everyone knows Benjamin Franklin was an accomplished printer, founding father of the United States of America and signer of the Constitution and you have heard of his kite flying in stormy weather and experiments with electricity. Some may think that Benjamin Franklin was a very wealthy man. In fact he was not one of the “rich men” in the country, but he was a very smart man and knew the mechanics of compound interest and used it to leave a gift that would go on giving “forever” and is now considered a Major Gift. He actually planned for 300 years into the future! Consider this:

In his will, the famous printer, philosopher and Founding Father first set aside 2,000 pounds sterling to be used toward making Pennsylvania's Schuylkill River navigable. But in a codicil, Franklin gave 1,000 pounds sterling each to the cities of Boston, where he was born, and Philadelphia, his adopted home.

"I wish to be useful even after my death, if possible, in forming and advancing other young men, that may be serviceable to their country in both these towns," wrote Franklin, who died in 1790.

But Franklin wasn't about to leave his philanthropy to chance. For the first 100 years after his death, the money he left was to be used to make low-interest loans to young tradesmen getting their start in business.

Franklin knew his bequest would grow over the years, so he stipulated that after 100 years about one-quarter of the sum should continue to be used to make loans, while the remaining three-quarters could be used for public works in each city. That money helped to create The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, an educational center and museum, and the Franklin Institute of Boston, a technical school now known as the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology.

And Franklin wasn't done there. He estimated that after 200 years his bequest would be worth millions in each city. At that point, the total was again divided; allowing Philadelphia and Boston to keep about one-quarter of the total, with the remainder going to their respective states -- and any restrictions on how the money could be used were removed.

Imagine, Benjamin Franklin planned his gift to go on

giving year after year and planned for 300 years into the future. That modest gift now provides scholarships in the millions of dollars to students in the year 2008 and continues to give and continues to grow. You too can make an impact long after you have departed this life. What a legacy that would be!

Making a Major Gift can be transformational to an institution like NIACC, whether it starts small and grows or is more immediate in nature. People just like you can have a major impact on the institution long into the future.

Consider the transformation that has occurred in North Iowa as a result of the generosity of the many benefactors who had the foresight to help fund the construction of the North Iowa Community Auditorium at NIACC and those that funded the remodeling and raising of the roof to allow larger and even more significant shows to be presented on stage right here in North Iowa. What would the cultural life be in North Iowa without those gifts and the ongoing gifts of the Elizabeth Muse Norris Charitable Fund and the many corporations and individuals that donate to underwrite the events held there to make them available and affordable? The Elizabeth Muse Norris Charitable Fund has been instrumental, even vital providing major gifts for the Conference Center, Performing Arts and Leadership Series, critically needed Scholarships and much more.

Consider for a moment the gift that John and Mary Pappajohn provided to start the NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC) and the major gift he provided towards building the Pappajohn Business Center building at NIACC, wherein the NIACC JPEC resides. Over 8,000 program participants have had an opportunity to utilize its services and over 250 companies have been started with the help from the center since its inception 10 years ago and the pace is accelerating. Think of the transformation that has occurred as a result of that gift.

David and Phyllis Murphy provided a transforming major gift with the funding for the Murphy Manufacturing Center. What a difference that has made in the lives of young and old alike as they have pursued careers in Manufacturing, Electronics, Building Trades, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Tool and Die, welding, heating and air conditioning and much more. What

would North Iowa look like without these people having been trained and working and living in our communities? Where would the work force come from?

Consider the bequest of over \$1 million left by Betty Geer to the College and with the proceeds utilized to provide scholarships each year to students of need and merit.

NIACC has been blessed by receiving many gifts over the years, too many to list them all here, but if you visit the NIACC campus, take time to take a look at the wall outside the North Iowa Community Auditorium and read the names of the many people who have chosen to provide a gift to NIACC to help endow its future. Yet the work is unfinished and the need is great.

Gifts of every size to the NIACC Foundation are critical to helping NIACC continue its excellence in education tradition. Whether one decides to fund scholarships, which represent an important and ongoing need at NIACC (one that makes a significant in some cases critical difference in whether students can come to NIACC or even continue towards their degree) or to offer support for a particular program like the Arts; Athletic stands, flooring or equipment; our Communications program; the Library; or one of our many other fine programs, your contribution can and will make a difference.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come to campus and visit with our our President and our Director of Institutional Advancement to discuss how you can make a difference in the lives of students in North Iowa and how you can make a lasting difference in the economic and social fabric of North Iowa. We would welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts and desires and find a way to put those desires into motion at NIACC. You can make a difference, a *transformational difference* for years to come with your gift, whether it is cash, securities, land, or other assets, given now or later in a bequest. Let us work with you to make a gift that lasts for generations!

To learn more about NIACC and the NIACC Foundation and how you can make a difference, give us a call at 641-422-4386 or email us at foundation@niacc.edu. Check out our website at www.niacc.edu/foundation where you can even give online.

Beginning Guitar Making Class Rocked NIACC Summer School

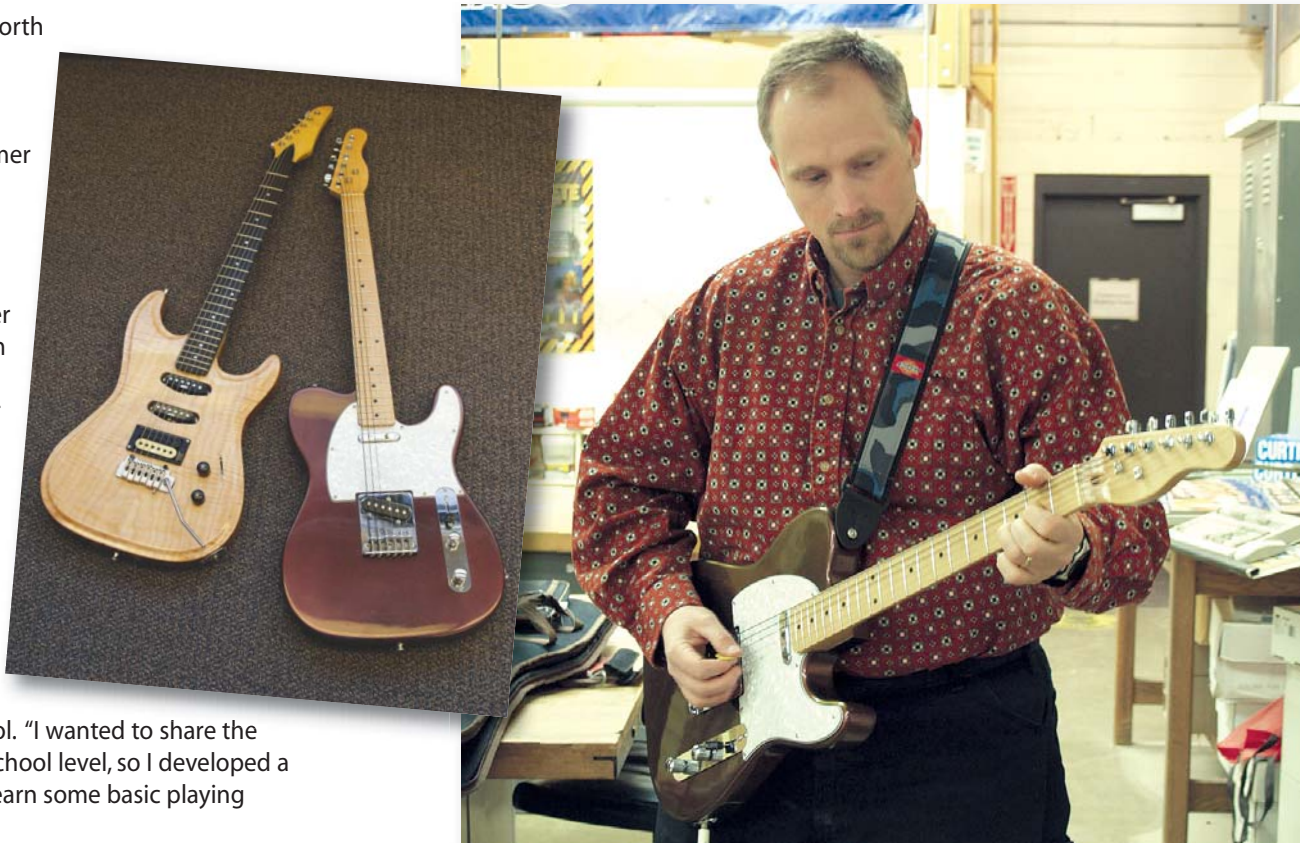
For anyone who loves music and fine woodworking, North Iowa Area Community College offered a new class this summer when Building Trades instructor Gregg Helmich brought his passion for both talents to the classroom. Beginning Guitar Making was offered during the first summer session at NIACC.

“For anyone, from beginning to advanced guitar players, there’s nothing like making music from something you crafted with your own hands,” stated Helmich.

Class participants had an opportunity to create either a Fender Stratocaster™ or a Telecaster™ style guitar from a wood of their choice. Students built their own guitar body and shaped the headstock. All other components for the guitar were pre-made.

Since 1984 Helmich has been playing the guitar and has used his woodworking skills as a teacher. About seven years ago Helmich met Kevin Pederson of pedersoncustomguitars.com and became fascinated with the concept of making his own guitar. In 2003 Helmich decided music and fine woodworking were a perfect match.

At the time Helmich started making his first guitar, he was teaching industrial technology at a local high school. “I wanted to share the experience of building a guitar with students at the high school level, so I developed a course where students could build their own guitars and learn some basic playing techniques,” commented Helmich.



Scholarships Make Significant Impact on Student Success

by Dr. Debra A. Derr, NIACC President

The commitment North Iowa Area Community College and the NIACC Foundation have to support the success of our students is remarkable. If there is ever a doubt in your mind that the donations our alumni and friends (YOU) make to the success of our students, read the story of just one of our students, Eva Gutierrez.

Hard work, dedication, and the kindness of others make up the ingredients to NIACC alumna Eva Gutierrez’s recipe for success. It all began with short essay on why Eva deserved a college makeover...

In 2006, Eva entered NIACC’s Extreme Makeover: College Edition contest. Her essay described a high school dropout who spent the last 18 years working in factories and at various other low income jobs. “Last year I made a life-changing decision and received my G.E.D. through NIACC,” her essay read. “This was a huge personal accomplishment and opened the door for further educational opportunities...I am very interested in NIACC’s Criminal Justice program and would like to someday be a probation officer...A degree from NIACC (and potential new career) would offer the stability and personal gratification that I’ve been longing for.” Gutierrez won a \$1,000 scholarship to NIACC as a finalist in the Extreme Makeover: College Edition contest, and her journey began.

Her first semester at NIACC proved challenging, but after taking advantage of student resources like free tutoring, Eva watched her grades improve dramatically. During her two years at NIACC, she earned a place on the Dean’s List twice, earned Pathways to Success recognition and was awarded a number of scholarships and grants to assist her to realize her dream. Eva credits a large portion of her success to the kindness of scholarship donors.

“With the assistance of scholarships, I did not have to work full-time and I could focus on school. I would’ve given up. I thought I’d just squeak by, but once I got going I knew I wanted more. When I made the Dean’s List, I wanted to do it again, and I did! I know I couldn’t have done it without scholarships,” Eva said.

Eva took advantage of internship and work study opportunities as well, working at the Beje Clark Residential Center, the Cerro Gordo County Jail and the Mason City Police Department. In May 2008, Eva graduated from NIACC with her Associate of Arts degree and a certificate in Criminal Justice.

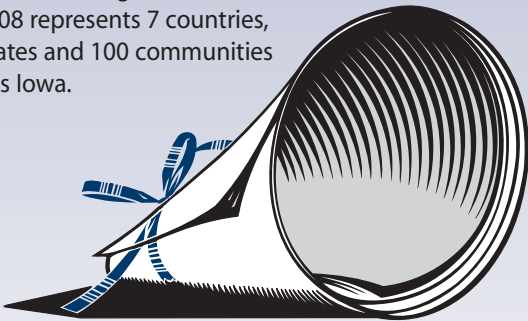
“I’m amazed I did it. I hated school, but I love school now! I’m glad I chose to go back. I know I’m going to find the perfect job,” Eva said. “The teachers (at NIACC) are awesome. Bill Basler (NIACC criminal justice instructor and program leader) helped me so much. He even called to let me know I’d earned an A, because I was so close to it before the final test and I did well enough on the test to earn an A. He told me I deserved it.”

Eva now attends Buena Vista University on the NIACC campus with a double major in Criminology and Human Services. “I believe continuing my education is a must,” Eva said. She still plans to pursue a career as a probation officer, and she knows just what ingredients she needs to get there.

Each dollar donated for the purpose of supporting NIACC’s many scholarship opportunities makes a difference. Eva is an example of the difference our supporters make in the lives of our students and their families. Please do not hesitate to provide support to our students and to invest in the future vitality of north Iowa. Thank you.

Class of 2008

Around 700 students graduated from North Iowa Area Community College during the commencement ceremony on May 2, 2008. The College awarded 714 degrees, diplomas and certificates along with several honors and recognitions. NIACC’s Class of 2008 represents 7 countries, 15 states and 100 communities across Iowa.



Workforce Development Partnership Receives Excellence in Business/Economic Development Model GLETA Recognition Award Honorable Mention

The Workforce Development Partnership between North Iowa Area Community College and the Iowa Workforce Development received the Excellence in Business/Economic Development Model Award Honorable Mention at the Greater Lakes Employment and Training Association (GLETA) Recognition Awards.

The Workforce Development Partnership coordinates the business services and resources of the local One-Stop System with those of the local community college and seamlessly delivers them to business and economic development customers. As a result, the region has a more user friendly and effective business and economic development model.

GLETA recognizes the outstanding achievement of those One-Stop Systems and their partner organizations whose accomplishments have served to benefit and inspire the workforce development system.

The conference covers a ten state area, and the Workforce Development Partnership between NIACC and IWD was the only award-winner from Iowa.

The Excellence in Business/Economic Development Model Award Honorable Mention recognizes effective development of business models that facilitate the achievement of One-Stop System goals and serve to promote economic growth of a community or region.



If there’s a will, there’s a way.

Many alumni and friends of NIACC have supported the College through a bequest. If you plan to include NIACC in your will, the preferred legal bequest language for the NIACC Foundation is: “I bequeath to the North Iowa Area Community College Foundation, EIN 23-7023677, presently at 500 College Drive, Mason City, Iowa 50401, (written amount or percentage or fraction of estate or description of property) for its unrestricted use.”



Directed bequests and other requests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.niacc.edu/foundation or call the NIACC Foundation at 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4386.

North Iowa Area Community College Celebrates 90 Years of Excellent Education

North Iowa Area Community College is proud to celebrate its 90th anniversary of excellent service and education to North Iowa.

A look back at the 90 years in which NIACC has served the region, shows the strategic impact the College has had on the people and communities served in the area. North Iowans have long prided themselves as having a highly regarded community college, providing overwhelming public support for their “people’s college.”

The College began in 1918 as Mason City Junior College, which not only carried the distinction of being the very first public two-year college in Iowa, as well as one of the first such academic institutions in the entire country.

According to historical archives, the idea for a junior college formulated at a high school PTA meeting in the spring of 1916. Records indicate that the following year the Mason City School Board passed a resolution establishing a junior college, and on September 9, 1918, Mason City Junior College classes began on the top floor of the high school building.

The first year of the Junior College consisted of 28 students, six instructors and five fields of study under Principal James Rae. Tuition was free to Mason City residents and \$10 to others.

Enrollment increased to approximately 300, before declining during World War II. By 1945, as a result of the war, veterans taking advantage of the G.I. Bill accounted for more than 25 percent of the total enrollment.

The College relocated in the mid 1950’s from the high school building to the remodeled Memorial University Building on the Roosevelt campus, where it remained for 12 years, with enrollment increasing from 280 to 1,390.

By 1960, vocational/technical education became an important addition to the college programs, with the electronics program leading the way.

1965 marked the year that Iowa’s 61st Assembly enacted legislation that would create a statewide system of two-year postsecondary educational institutions,

identified as “Merged Area Schools.” The next year, based on a strong foundation built on the almost 50 years of existence as Mason City Junior College, North Iowa Area Community College (Merged Area II) opened its doors in the old Mason City High School building located in downtown Mason City. At that time enrollment exceeded 1,700 full-time students.

1970 was a hallmark year, as NIACC moved into its new home on a 300-acre site on the east edge of Mason City. The first two permanent buildings, McAllister Hall and the Careers Building, were occupied. Within one year all NIACC classes were moved to temporary buildings on the new campus, pulling together an operation scattered over fourteen different locations in Mason City.

Dormitories were added in 1972 to house over 450 students, and by 1979, two additional buildings, the Beem Center and the North Iowa Community Auditorium, were completed.

The NIACC campus today consists of a 500-acre countryside campus consisting of contemporary, state-of-the-art facilities including the Student Activity Center, Muse-Norris Conference Center, and the Murphy Manufacturing Technology Center, as well as the lakeside student apartments. A new Recreation Center will open in Fall 2008.

Satellite locations include Community Education Centers in Charles City, Garner, Hampton, Lake Mills and Osage.

Today, over 3,200 students are enrolled in classes for college credit. NIACC’s faculty-student ratio is an impressive 13:1, and class sizes average 20-30 students. Approximately 350 students live on campus in the lakeside housing facilities.

In addition, approximately 1,000+ area high school students a year get a “head start” on their college education and careers through partnerships with NIACC.

NIACC has always strived toward progressive and strategic initiatives that have made a positive difference in the lives of North Iowans, making the College a

strategic asset for all North Iowans. As a strategic asset, NIACC shoulders a high level of responsibility and accountability for all constituents.

While celebrating a tremendous 90 years strong history, NIACC looks to carry those great traditions into the future. The complex economic and social issues faced today confirm the vital and pivotal role that NIACC must play in shaping a good quality of life for North Iowans and in determining worthy responses to present and future issues.

Overall, more than 26,000 people have graduated from NIACC (or predecessor Mason City Junior College) since the college was established 90 years ago. Considering that what was once an institution where a mere 25 students opted to continue their educational opportunities in North Iowa, the past accomplishments combined with the upbeat vision for the future will ensure quality, progressive and comprehensive learning opportunities in North Iowa for another 90 years.

NIACC has indeed come a long way, and will continue to grow. This year represents the 90th year of NIACC’s tradition of excellence in education and service!

NIACC Graphic Artist Jim Zach Receives Klempnauer Award

Jim Zach, NIACC graphic artist, received the Klempnauer Award this spring. The Klempnauer Award honors a person who plays an integral role in North Iowa Band Festival preparations. Zach has used his talent to design the North Iowa Band Festival logo for the past 15 years.



NIACC Announces Schwab as New Wrestling Head Coach

Osage native and former state high school champion wrestler Mark Schwab has been named head wrestling coach at North Iowa Area Community College.

“I look at this as an overall good opportunity, not just a wrestling opportunity, but an opportunity to teach and to further my formal education as well. NIACC brings three important things together in my life. Wrestling has been my whole life. The classroom, which I resisted at first, I’ve found that I enjoy because coaching and teaching are the same idea in different arenas. I also plan to work on another MA in sports psychology through UNI. I bring a lot of experience at different levels of the sport. I’ve been blessed to be around a lot of good people. Now, I get to share my experiences with the athletes and students at NIACC,” Schwab said.

Schwab served as head coach at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake for the past four seasons, with consistently improving results up to the NCAA qualifier this past season. Schwab was named Iowa Conference Coach of the Year in 2007. The Beavers tied for 2nd in the Iowa Conference duals this past season. Schwab also coached the first 4-time NCAA All-American in the 30 year history of BVU wrestling in Jestin Hulegaard.

Prior to BVU, Schwab spent nine years as assistant coach at the University of Minnesota, helping the program achieve seven top-three finishes and two NCAA championships. Schwab also served as an assistant coach at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN (1991-93), and at the University of Northern Iowa, his college alma mater (1990-91), after compiling a 115-18 collegiate mark and earning All-American honors twice for the Panthers. He graduated from UNI with a degree in Criminology. In 2003, Schwab earned a Masters degree in Education while at the University of Minnesota.

While competing at UNI, Schwab posted a 49-9 record in his initial season, the most wins by a true freshman in NCAA history, and placed fifth in the 1986 NCAA Division I championships. In 1987, he won the bronze medal in what was called the World’s Toughest Tournament in Tiblissi, Russia. He trained for the 1988 U.S. Olympic team during his redshirt year at UNI as well and won a bronze medal for the U.S. team at the World Cup event in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. A knee injury and a staph infection



kept Schwab off the mats for more than a year. Schwab finished his career with the Panthers on a positive note as a senior, placing sixth nationally in 1990 after winning the 118-pound title at the NCAA West Regionals and earning Most Outstanding Wrestler honors.

Schwab’s prep wrestling career was nearly flawless. He won 106 of 107 matches and earned four state titles for Osage High while earning three Junior National Freestyle titles and a national championship in the Greco-Roman category. Schwab was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Glen Brand Hall of Fame.

NIACC Announces Mohl as New Men’s Basketball Head Coach

Mark Mohl has been named head men’s basketball coach at North Iowa Area Community College.

“I’m excited to be hired as the next NIACC head basketball coach. NIACC maintains great academic and athletic standards. Coach Bryan Martin really helped me become familiar with the college level of the sport over the past year. He served as a great role model for me and I appreciate all the opportunities that he’s given me. Coach Martin had done a great job with recruiting for the upcoming year and I hope that we can build on what he’s accomplished over the past three years,” Mohl said. “I’d like to thank Dan Mason and NIACC for giving me the opportunity to serve as the next head coach.”

Mohl had served as an assistant coach last season under Bryan Martin, who resigned recently to take an

assistant coaching position at the University of North Dakota. Mohl, an Osage resident, previously served as head coach for the Osage High School boys basketball team, compiling a 109-70 mark in eight seasons and earning District Coach of the Year honors in 2005-06. He had also served as an assistant for the Green Devils’ state championship team in 1994-95.

During his playing days, Mohl starred for Lost Nation High School, averaging 32.8 points per game one season to lead the state of Iowa in scoring. He eventually tallied 1,815 points at the school during his high school career, 59th among the career points leaders in Iowa boys basketball. In college, Mohl played at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, earning All-Region honors before transferring to Morningside College in Sioux City. There, he scored 1,244 points to rank 10th among career scorers at the school.

New NIACC Football Coach LaLonde Looks Toward the Future

Steve LaLonde has been named head football coach at North Iowa Area Community College.

“I’m excited about this terrific opportunity. I know it will be a big challenge, but I’m looking forward to it. The people at NIACC and in North Iowa have shown so much passion and support for the football program. It wasn’t just about football but about people. They genuinely cared about my family and it seemed like the right fit,” LaLonde said. “I want to take this already successful football program to the next level. Even though we are in a transition period right now, our goal is to win every year.”

LaLonde comes to NIACC by way of Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. He has also served as a coordinator at Lafayette High School and head coach at Nichols Prep as well as serving as dean of students, athletics director and physical education department head at Mount St. Joseph Academy in Buffalo, NY.

A self-described offensive coach, LaLonde played wide receiver in the Canadian Football League for the Ottawa Roughriders and the Edmonton Eskimos as well as playing for the Erie Invaders in the Indoor Professional Football League and the Albany Firebirds in the Arena Football League.

Save the date...

NIACC's Night to Shine 90th Anniversary Celebration

December 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Muse-Norris Conference Center
641-422-4386

NIACC Faculty Receive Excellence in Teaching Awards

North Iowa Area Community College faculty members Kevin Muhlenbruch and Paul Peterson and adjunct faculty member Daird Korth received NIACC's "Excellence in Teaching" Award for 2008.

"There's no greater honor among faculty than to receive a 'teaching recognition' that has its origins in students' opinions about instruction. Paul, Kevin and Daird exemplify the very best in instructional quality at NIACC and we're all proud of their achievements and this recognition," Dr. Debra Derr, NIACC president, said.

Instructors are nominated by graduating NIACC students, and the award recipients are announced at the beginning of each year.

Muhlenbruch, representing Career and Technical faculty, teaches in NIACC's Agriculture programs. Student nominations for Muhlenbruch included comments such as, "He always had time to help if you were having trouble and would explain if you had a question."

Peterson, representing Arts and Science faculty, teaches several courses in the communication division, including composition and speech and journalism, as well as serving as the faculty adviser for *Logos* student newspaper. Peterson's student nominations included comments such as, "Paul Peterson took an active interest in his students and encouraged them to do their best and work toward their strengths."

Korth represents adjunct faculty. Korth's student nominations included comments such as, "A great teacher with great knowledge."



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NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Activities:

Monday	E4D (Entrepreneur for a Day) St. Ansgar 5th Grade Students on campus
Tuesday	Entrepreneur Exchange – Jim Heckman, Director of Iowa SBDC
Wednesday	Student and Faculty Marketplace
Thursday	FastTrac® Graduation

NIACC Alumna and Nationally Recognized Librarian Leaves Legacy of Work

Esther Walls, a NIACC (formerly Mason City Junior College) 1946 alumna, earned national recognition as a librarian before passing away due to a heart attack in early 2008. Walls' legacy of work serves as an impressive memorial.

Walls' most recent position was as associate director of libraries at the University of New York at Stony Brook. As associate director, she managed a main library and five satellite libraries as well as supervising a staff of 450 people.

Other impressive credits include serving as program officer for Franklin Book Programs, a prestigious non-profit international publishing organization, and serving as director of the U.S.

Secretariat to promote the International Book Year in 1972. Walls also worked as chairwoman of the International Relations Committee of the American Library Association.

Walls firmly believed in the ideas of service and success. "You have to not let people set limitations on you and your ability to achieve," she said.

Walls served as commissioner and member of the U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) executive board and as vice president for the U.S. Committed for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) as well as being a member of the World Relations Board for the

National YWCA.

With Marlon Brando and Harry Belafonte among her friends and acquaintances, Walls established quite a life and social network in New York.

Before attending Mason City Junior College, Walls graduated from Mason City High School. She was recognized as a distinguished alumna of the school in 1996. After Mason City Junior College, she transferred to the State University of Iowa (now the University of Iowa). At the university, she was the first African-American female student to be elected to the Alpha of Iowa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Walls earned her master's degree in library science from Columbia University in 1951.

North Iowan Joins NIACC Alumni Advisory Board

Reid Peterson of Mason City has joined the North Iowa Area Community College Alumni Advisory Board. Reid graduated from North Iowa Area Community College in 2001 and from Buena Vista University in 2004. He is employed as a personal banker at Wells Fargo Bank in Mason City and previously worked at Younkers as a sales associate. He is currently involved with the United Way Small Business Campaigns. Reid lives in Mason City with his wife, Ginger.



Reid Peterson

Other members of the NIACC Alumni Advisory Board are Matt Ritter (President), Dawn Southwick (President-Elect), Barbara Kellogg (Past President), Beth Bilyeu, Debbie Cahalan, Tony Coloff, Damon Dornbier, Mike Grandon, Cheryl Jahnel, Duane Meyer, Gail Meyer, Debbie Sedars, Jay Urdahl, Bambi Urich and David Wempfen.

Part of the NIACC Foundation, the NIACC Alumni Advisory Board has been in existence since the formation of the NIACC Alumni Association in 1991. The Alumni Association supports the annual Pathways to Success program and graduation reception along with student scholarships and other alumni activities.

NIACC Athletes Earn Academic Honors

A total of 45 student athletes from North Iowa Area Community College earned first- or second-team Academic honors from Region XI as the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference announced recipients from all of its teams.

First-team members needed to post a 3.5 grade-point average or higher on a 4.0 scale. They include football players Matt Fehr, Aaron Franck, Jeremy Gerbig, Jared Johanns, Brad Kemnitz, Ryan Luedtke and Chase Toedter; wrestlers Glenn Rhees and Jason Schweer; soccer player Brayden Ott; cross country member Juan Rodriguez; softball player Samantha Shoger and baseball players Shayden Bertagnolli, Scott Birkedal, Matt Borgford, Ben Harmon, John Lee, Danny Mousel and Jesse Zahrt.

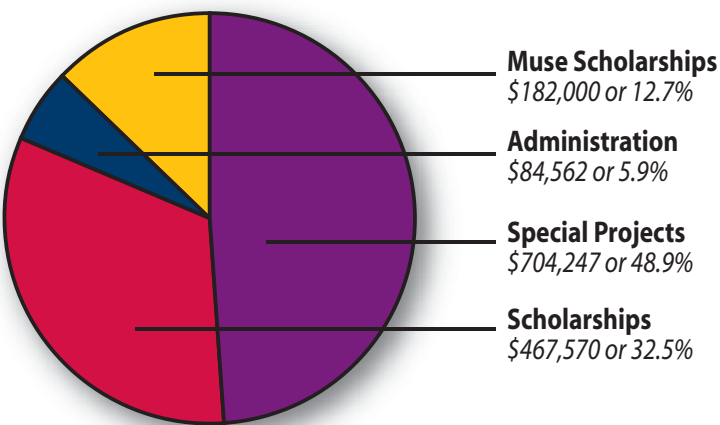
Second-team members needed to post a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 on a 4.0 scale. They include football players Nils Berggren, Lorenzo Brown, David Frampton, Drew Hagen, Casey Iossi, Cale Johnston, Nick Lenzen, David Smith, Brad Theilen and Zane Zirbel; volleyball players Amy Schilling and Anita Whitehead; soccer player Sam Broadbent; women's basketball player Tiffany Braun; cross country runners Tommy Sanchez, Kevin Coy and Trevor Thein; softball players Molly Niedert, Traci Lerch, Nicole Sternat and Courtney Hanson and baseball players Drew Boyer, Jeremy Ische, Pete Sullivan, Riley Tincher and Zack Welter.



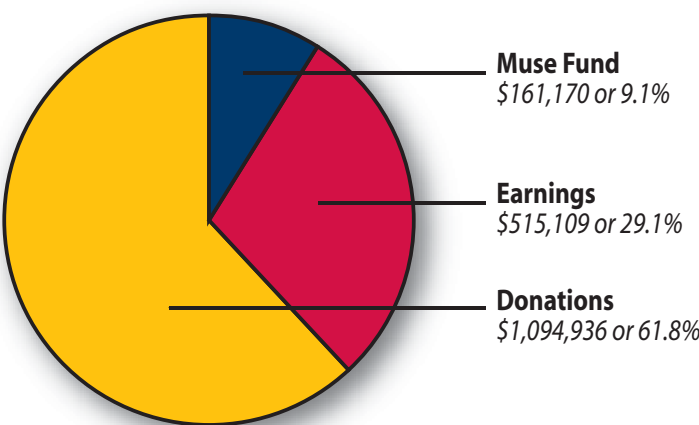


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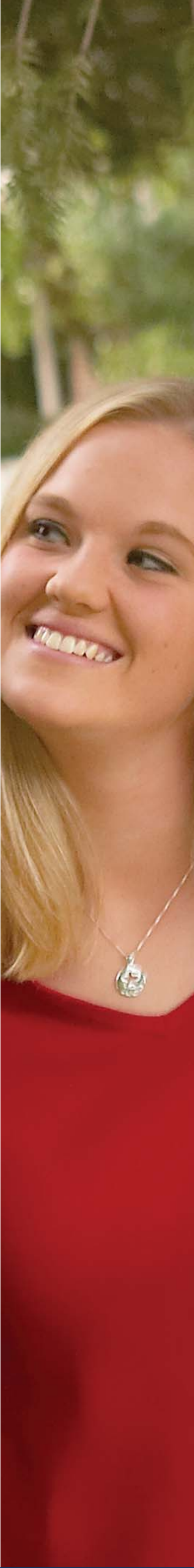
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NIACC Student and Entrepreneur Stars in a Modern ‘David and Goliath’ Story

Tad Andreasen, entrepreneur and North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) student, is a modern day David who beat Goliath for one of the top three spots in the recent Pappajohn New Venture Business Plan competition for college and university students. Andreasen’s business plan was the first time a community college student captured one of the top spots.

“Tad has always been a very driven student and his passion for what he does is very apparent when you talk to him about his business,” Tim Putnam, NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center associate director, said about Andreasen’s recent award. “Tad has never been one to just sit around and talk about what he wants to do, he actually goes out and does it! He has been very active in the NIACC Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO) from providing leadership as the organization’s president and attending the National CEO Conference in Chicago.”

Reaching the state level is not easy and competition is stiff. The journey for competitors to reach the winner’s circle began with an Intent to Compete application and required that Andreasen submit his business plan to the NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. A team of judges then reviewed the submitted business plans and selected three winners to advance to the state competition. In addition to Andreasen’s business plan, winners from the NIACC JPEC included the Visionary Agenda team from Luther College at Decorah and the Intellectual

Giant team from Buena Vista University at Storm Lake, both four-year institutions.

Competition rules required submittal of a business plan, which included an Executive Summary and a Description of Use for the \$5,000 award, to the nearest John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center by February 22. Regional competitions were scheduled at each center and the NIACC regional competition was held on March 6. This level included an oral presentation to a panel of judges, who used criteria which included a review of the content and viability of the plan as measurements of scoring. Regional winners then advanced to the March 27 statewide competition which was held in Des Moines. At this final step of the process, competitors were required to give a 3 – 5 minute oral presentation to panel of Equity Dynamics staff in Des Moines.

Fourteen projects from the five regional Pappajohn Centers made it to the final stage of the competition, with Andreasen Racing the only plan to be sponsored by a community college. University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University each had three teams in the final competition, while Central College, Buena Vista College, American Institute of Business and Luther College each had one competitor from their school.

Andreasen is the first student from a community college to win one of the top awards since the inception of this competition eight years ago. His business, Andreasen Racing, is a marine sales, service and repair

business, which specializes in one thing – selling and maintaining personal watercraft (PWC). “We want to be known as the experts in personal watercraft and want our customers to think of us as the “Ozarks Watercraft Specialists” by providing the best service in the region,” stated Andreasen.

“I love maintaining and repairing PWC. I have literally been a ‘Garage Entrepreneur’ for the past five years repairing, building and painting personal watercraft in my unheated apartment garage. I can relate myself to Bill Gates and other ‘Garage Entrepreneurs.’”

The recent \$5,000 award Andreasen received from the Pappajohn New Venture Business Plan competition will help Andreasen continue working toward his vision of providing the best personal watercraft service.



Tim Putnam and Tad Andreasen

The **5th annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon** will be held on **Friday, October 24th**. The event is an excellent opportunity for scholarship donors and recipients to meet one another and celebrate the importance of the Foundation Scholarship Program. The featured scholarship provider speaker will be Pat Galasso. Pat and her husband, Gene, established the Gene and Pat Galasso Scholarship in 2005 to benefit students in the Hospitality/Food Service Management program. For additional information on this event, please contact the NIACC Foundation office at 641-422-4386 or toll-free 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4386.



NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Named National Award Finalist

The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced the finalists for the EDA Excellence in Economic Development Awards. Nominations that received the three highest evaluations in their category qualified as finalists.

North Iowa Area Community College’s John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (NIACC JPEC) was selected as a finalist in the category of Excellence in Rural Economic Development. Nominations are evaluated by a distinguished panel of national economic development experts to determine how effectively applicants utilize innovative, market-based strategies to improve rural economic development results. The other two finalists in that category are the Jackson County (Florida) Development Council and the New Mexico Regional Development Corporation.



Recreation Center Grand Opening

**Public Tours
Coming Soon**



NIACC Announces Career and Internship Center Changes

North Iowa Area Community College announces the new and improved Career and Internship Center, which provides job seeking and internship support services for students, alumni and businesses. The services and activities of the former North Iowa Career Center on the NIACC campus have been joined with the business internship program at NIACC to form the new NIACC Career and Internship Center.

Career and Internship Center staff includes Tina Kunzman, who will now serve as career services coordinator, and Dana Heimbuch, who serves as internship coordinator. Kunzman, who formerly provided administrative support for the office, will work directly with students and businesses as well as organizing events.



Heimbuch, who formerly worked with business internships, will primarily focus on placing business students for internships and working with other staff and faculty to coordinate other internships needs. Schumaker, who also serves as director of economic development will serve as Career and Internship Center director.

NIACC’s Career and Internship Center is located in the Pappajohn Business Center on the NIACC campus.



Where are you now?

We want to know what you’ve been doing since your days at North Iowa Area Community College or Mason City Junior College!



Check out our website at **www.niacc.edu/alumni** for more information on the Alumni Association and click on “You’re Still the One” to update your information.



ALUMNI ALMANAC • **1970s** • **Ron Esser '72** was promoted to purchasing supervisor at Armour-Eckrich Meats, L.L.C. in Mason City, IA. He joined the company in November 2007. • **Michael Harrington '72** is employed as community bank president at Bank Midwest in New Ulm, MN. He has worked in the financial services industry for over 30 years. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children. They reside in New Ulm. • **Mike Romig '72**, with RE/MAX Results Realty-Mason City, has been presented with the RE/MAX 2007 executive award. The award honors successful agents nationwide within the RE/MAX network. • **Scott Workman '73** is utility/facility technician at Conagra Foods in Waterloo, IA, and enjoys photography in his spare moments. He lives with his wife, Amy, in Cedar Falls. • **Tim Chisholm '75** is justice integration project manager for Hennepin County in Minneapolis, MN. He lives in Eden Prairie with his wife Karin. • **Jan Groff '75** is employed by Incline High School in Incline Village, NV, as physical education and health/food teacher as well as the girls' tennis coach. She resides in Incline Village. • **Rick Schwennen '75** is a crop consultant for Crop Production Services. He and his wife, Linda, live in Calamus, IA, with their four children. • **Jim Zach '75** was presented the Klempnauer award at the 2008 North Iowa Band Festival. This award is given each year to an unsung festival hero working behind the scenes. Jim has designed the festival logo for the past 15 years and this year's festival logo was based on the theme "76 Trombones". • **Karen (Blumer) Mendoza '76** is a RN CDE at Salem Hospital in Salem, OR, where she lives with her husband, Larry. • **Dawn (Levenhagen) Braun '78** is employed with First Citizens National Bank in Mason City, IA, and has been promoted to vice president, private banking officer. She lives in Mason City with her husband, David, and two sons. • **Michael Lashbrook '78** is police chief for Mason City. He spent 18 years with the Cedar Falls Police Department and 9 years as Spencer police chief before returning to Mason City, his hometown, to take the Mason City job. • **Janet (Gay) Grey '79** and her husband, Randy of Ventura, IA, opened Northland CDL Training & Licensing in June 2007. The business is located in Mason City and is designed to help prospective truck drivers pass the Iowa commercial driver's license test. • **Hugh Webb '79** has joined Schoneman Realtors/GMAC Real Estate and is working in the Clear Lake office where he specializes in residential, commercial and farm real estate. Webb and his wife, Marie, live in Clear Lake with their three children. • **1980s** • **Dr. Stephen Merfeld '80** is president of Northeast Wisconsin Vision Center in Oshkosh, WI, a highly successful medical practice that he built from ground up and that now employs four medical providers and full support staff. He and his wife, Janice, live in Oshkosh with their five children. • **Jane (Bielefeld) Henderson '81** had a book published by Xlibris Corp. of Philadelphia, PA, entitled "This Side of the Call Light" based upon her experiences as a nurse at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames and at the Mayo Clinic, and also from experiences of her co-workers. She lives in the rural-Floyd area. • **Patsy Barragy '83** has been named administrative assistant/receptionist at the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and will also serve as secretary to the board of directors. She lives in Clear Lake with her husband, Michael, and their two children. • **Kristin (Canella) Escher '83** was promoted to quality-control engineering manager at TeamQuest Corp. in Clear Lake, IA. She lives in Mason City with her husband, David, and family. • **Anne Zook '83** was honored as one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses in May 2008. She was nominated by colleagues, patients, doctors, friends and family members for her meaningful contributions to humanity and to the nursing profession. Anne is the Mercy palliative medicine coordinator at Trinity Health, Mercy-North Iowa's parent organization. • **James Clapsaddle '84**, a Lt. Col. with the Air Force, recently spent five months at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad where he worked toward the establishment of a national health care program. Now back in the U.S. he is stationed at the Pentagon as the chief of Air Force health benefits. His wife, Lt. Col. Andra (Balog) Clapsaddle, is a civil engineer with the Air Force. • **Paul Katz '84** is a graduate of the NIACC FastTrac Entrepreneur Program and received a \$2,500 NanoLoan to pay startup costs for his towing and transport business. Katz Tow & Transport of Mason City offers 24-hour towing, vehicle transport, battery jump starts, key lock-out service, flat tire change, and emergency gas delivery. He lives in Mason City, IA, with his wife, Marcy, and their three children. • **Chuck Laudner '85** is an independent consultant with Strategy Resources which specializes in public relations and public policy issues. His main focus is database management and writing communications pieces for clients who contract with them. He lives in Rockford, IA. • **Pat Palmer '85** is the owner of The Computer Guy in Hampton and received a \$2,500 nano-loan from NIACC's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center the spring of 2008 to pay for upgrades to his successful home-based computer repair business. • **Andy Boos '86** is employed by Graham Manufacturing in Mason City, IA, as regional manager. He lives in Mason City. • **Gary and Mary Grant '86** live in Sedalia, MO. Mary is an ESOL teacher for the Sedalia School District, and Gary is semi-retired/self-employed for Laser Level Surveying Company. Gary, Mary and their son, David, all graduated from NIACC in 1986 – a first for NIACC to have three members of the same family graduate together. • **Carole (Moffett) Lemon '87** is district manager at Synico Staffing in Forest City, IA. She lives in Garner with her husband, Steve, and their family. • **Michelle Staudt '87** joined the United Way of North Central Iowa as regional coordinator. She lives in the Dougherty area. • **Steven Behrends '88** is lead information analyst for the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, IA. In March 2008 he earned the certification of Maitre d'Armes (fencing master), becoming the only fencing coach in Iowa to hold that title. He and his wife, Heather, live in West Des Moines with their son. • **Lyle Holmgard '88** of Heartland Realtors in Mason City, IA, was awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute. He was also appointed a federal policy coordinator for the National Association of Realtors and will be the direct Iowa contact for U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley regarding personal property rights and issues that affect real estate in Iowa. • **Linda Upmeyer '88** was honored as a recipient of the advocacy award by the Iowa Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (IAHSA). This award honors an individual or organizations that have made an exemplary contribution to senior service policies with the state of Iowa or at the national level. • **Mark Holck '89** has joined Pritchard's of Clear Lake auto dealership as a salesman. He and his wife, Jodi, have two children and live in Clear Lake. • **Annette Oswald O'Donnell '89** is librarian in Joice, IA. She lives in Joice with her husband, Roland, and their two children. • **Marion Olson '89** has joined the Schoneman Realtors GMAC Real Estate in Clear Lake, IA. He has more than ten years of service in real estate in the North Iowa area and is a member of the Clear Lake multiple listing service, Clear Lake board of Realtors, and the Iowa and National Association of Realtors. • **Brian Peterson '89** is employed by the West Hancock school district in Britt, IA as high school physical education teacher and head basketball coach, and also serves as West Hancock Athletic Director. He and his wife **Cindy (Logan) Peterson '97** live in Britt with their two sons. • **1990s** • **Shannon Anderson '90**, with RE/MAX Results Realty-Mason City, was presented with the RE/MAX executive award that honors successful real estate agents nationwide within the RE/MAX network. She has been working in the real estate industry for more than 17 years. • **Ellen (Lyons) Deets '90** is employed at TeamQuest Corp. in Clear Lake, IA, as a software engineer and is responsible for open systems development and working within the performance data collection group. She lives in Rockwell with her husband, Jeff. • **Derek J. Fredricks '90** has joined NSB Bank as a loan officer at the east office in Mason City, IA, and has completed the Independent Community Bankers of America's Consumer Lending School held in Minneapolis. He lives in Mason City with his wife, Micki, and their children. • **Jon Leerar '90** was promoted to CEO/GM of Heartland Power of Thompson/St. Ansgar. He and his wife, Marlene, are parents of four daughters. • **Douglas G. Bruhns '91** has become a shareholder in the CPA firm of D.K. Arndt, P.C. and will join in the management team responsibilities. He will be active in areas of business, farm and individual tax in the Forest City and Lake Mills offices. • **Christy Jo (Schultz) Deutsch '91** is an agency contact representative at the Joe Maloy Agency in Charles City, IA, for the American Family Insurance Group. She lives in Nashua with her husband, Jeremy, and their two children. • **Cheri (Hjelle) Dixon '91** is principal at Galena Park ISD in Houston, TX. She lives in Humble with her husband, Chad, and their daughter. • **Roger McElroy '91** currently resides in Shell Rock, IA. • **Renee (Baack) Ritter '91** was promoted to director of commercial sales-Americas at TeamQuest Corp. in Clear Lake, IA. Additionally, she manages the field marketing team within the sales division. She lives in Clear Lake with her husband, Matt. • **Kurt Buffington '92** is employed by Certified Home Inspection Services LLC as residential home inspector and will primarily serve clients wishing to buy/sell residential real estate in the Mason City area. He resides in Mason City with his wife, Stephanie, and their family. • **Bryn (Bestul) Pangburn '92** is the owner/operator of North Star Garden & Gifts, an eclectic shop in Northwood, IA, offering fine furniture, specialty items, blooming flowers, plants, trees, and high-end statuary and clay pottery. She lives in Northwood with her husband, Donnie. • **Mark Rahm '92** is professional city engineer with the City of Mason City, IA. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Mason City. • **Steve Mary '93** was promoted to service district manager for Winnebago Industries, Inc. His territory will cover Texas to the central provinces of Canada and he will provide technical and service support to Winnebago dealers. • **Jill (Buss) Melz '93** was appointed library director of the Rake Public Library July 2008. She taught school in Titonka for the past seven years and will continue working at Titonka Elementary as part-time teacher, along with the duties of library director in Rake. She lives in Buffalo Center with husband, Randy, and their two children. • **Chad Nyhus '93** is wine/spirits manager at Hy-Vee Drugstore in Mason City, IA. Nyhus, a native of Clear Lake, has studied wine for 16 years and worked in fine-dining restaurants in Nevada, Minnesota, and Florida before returning to the Mason City area with his wife and child. • **Joanne (Ameling) Wickham '93** is employed by the New Hampton Middle School in New Hampton, IA, as school counselor. She lives in New Hampton with her family. • **Natasha (Riley) Cooper '94** is employed at Southeast Warren Schools in Indianola, IA, as 7-12 social studies teacher. She lives in Indianola with her husband, David, and two children. • **Brian DeZiel '94** and **Mary (Krauth) DeZiel '96** have moved to Sun Prairie, WI. Brian is international territory manager for Trek Bicycle Co. • **Stacy Schroeder (Stac) '95** married Jessica Ann Taylor on December 3, 2007, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Stac is employed with North Central Schools in Manly, IA. • **Jerry Hegtvedt '96** and **Julie (Gaston) Hegtvedt '92** live in Charles City, IA, with their family. Jerry is owner/broker for Cedar Valley Iowa Realty in Charles City. • **Teresa Heimdal-Hauge '96** married William Clausen on May 2, 2008, in Key West, FL. Teresa is employed with Forest Plaza Assisted Living in Forest

City, IA. The couple lives in Mason City. • **Janell (Graves) Arndt '97** is a trust assistant for First Citizens Trust Company in Mason City, IA. She lives in Clear Lake, with her husband, Keith, and their two children. • **Amy Lincicum '97** graduated from the Mercy Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology in 2000. She is CT technologist at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, IA, where she currently resides. • **Dawn (Bakken) Mills '97** is a 'stay-at-home' mom having previously worked in marketing and advertising for the Globe Gazette in Mason City, IA. She lives in Garner with husband, Jeremy, and son. • **Brandon Pals '97** married Liming Wang on February 23, 2008, in Belmond, IA. Brandon previously taught English at universities in China, mostly in Xian. The couple will be at home in Mason City. • **Jeremy Peters '98** married Angela Jefson on November 23, 2007 in Key West, FL. He is an investment executive at First Citizen's Investment Center in Mason City, IA. The couple resides in Mason City. • **Antonio Sisk '98** is employed by UPS as shift supervisor in Mesquite, TX. He and his wife, Rickenya, live in Glenn Heights with their family. • **Craig Christensen '99** is employed with the St. Ansgar School District as industrial technology instructor in St. Ansgar, IA. He and his wife, Jen, live in Osage with their two children. • **Jeff Ebling '99** was named head boys' basketball coach for Fairfield High School in Fairfield, IA, effective the 2008-09 school year. He will remain Ottumwa's eighth-grade math teacher for the next year, when he will look to move completely over to the Fairfield school district. • **Kristin Kuykendall '99** married Daniel Broers on December 1, 2007 in Mason City, IA. She is employed by Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals of West Des Moines, IA. The couple is at home in West Des Moines. • **Melinda (Anderson) Nelson '99** is employed as Rehab Program Manager with Aegis Therapies out of Rochester, MN. She lives in Zumbrota with her husband, Chad. • **Andrew E. Smith '99** is an attorney for Dickstein and Shapiro Law Firm in Washington D.C. Andrew is the son of Patricia Smith who taught the Optometric Assistant Program at NIACC 1985 – 2000. He resides in Washington. • **2000s** • **Shelby (Allen) Benitz '00** was named program director for the supported community living program at the North Iowa Transition Center in Mason City, IA. This program helps clients once they are out on their own in apartments and homes. She lives in Clear Lake with her husband, Stephen. • **Danielle Bunkofske '00** passed the General Securities Series 7 exam with the National Association of Security Dealers. She is client service associate with UBS Financial Services, Inc., in Mason City. • **Ryan Ries '00** married Sarah Balk on September 8, 2007. Ryan is employed by Wells Fargo in Cedar Falls, IA. The couple resides in Cedar Falls. • **Angela Rockow '00** married Matthew Stranberg on July 7, 2007. She has a degree in elementary education and is employed by Columbus Community Schools in Columbus Junction, IA. The couple resides in Wilton. • **Seth Stearns '00** received a B.S. in theology from Crossroads College, Rochester, MN, and is Youth Minister at West Burlington Christian Church in West Burlington, IA. He and his wife, Dennette, live in Burlington with their son. • **Dawn Bernhoft '01** is marketing coordinator at Strasburger Enterprises, Inc. in Temple, TX. Dawn resides in Temple. • **Christina Calgaard '01** married Grant Maulsby on February 9, 2008, in Naples, FL. She is employed at TIB Bank in Naples. The couple resides in Bonita Springs. • **R. Justin Hamand '01** married Nicole Joy DeGeus on May 17, 2008, in Ventura, IA. Justin is employed by Curries in Mason City. The couple will reside in Mason City. • **Travis Heimbuch '01** joined POS Professional Office Services Inc. as an account executive and will manage health care accounts in northeast Iowa. He lives in Waterloo, IA, with his wife, Lori. • **Dustyn Padderud '01** married Katie Thompson on August 4, 2007 in Afton, MN. He is the guest service manager with County Inn and Suites in Denver, CO. The couple resides in Westminster, CO. • **Kyle Peterson '01** married **Sara Ebeling '07** August 18, 2007, in Mason City, IA. Kyle is employed by the City of Mason City and Sara is a certified medical assistant at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa. The couple resides in Mason City. • **Dawn Wallace '01** is a LPN at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She lives in Riceville, IA. • **Jacqueline (Archer) Lowry '02** married Hal Hofman on May 2, 2008, in Mason City, IA. Jacqueline is employed with Proctor and Gamble in Mason City. The couple is at home in Mason City. • **Jeana Ramker '02** married Gary Nichols on December 5, 2007 in Nassau, Bahamas. She is employed with Comprehensive Systems in Charles City, IA. The couple lives in Greene. • **Cory Trenary '02** is employed at TeamQuest Corp. in Clear Lake, IA, as systems administrator and will assist with providing hardware and software administration and support for the company's servers, workstations, network and office equipment. He lives in Clear Lake. • **Matthew Weiss '02** married Kelsey Schmidt on May 31, 2008, in Cedar Falls, IA. He is a systems and network administrator for Sutherland Lumber Company in Kansas City, MO. The couple resides in Lawrence, KS. • **Jason Albers '03** received his B.A. degree in management of information systems from the University of Northern Iowa. He is a software engineer 2 at TeamQuest Corp. in Clear Lake, IA, and resides in Garner. • **Abby Brown '03** is employed by Reid's Funeral Chapels in Greene and Retz-Grarup Funeral Home in Sheffield on an at need basis. She was elected as Iowa Funeral Directors Association District 8 Governor and will be officially inducted as an officer at the April 2009 IFDA Convention. She lives in Mason City. • **Lindsay (Tiedeman) George '03** is physical education K-12 teacher at Palos Community Consolidated School District 118 in Illinois. She is also enrolled in a Master's program at the University of St. Francis. She lives with her husband, Kenneth, in Joliet, IL. • **Rachel (Lorentzen) Lunning '03** married Mason Lunning on June 2, 2007. Rachel is employed with Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, MN. The couple resides in Hopkins. • **Joe Rosenbaum '03** is the new vice president of technology for Advantage Business Solutions Inc. (ABS), a local provider of business services including accounting, marketing, human resource management, IT management, web-site hosting and software development. He lives in Mason City. • **Jennifer (Nelson) Burk '04** has gotten her certified emergency nurse (CEN) endorsement and is a RN in the Emergency Department at the LE Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO. She lives in Nixa with her husband, Brian, and their family. • **Adam Rohlfen '04** married Olivia Delagardelle on September 1, 2007. He is employed with Andrews Prestressed Concrete in Clear Lake, IA. The couple resides in Mason City. • **Joshua Flo '05** married **Cassandra Street '07** and they live in Mason City, IA. Joshua is an engraver at Stadheim Jewelers in Mason City. • **Joel Gould '05** was named administrator of the North Iowa Transition Center residential care facility. He received a B.A. degree from Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids and is direct care staff for the NITC residential program. He lives in Clear Lake, IA. • **Kimberly (Fatka) Maas '05** was honored in March in Puerto Rico by Bank of America for achievement in the 2007 Platinum Club, the most prestigious award sales associates can earn in consumer real estate mortgage sales. Iowa Mortgage Association also announced Maas as a 2007 President's Club recipient. • **Tyrone Oulman '05** received a BS degree in sports management from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2008. He lives in Cedar Falls, IA. • **Tara Smalley '05** is employed by North Iowa Oral Surgery Associates in Mason City, IA, and is being trained for a dental assistant. She lives in Garner. • **Brandon Schmidt '05** married Katie Keifer on May 3, 2008, in Duncan, IA. Brandon is an employee at Fareway Meat Department in Oelwein. The couple is at home in Fayette. • **Cory Champney '06** and **Amanda Swanson '06** were married on October 27, 2007, in Forest City, IA. The couple will be at home in Forest City. • **Shannon Frerichs '06** married Andrew Lukes on January 19, 2008 in Clear Lake, IA. She is employed at Lake Town Charlie Brown in Clear Lake. The couple resides in Mason City. • **Tyler Johanns '06** married Cari Cimmiyotti on June 7, 2008, in Stacyville, IA. He is employed with Clear Lake Bank & Trust in Clear Lake, IA. The couple resides in Grafton. • **Richard Lynch '06** has joined TeamQuest Corp. in Clear Lake, IA, as quality-control engineer. He lives in Clear Lake. • **Abigail Schumacher '06** graduated from Waldorf College in April 2008 with a BA in history and is enrolling at Wartburg Seminary in September 2008 to obtain her MA in theological studies. • **Josie Murphy '07** has joined Armour-Eckrich Meats, L.L.C. in Mason City as summer intern. She is a student at Iowa State University and will complete her B.S. degree in May 2009 with a major in animal science and a minor in food science. • **Matthew Wier-Dieterman '07** married **Kahla Main '07** on August 31, 2008 in southern Iowa. The couple will reside in Ames, IA.

Send us YOUR update by visiting the NIACC website at

www.niacc.edu/alumni.htm

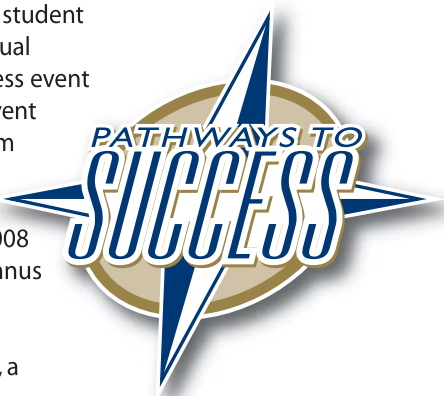
and choosing "I Wanna Talk About Me." We look forward to hearing from you!

IN MEMORY • **Alumni (by class)** • 1934 Arlene J. (Garrett) Bruns vold, 92 • Kathleen A. (Adams) Flaherty, 92 • Margaret P. (Patton) Hanley, 92 • 1938 Phyllis V. (VanNote) Driscoll, 89 • 1940 Bernice (Ball) Nannenga, 87 • Dorothy (Perdue) Schmidt, 87 • 1942 Ben J. Nozicka, 85 • 1946 Esther J. Walls, 81 • 1947 Ted R. Veeder, 83 • 1958 Coleen (Hughes) Davison, 70 • 1959 Myron W. 'Bill' Weber Jr., 73 • 1960 Thelma K. (Krapp) Paulus, 99 • 1967 Jerry M. Kline, 61 • 1969 Herald B. Thompson, 90 • 1970 Sherry R. (Stadtlander) Kreger, 57 • 1974 William F. 'Bill' Cahalan, 53 • Willis D. Bollinger, 60 • Dennis L. Borrill, 55 • 1977 Cynthia K. (Blessing) Cabrera, 58 • Nancy A. (Nielsen) Whaley, 51 • 1978 Alan J. Zook, 50 • 1980 Timothy J. Espeland, 46 • 1981 Jeffrey W. Doyle, 46 • 1983 Todd D. Conklin, 44 • 1986 Richard 'Rick' Lind, 49 • 1989 William R. Covington Jr., 46 • 1994 Brenda J. (Enloe) Barker, 34 • 1996 James W. Lowder, 46 • 1997 Dianne F. (Schrage) Baker, 55 • 1999 Rick E. Poole, 49 • 2000 Stephenie K. Abrahamson-Baxter, 47 • 2006 Cody D. Borcharding, 22 • **Other NIACC Friends** • Dale A. Becker, 77 • Marion V. (Vodicka) Casey, 90 • Marcia A. (Ashland) Connell, 81 • Elliott E. Cooper Sr., 84 • Mary J. (Stevenson) Dixon, 90 Gladys (Schmidt) Dosen, 88 • Idella (Folkers) Dukes, 85 • Elizabeth H. Dunn, 77 • Richard H. Dunn, 76 • Jacqueline J. (John) Eikenbary, 61 • Carl J. Fulk, 58 • Christopher Gearhart, 18 • Ruth A. Geary, 81 • Naomi E. (Decker) Jensen, 98 • Marion C. (Fox) Johnson, 95 • Alfina G. (Kramer) Jones, 96 • Virgil L. Knorr, 84 • Robert J. Kornhauser, 80 • Delvern E. Korth, 75 • David W. Krafka, 64 • Leonard Kropman, 90 • Richard G. Levad, 66 • Robert D. Mahoney, 74 • Norman F. Main, 92 • Maxine M. (Collins) McKiness, 87 • Dr. Arthur E. McMahon Jr., 84 • A. Elaine (Reichardt) Neal, 70 • Eva M. (Levy) Novis, 81 • Wilbur J. Numelin, 68 • Sheryl J. Peterson, 72 • William H. Rickoff Sr., 81 • Evelyn B. (Barber) Ruby, 94 • Robert H. Schmidt, 100 • Maynard A. Schoneman, 90 • Reginald Slender, 90 • Bernard J. Urich, 50

NIACC Celebrates Pathways to Success Student Recipients

NIACC honored student leaders at the annual Pathways to Success event last spring. The event also featured Adam Bleakney, a 1997 graduate, who was named the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus and served as the keynote speaker. Donna DePrenger, a 1967 and 1969 graduate, was named the 2008 Distinguished Alumna.

If you know of NIACC alumni who deserve recognition for their accomplishments and should be nominated for Pathways to Success awards, contact the NIACC Foundation at 641-422-4386 or toll-free 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4386.



Adam Bleakney and Donna DePrenger



Pictured back row from left – Timothy Murphy (Saint Charles, IL), Shayden Bertagnolli (Roy, Utah), Spenser Rahm (Wesley), James "Tony" Paulsen (Mason City), Dennis Ostrem (Garner), Matthew Borgford (Pinawa, Manitoba, Canada), Jarrod Tell (Mason City), James Stumme (Forest City), Marshall Sunnes (Hawkeye), Jason Florence (Lake Mills), Timothy Fredericks (Mason City), Terry Dryer (Rockwell), Jeffrey Krueger (Mason City), Nate Aigner (Mason City) **Middle row from left** – Steven Grabill (Sumner), Paul Haugen (Mason City), Darick Wooldridge (Mason City), Jarred Templeton (Clear Lake), Zachary Chase (Clear Lake), Stacy Ramon (Mason City), Stefanie Madsen (Rembrandt), Molly Niedert (Sumner), Samantha Shoger (Nora Springs), Emily Neuwohner (Lake Mills), Beth Daniels (Kanawha), Mary Scioneaux (Garner), Eva Gutierrez (Mason City), Ericka Tynan (Mason City), Sunsett Reynolds (Stacyville), Amanda Roth (Mason City) **Front row from left** – Jenna Winters (Mason City), Kailee Kuykendall (Charles City), Jennifer Heaverlo (Nora Springs), Bethany Pint (Fairbank), Anna Schumacher (Grandview), Jennifer Steere (Greene), Michele Homer (Thornton), Deborah Fatland (Mason City), Dawn Wendland (Rockwell), Brittany Schrage (Marble Rock), Sherri Hiller-Beckner (Rockwell) **Not pictured** – Amanda Card (Belmond), Bryce Howard (Centerville, UT), John Lee (Mason City), Whitney Nuehring (Mason City), Mick Parr (Mason City), Jennifer Ramthun (Lake Mills), Annette Roethler (Colwell), Anna Seibert (Rockford), Marcia Snitker (Mason City), Jacob Thompson (Mason City)

Notable Contributions to the NIACC Foundation...

Michael C. Morrison Scholarship

- Dr. Michael C. Morrison began his tenure at NIACC in 1989 as the vice president of academic affairs.
- In 2001, Morrison was selected as President; the post he held until his retirement in 2008.
- A longtime friend of the College, Margaret MacNider, established this endowed scholarship to honor Dr. Morrison's leadership and his commitment to NIACC and North Iowa. Several others have since contributed to the fund to honor Dr. Morrison
- These \$1,000 unrestricted awards honor Dr. Morrison.

E. C. Henningsen Scholarship

- This term scholarship was established in 2008 by an anonymous donor.
- The annual \$500 awards are made in memory of E.C. Henningsen.

NIACC Accounting Student Receives National TACTYC Scholarship

James "Tony" Paulsen, a North Iowa Area Community College accounting student, received the national Teachers of Accounting at Two-Year Colleges (TACTYC) Scholarship.

Paulsen, of Mason City, will receive \$1,000 toward his education at NIACC. In applying for the scholarship, Paulsen wrote an essay addressing a managerial accounting problem. He was sponsored for the scholarship by NIACC accounting program leader and instructor Greg Lauer and was chosen from a national pool of candidates to receive this prestigious award.

"James is an extremely talented and dedicated student who pursues excellence in all of his classroom endeavors," Lauer said. "He willingly shares his academic gifts with other students by acting as a peer tutor on the NIACC Campus."

This year's annual TACTYC Conference will take place in San Antonio, TX, in May. Paulsen's scholarship will be announced at the conference. Paulsen marks the fifth NIACC student sponsored by Lauer to win a TACTYC Scholarship.

TACTYC was founded in 1974 by a group of innovative educators. TACTYC's primary objective is the advancement of accounting education. The group emphasizes the development of creative and innovative teaching and curriculum. For more information on TACTYC, visit www.tactyc.org.



Top Reasons to Relocate to North Iowa...

NIACC friends and alumni who have remained in the North Iowa area over the years know well all the reasons North Iowa is a great place to live, work, and play. To those friends and alumni who have left North Iowa, have you ever considered returning? If you haven't checked it out lately, North Iowa offers a wide variety of GREAT opportunities. To help get your thought process started we compiled the following list outlining just a few reasons why North Iowa is a GREAT place.

Quality Education: North Iowa offers the highest quality of education available. North Iowa's K-12 school systems are some of the best in Iowa. NIACC provides access to high quality, affordable transfer and career education. One of NIACC's partners in higher education, Buena Vista, makes a four-year degree attainable right on the NIACC campus.

<http://www.niacc.edu/>

http://www.bvu.edu/learn/who_we_are/locations/mason_city.dot

Quality of Life: Cultural and entertainment opportunities abound in North Iowa. There is no better example of this than the NIACC Performing Arts and Leadership Series. Each year the series brings top notch speakers and entertainment to North Iowa.

<http://www.niacc.edu/caevents/>

Quality Employment Opportunities: Hundreds of quality employment opportunities exist with companies all across North Iowa. From entry level to professional positions, North Iowa companies are always looking for skilled workers to keep their companies growing and

thriving.

<https://www1.iowajobs.org/jobs/seeker/search/search.seek?actionButton=searchRegion>

Excellent Business Assistance and Resources: Have a business you want to relocate with you or have a desire to start your own business? The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center in partnership with North Iowa's economic development groups provide a comprehensive package of business resources.

<http://www.niacc.edu/pappajohn/>

<http://www.northcentraliowa.net/>

Healthcare System: Mercy Medical Center North Iowa provides award winning care along the entire healthcare continuum.

<http://mercynorthiowa.com>

Friends & Family Proximity: Why spend holidays and vacations traveling back to North Iowa to see friends and family when you can be close to them all year round? The advantages of being close to friends and family are too numerous to list.

Opportunity to Fully Experience All Four Seasons:

North Iowa's four seasons provide the opportunity to enjoy the full spectrum of outdoor activities. Whether it is fishing, boating, skiing, biking or a plethora of other activities there is a time of year for it in North Iowa.

Proximity to Minneapolis and Des Moines: When you do get an itch for the big city, both Des Moines and Minneapolis are a two hour drive away. Both make for a wonderful day or weekend trip.

In Commute Time, Miles = Minutes: Tired of the ten mile commute that takes fifty-five minutes both ways? Leave the traffic and the long commute behind. Spend less time in your car and more time with your family doing the things you enjoy.

While there are many additional reasons to relocate to North Iowa, the above list provides a sampling of the things that make the area a great place to be. Those of us here know this and encourage those of you not here to explore the web sites above to learn more about the terrific opportunities North Iowa has for people in all stages of life.

NIACC Faces

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

William Backlin

Evening Dean
William has served as an adjunct instructor at NIACC for 13 years. He holds a Bachelor's in Music Education and a Master's in Music from UNI.



Elizabeth Barker,

Administrative Assistant, JPEC Business Incubator. Elizabeth most recently worked at Winnebago Industries in Forest City as an Advertising & Marketing Specialist. She has a BA from Waldorf College.



Randy Bonde,

Industrial Maintenance Instructor. Randy comes to us from Eaton in Belmond where he worked as a tool and die maker. He has served as an adjunct at NIACC and owns his own business. Randy received training in his field from Iowa Central Community College.



Margaret Curran,

Institutional Researcher. Margaret comes to us from the University of Wisconsin Colleges in Fond du Lac. She was an Instructor of Political Science most recently and has also served as the Acting Director of the Office of Research, Evaluation and Policy Studies at Northern Illinois University. She holds a BA and an MA from UNI and a PhD in Political Science from Northern Illinois.



Robert Franken,

Electromechanical Instructor. Robert came to us from AGC Flat Glass and received his training from both Hawkeye and NIACC.



Rodney Hughey,
Enrollment Specialist/ Assistant Football Coach. Rod joined us from Roanoke, VA, where he worked as a crisis intervention counselor at Intercept. He has a BA in Special Education/Sociology.



Steve LaLonde,
Head Football Coach/"Expect More" Program Coordinator. Steve hails from Canada, where he was the Head Football Coach for Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB, Canada. Steve holds a Master's in Education from the American Intercontinental University-Illinois.



Doreen Lechner,
Developmental Writing Instructor. Doreen has returned to NIACC from Hawkeye Community College where she was the Developmental Communications/Reading Instructor. She was an instructor at NIACC from 1988-1998. Doreen has a BA and an MA-E from the University of Northern Iowa.



Chad McLane,
Composition & Speech Instructor. Chad moved back to the Midwest from Idaho where he taught College Writing and Intro to Literature at Brigham Young University-Idaho. Chad has a Master of Arts in English earned from Marquette University.



Kris Meyer,
Student Services Counselor. Kris just completed her PhD in Educational Leadership from Iowa State University, and is now our newest Student Services Counselor. She most recently worked as the Elementary Counselor for the Forest City School System.



Mark Mohl, Head Basketball Coach/ Enrollment Specialist. Mark worked in the Osage School System as a teacher and coach and earned his BS in Business/Recreation and his teacher certification from Morningside College.



Phillip Quick II,
Housing Head Resident/Assistant Football Coach/Intramural Coordinator. Phil worked under Coach LaLonde at Mt. Allison University as a Line Coach/Strength Trainer. Phil earned his Bachelor's Degree from Concord University.



Mark Schwab,
Head Wrestling Coach. Mark served as the Head Wrestling coach at Buena Vista University from 2004-2008. Mark earned his Master's from the University of Minnesota.



Gary Sinnwell,
Mathematics Instructor. Gary served as a Mathematics Instructor at Mason City High School until joining the NIACC family. He has also held a Mathematics adjunct position at NIACC for the last few years. Gary holds a Master's of Education from St. Mary's University.



Mary Spitz,
Administrative Assistance, John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. Mary previously worked at the Mitchell County Regional Health Center and holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.



Mark Vrba,
Certified Athletic Trainer. Mark was most recently the Coordinator of the Athletic Republic housed at Mercy Medical Center and has served part-time as NIACC's Athletic Trainer since 2005. He earned his Master's of Science in Exercise Science & Health Promotion from the California University of Pennsylvania.



Job Changes

Josh Byrnes,
Industrial and Ag Division Chair. Josh has acquired the duties of the Agricultural Division. He began his career here at NIACC in 2005 as a School Partnerships Coordinator and moved to Industrial Division Chair in 2006.



Kelley Crane, New School Partnerships Entrepreneurial Coordinator. Kelly, moved from the Administrative Assistant position at the JPEC Business Incubator, which she has held since 2006. Kelley holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Relations.



Tina Kunzman,
Career Services Coordinator. Tina began at NIACC as the Administrative Assistant for the North Iowa Career Center. As a part of the restructuring of that department, Tina has taken on additional responsibilities and now serves as Career Services Coordinator.



Shelly Schmit,
New Human Resources and Institutional Research Director. Shelly, began at NIACC in 1998 as Human Resources Director. This year she takes on the additional duties of overseeing Institutional Research.



NIACC Introduces New Program Opportunities

New/Updated Programs at NIACC

Radiological Technology - Mercy Medical Center already offers a nationally accredited Diploma program in Radiological Technology. The profession is moving toward requiring a degree for Radiological Technologists. NIACC and Mercy have worked together to plan a degree program where Mercy will deliver the specialized courses and NIACC will deliver the general education courses required for an A.A.S. degree.

Health, Wellness and Leisure Services - The programs range from a Certificate in Fitness, which will help a student qualify as a personal trainer, to an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree that will help a student prepare for transfer.

- Physical Fitness and Wellness Certificate
- Personal Training Diploma
- A.A.S. Degree in Health, Wellness, and Leisure Services
- A.A. Degree plus Physical Fitness and Wellness Certificate

Information Technology - There are seven new certificate programs (15 credit hours each). This new initiative is supportive of NIACC's continuing efforts to address the education

and training needs of working adults in North Iowa.

- Web Content Certificate
- Basic Computer Diagnostics Certificate
- Foundations of Security Certificate
- Video Game Testing Certificate
- Project Management Certificate
- Small Office/Home Office (SOHO) Computer Management Certificate
- Small Office/Home Office (SOHO) Network Management Certificate

Wind Turbine Technology - NIACC is a member of a consortium of Iowa colleges and universities that is working with the Iowa Department of Economic Development to help position Iowa as a leader in the wind energy field. NIACC's contribution will be grounded in our Electro-Mechanical Systems Technology (EMST) program, which provides training in the systems that are basic to wind energy production. North Iowa wind energy companies have already contracted with NIACC to provide hydraulics training for their employees, they have offered internships to our students, and they have hired some of our graduates.

New NIACC Continuing Education Initiatives

NIACC has many exciting new initiatives going on in the Continuing Education division as well.

- The Lean Enterprise movement continues to expand with the availability of two new projects, the Lean Learning Lab and Process Lean.
- The Ultimate Sales Academy focuses on business to business selling with a high level of professionalism. This is a 6 day course that will prepare novices and sharpen the skills of those with experience to reach new levels of selling performance.
- The Transportation Logistics program continues to build on last year's successful startup of the Professional Truck Driver course with the additions of Passenger and School Bus Driving and Class A CDL Exam Prep courses.
- A mobile modular training lab is available and provides for delivery, on -site, of CAD, Electronics, Hydraulics, Pneumatics, Motors and Controls and PLC training.

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NIACC Extreme Makeover: College Edition Winners Announced

Stephanie Emanuel, of Clear Lake, and Crystal Hinders, of Charles City, have been announced as the winners of North Iowa Area Community College's Extreme Makeover: College Edition.

Emanuel and Hinders will receive free NIACC tuition plus textbooks and more for the 2008-09 school year. Emanuel hopes to work in the business field. Hinders plans to pursue an education in healthcare.

The three runners-up, Ashley Alonzo, of Osage; Shannon Billings, of Klemme; and Linda Dloughy, of Belmond, will each receive a \$1,000 NIACC scholarship this year.

Over 750 votes were cast online for NIACC's Extreme Makeover: College Edition.

Other opportunities are available for adults looking to return to school at NIACC. For more information, contact NIACC Admissions at 641-422-4245 or toll-free 1-888-GO NIACC, ext. 4245.



Stephanie Emanuel of Clear Lake



Crystal Hinders of Charles City



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