

Weekly Update: February 11-16, 2019

Greetings!



## HABITS ARE LIKE AN INVISIBLE THREAD

The beginning of a habit is like an invisible thread. Every time you repeat the act, you strengthen the strand.

You add to it another filament with each repetition until it becomes a great cable and binds you irrevocably to each thought and act.

This is true whether the habit is taking you *closer to* or *further from* your desired results. Are you getting the results you want? If not, start by analyzing your beliefs (habits of thought), as beliefs are what truly drive your behavior.

***"Your net worth to the world is usually determined by what remains after your bad habits are subtracted from your good ones."***

***-- Benjamin Franklin***

Weekly Updates:

- Gratitude is an awesome habit – check out this week's **Thunder Thank You** notes attached.
- On Wednesday, February 13, Cameron Vanden Brink, **Diesel Technology** student attended the Agribusiness Conference in Des Moines. Carmeron is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Agribusiness Association of Iowa Foundation. Students from each of Iowa's 15 community colleges, the future employees of ag, have the opportunity to connect with agribusinesses during this unique event. Students get the opportunity to meet with the HR contacts at our industry companies. These companies have full-time, part-time, and internships available for college students and graduates. (see photo in attachment).
- Larry Hoekstra, Board Chair, and Alethea Stubbe attended the **2019 Community College National Legislative Summit** in Washington, DC, February 10-13. Discussions

focused on the complexity of the policy landscape faced by institutions--and reminders that policy alone won't address the growing needs of America's students. "This work requires the effective integration of federal, state, and institutional policies, individual student attributes-and a little magic," Brian A. Sponsler, vice president of policy and director of postsecondary and workforce development for the Education Commission of the States, told attendees during the opening keynote address. "We're not one policy away from enacting dramatic changes in student success...the interconnectedness of all of these different levels influences [success]." Community college trustees and staff were urged to advocate for a series of critical federal community college priorities during visits to Congressional leaders. Legislative priorities for 2019 include expanding access to Pell Grants for short-term programs and for incarcerated individuals, as well as other changes in the \$30 billion program that reflect the needs of today's nontraditional students; reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA), and supporting students impacted by ongoing issues involving the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy.

- ICW/ET programs and Electrical programs held their respective **Advisory Committee meetings** on Friday, February 15.
- Alethea Stubbe participated in the **Iowa Business Council BEA** meeting in Des Moines on Friday, February 15. Jeff Weld, Executive Director of the STEM Advisory Council, and Debi Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and also Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), gave presentations to the group of business and education leaders. Terry Handley, President and CEO of Casey's General Stores, chaired the meeting.
- NCC's **TRIO Student Support Services** program is celebrating **National TRIO Day on Saturday, February 23**. In the week leading up to the event we are celebrating first generation college students – where neither parent has a bachelor's degree. Many first generation college students struggle with believing they belong in college. To celebrate what these students bring to campus and to encourage these students to succeed, we are asking staff, faculty, and students to sign one of two posters hanging outside of TRIO this week. **First generation staff and faculty are asked sign the "I Am First Gen" poster. The second is for staff and faculty who aren't first generation to pledge support as a "First Gen Ally."** These posters will show students that many of their teachers and people they see on campus were first generation students like them and the commitment the entire campus has to help student succeed in college.
- Monday, February 18, there will be no day classes for students. Instead, faculty will have their annual **Instructional In-Service Day**. Chris Russell, Department of Education, will kick off the day with a presentation on the Pulse of Community Colleges. Other topics include Faculty Data Team, assessment, Professional Learning Communities, and Embedded General Education.
- Next week (week of February 18), Admissions starts **spring high school visits**.
- **LLRC Membership Update**
  - **January 31, 2019** (*January 31, 2018*)
    - **1,717 total members\*** (*1,453*)
    - **145 student members** (*169*)

- **884 community memberships\*** (805)
  - **827 student visits** (865)
- \*151 of these members are Live Healthy Northwest Iowa participants using their punch cards.**

○ **Fun facts:**

- *Last year's Live Healthy program had 106 participants, and this year's program has increased to 151.*
- *In January 2018, the LLRC and LLRC East had 5,393 visits; and in January 2019, we've increased that to 5,754 visits.*

**Upcoming Events:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ February 18</li> <li>○ February 19</li> <li>○ February 20</li> <li>○ February 25</li> <li>○ February 28</li> <li>○ March 1</li> <li>○ March 4-8</li> <li>○ March 6</li> <li>○ March 20</li> <li>○ March 22</li> <li>○ March 25</li> <li>○ March 29</li> <li>○ April 12</li> <li>○ April 19 &amp; 22</li> <li>○ May 10</li> </ul> | <p>Faculty In-Service Instructional Workday (no day classes; evening classes held)</p> <p>SGA Musketeer Hockey game in Sioux City</p> <p>Coding Camp for Kids</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting</p> <p>Heavy Equipment Recognition Ceremony for graduates</p> <p>Midterm – no classes</p> <p>Spring Break</p> <p>Staff Professional Development Day</p> <p>All-College Meeting</p> <p>Summer Powerline Orientation</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting</p> <p>Thunder Friday</p> <p>8th Grade Career Day</p> <p>Campus Closed (Good Friday &amp; Easter Monday)</p> <p>End of Semester / Graduation</p> |
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**Happy Birthday!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tuesday, February 19</li> <li>○ Wednesday, February 20</li> <li>○ Thursday, February 21</li> </ul> | <p>Laura Nachtigal</p> <p>Doug Rodger</p> <p>Rae Paulson</p> |
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In your service,

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