

Weekly Update: April 29 – May 4, 2019

Greetings!



SUCCESS IS NOT A MATTER OF IDLE CHANCE

Success is neither magical nor mysterious. Your success is not a matter of idle chance, it's the result of the choices you make on a daily basis.

It's not something you wait for, but rather something you achieve with effort.

There is no such thing as "luck". Luck is simply when preparedness meets opportunity. There is no such thing as "an overnight success". We ignore the years of hard work and sacrifice it took to get there.

Some people seem to make success look easy, but nothing worth having comes without paying a price.

The next time you find yourself coveting someone else's success, ask yourself: "Am I willing to do what they did to get there?"

Weekly Updates:

- Thank you to everyone who helped beautify our campus on April 17 and April 24 for **Campus Clean Up Day!** Remember that every day can be Campus Clean Up Day – for example, as you walk through campus from meeting to meeting and pick up trash that you see, you're celebrating Campus Clean Up Day. *(See photo in attachment.)*
- Last week, Wednesday, April 24, Megan Dieken and Dan Cline hosted 7 **HMS** high school students for a workshop on self-advocacy, social media awareness, and situational awareness. Sheldon Police Department Officer, Jett Korver, attended to present and talk about how to use social media wisely, the dangers of social media, cyberbullying, and cyberbullying prevention.
- The **NCC Business Club Field Trip** to Minneapolis, MN on Thursday and Friday, April 25-26, included educational stops at the Federal Reserve Bank and Mall of America. Eleven business

students were accompanied by Janet Boone and Sheila Drenkow. Read highlights of their learning experiences in the separate attachment (*NCC Business Club Field Trip Report.pdf*).

- On Saturday, April 27, Greta Giese took 7 NCC students to the **Omaha Zoo**. The weather was cool but there was no rain in Omaha. We were able to enjoy all of the zoo's animals and exhibits – and ended our day with an ice cream treat. (*See photos in attachment.*)
- Congratulations to NCC's **Sports Shooting Team** in receiving 4th Place in the Iowa Scholastic Clay Target Program Collegiate Championships held on Saturday, April 27!
- The **Phi Theta Kappa Chapter** held their last meeting of the academic year on Monday, April 29. They ended the year by collecting items from their recent drive for non-perishable food items along with coloring books, markers, and crayons. 27 cans of food and 29 miscellaneous non-perishable food items were donated to Love, Inc. and 17 coloring books, 6 packages of markers, and 31 boxes of crayons will be donated to Royal Family Kids Camp of Northwest Iowa. Thanks to all who donated! (*See photo in attachment.*)
- The **TRIO Graduate Luncheon** was held at the LLRC on Tuesday, April 30. 75 students were honored at the annual event.
- Alethea Stubbe, Mark Brown, and Kristi Landis represented NCC at **Maintainer's Groundbreaking Ceremony** on Tuesday, April 30. Maintainer is starting their third major expansion in four years.
- The Governor of Iowa, Kim Reynolds, proclaimed April 30, 2019 as **Northwest Iowa Community College CDL Train & Test Day**. Congratulations to everyone involved! (*See photo in attachment.*)
- NCC hosted the 5th annual **2019 Northwest Iowa Visual Arts Show** held April 24-30. Exhibits from 19 area high schools were on display. The awards program was held on Tuesday, April 30. Congratulations to all who participated and to those who received awards. (*See photos in attachment and check out this week's Thunder Thank You!*)
- Community members and NCC students gathered at the **LLRC** to try a new activity – **Danney Ball** – on Tuesday, April 30. Four teams played a round robin of the game which was created by NFL trainer Ian Danney. This activity uses medicine balls on a volleyball court – a competitive, muscle-busting workout game NFL players swear by for their condition and team-building. 1st place went to Austin Kavanagh, Brandon Winkel, and Hunter Lang. 2nd place went to Hunter Daisy, Cody Frodermann, Dylan Wunschel, and Jeremy Williams. Curious about Danney Ball? Here's a video describing and showcasing the game - <https://youtu.be/7-bEs4m2fh4>.
- Leah Murphy and Norma Azpeitia attended a cultural competency training called **NAVIGATING DIFFERENCE WORKSHOP** by **Iowa State Extension Office** to represent the Retention Committee on April 30 through May 2 at the Hawarden Public Library. They will bring back some of the tools and frameworks to the Retention committee for further review.

- It was a great day of competition at the annual **Engineering Expo** held on Wednesday, May 1. Area high school teams competed in different categories including: Accuracy, Distance, Presentation, and Problem-solving. Thanks to our great sponsors: Link, Maintainer, Interstates, Rosenboom, and Demco. This year's overall winner was from Western Christian! Congratulations to all of the students on their creative solutions. (*See photos in attachment.*)
- On Wednesday, May 1, our **Coding For Kids** after school program had its second to last coding day. A big thank you to Mark Bohnet and his electrical students for helping us out with a fun day! Mark and his students had 4 different stations set up where the coding students could see the connection between computer coding and a mechanical output. (*See photos in attachment.*) The students loved it and were able to make connection between what they are doing in the Coding For Kids with the online curriculum and how that translates to real life problem solving and skills. Thank you, Mark!
- The **2019 All-Academic Team Banquet** sponsored by NCC, HyVee, and the Northwest Iowa Review, was held Wednesday evening, May 1, with the valedictorians or salutatorians from 12 of 17 school districts represented. After the meal, students and families shared glimpses of their personal academic journey and excellence through informal interviews.
- Kristi Landis was a guest speaker at the **Rock Valley Chamber of Commerce** on Thursday, May 2. Her topic was to share the rationale behind the Diesel program's temporary location in Rock Valley during construction, and to thank the community for their continued support of the college.
- Morgan Granstra hosted the **Alumni Advisory Committee** on campus on Thursday evening, May 2, for their bi-annual meeting. Topics included the new NCC Alumni FaceBook Page, future construction plans for the college, Sports Shooting update, and other future events.
- The LLRC hosted **Happy Hour Yoga** at the Crossroads Pavilion on Thursday, May 2. 14 individuals attended, and we plan to schedule a few dates in the summer – maybe if the weather will allow us to take our yoga practice outside to enjoy the beautiful landscape of the Pavilion!
- Scholarship awards season is underway! This upcoming Monday, May 6, the Foundation Office is hosting their annual **Scholarship Banquet** in the NCC cafeteria. Morgan Granstra also presented awards at Rock Valley CSD, West Lyon, and at Clay Central Everly, and Kristi Landis presented at George-Little Rock and Sibley-Ocheyedan.
- **Finals Week** is upon us! Please encourage students to stop by the Academic Center next week to have a healthy snack to help them re-fuel and re-energize!

Continuing Education Information

- Class this past week:
 - Shayne Mayer kept all the participants engaged in the "What Makes a Murder" class this past Thursday evening on the 2nd. One comment said, "Great class! Thank you for sharing your knowledge-very fascinating information. Love the subject matter!" (*See photo in attachment.*)
- Check out these "In the Near-Future Classes":
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 14-May 23: **Rescheduled** dates for Grilling Class, taught by Steve Waldstein. To see the description, go to [tabloid-page 5](#).

- Monday, May 20, Freezer Meal Class taught by Jessica Williams. For details, [tabloid-page 3](#).
 - Tuesday, May 21, Finding Your Roots: Beginning Genealogy, taught by Marj Brunsting. For details, [tabloid-page 7](#).
- If you would like to attend one of these classes, call Megan at [the College, ext. 133](#) or register online at <https://nwicc.edu/continuing-education/continuing-education-courses/>

Upcoming Events:

- May 6 Scholarship Banquet
- May 10 End of Semester / Graduation

Happy Birthday!

- Sunday, May 5 Angie Shilling
- Wednesday, May 8 Jason Anderson

We have one FINAL week left in the Spring semester! As you have departing conversations with your students, remind them of this quote...

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined!" - Henry David Thoreau

In your service,

Alethea F. Stubbe, Ph.D.

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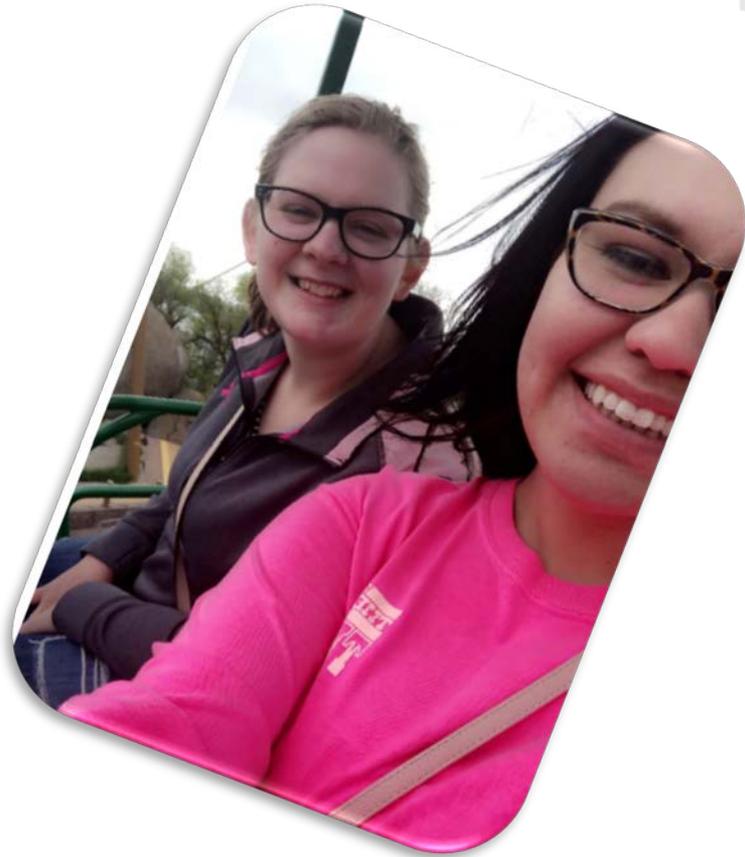
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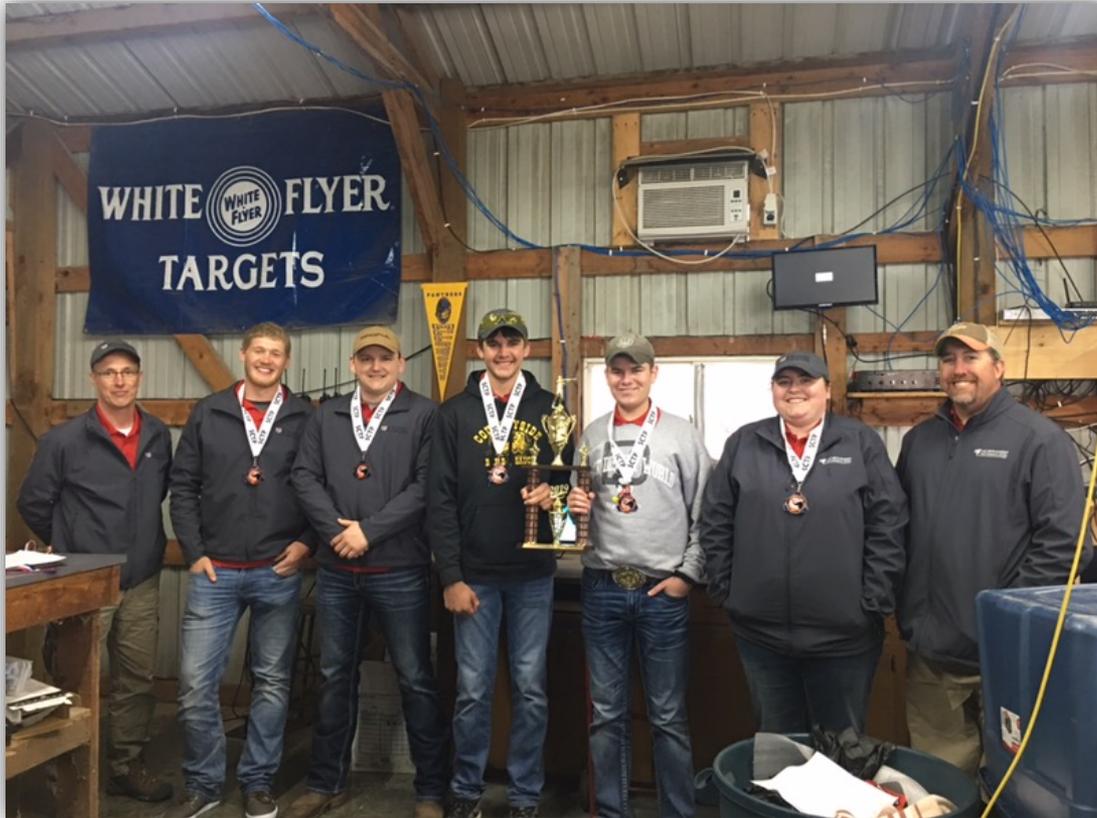
Campus Clean Up



Omaha Zoo Trip



Sports Shooting Team



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Congratulations!

PTK Service Learning Project



NCC CDL Train & Test Day

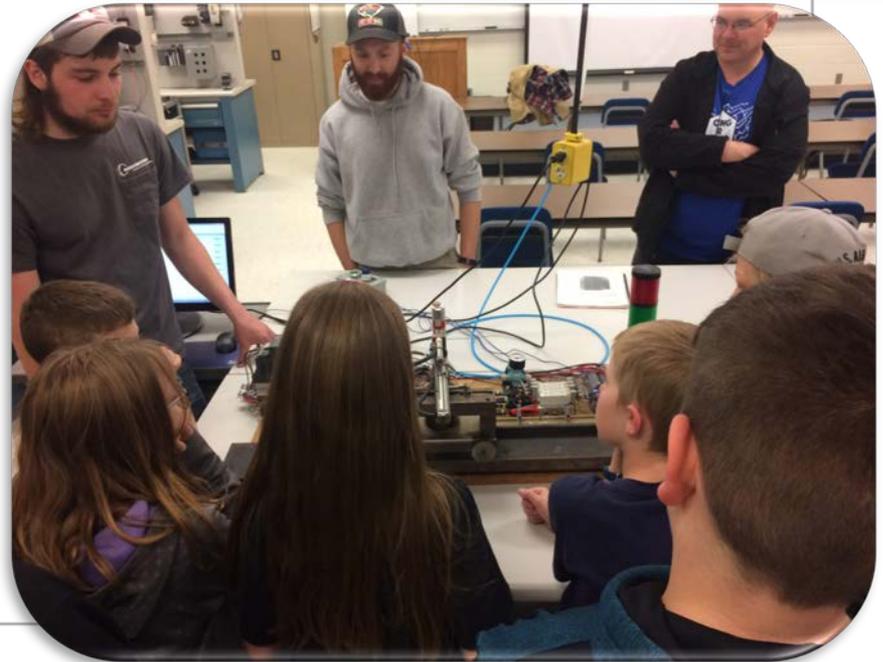
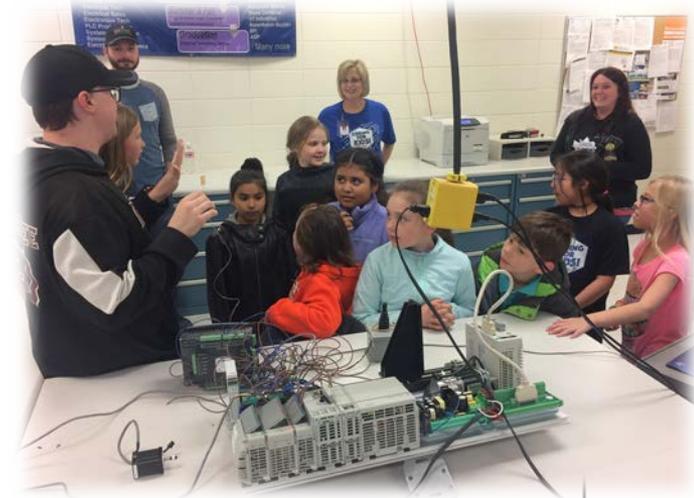
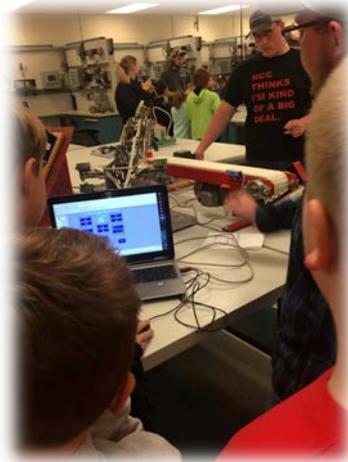


Visual Arts Show

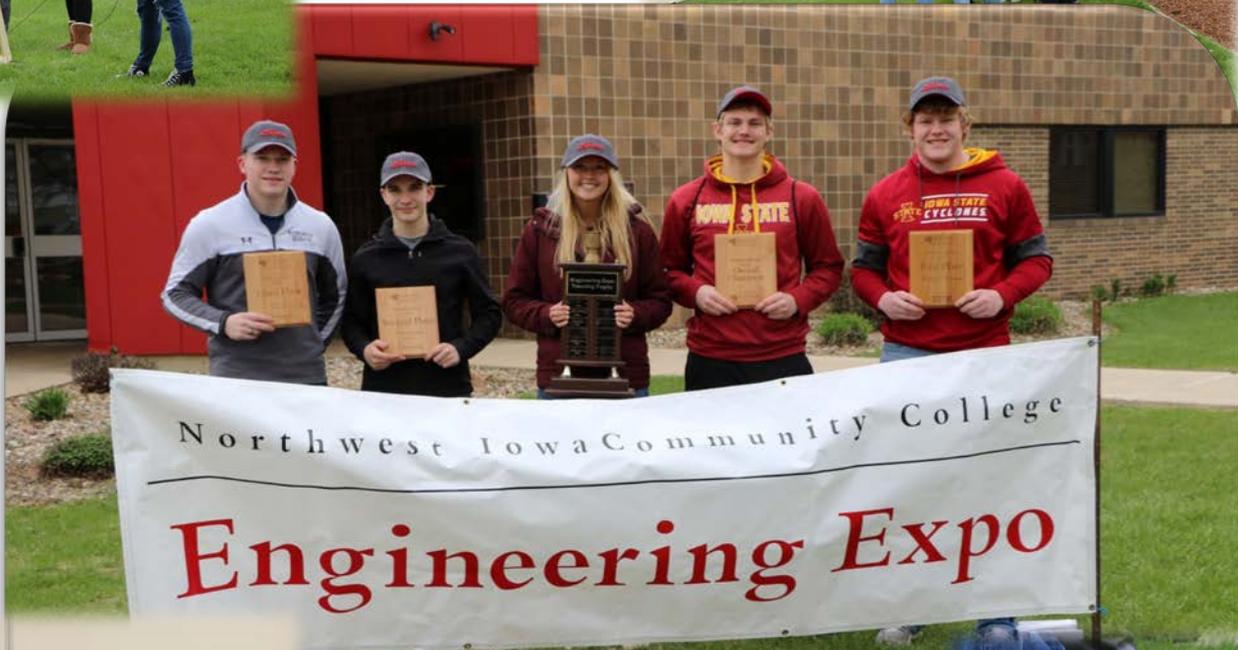


Coding For Kids

May 1, 2019



Engineering Expo



Happy Hour Yoga



“What Makes a Murder”



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Northwest Iowa Community College Business Club Field Trip Report (April 25-26, 2019):

As shown in the accompanying photographs, the NCC contingent included 11 Business students along with 2 Business Department Instructors (Janet Boone and Sheila Drenkow).

The first educational stop included an informative on-site presentation about the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota. The topics included a brief history, target markets and consumer demographics, new stores and retail turnover, the business/marketing aspects that go into maintaining MOA's success, and the past, present, and future enhancements to MOA. Since opening its doors in 1992, Mall of America® has revolutionized the shopping experience of tens of millions of visitors a year. Mall of America hosts more than 400 events a year, ranging from concerts, to celebrity appearances and fashion shows. Each year, 40 million people from around the world visit the mall, generating nearly \$2 billion each year in economic impact for the state. A leader in retail, entertainment and attractions, Mall of America is one of the top tourist destinations in the country and is known around the world.

An additional travel highlight was the interactive team-building activity *The Escape Game* in the Mall of America—a thrilling real-life escape room adventure. While our two NCC teams were locked in, it was indeed a challenging 60 minutes in which math skills, group communication dynamics, keen observations, and the occasional clue from the control room were integral in attempting to crack the codes and solve the puzzle. Another highpoint was a fine dining experience at the MOA's Rain Forest Cafe. The final stretch of the Business Club excursion included an **impressive** guided tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. A "wealth" of information was discovered and it was an **enRICHing** experience for all participants! Great lessons in teamwork and event planning were learned as this Business Club journey was a student-led activity from start to finish.

Submitted on behalf of the Northwest Iowa Community College Business Club Sponsors (Janet Boone and Sheila Drenkow)





Visual Arts Committee

- Congratulations to the Visual Arts Committee for an excellent Visual Arts Fair. The entire experience was overwhelmingly positive for all.

--Library Staff