

Weekly Update: February 3-9, 2019

Greetings!



ALL GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS TAKE TIME

Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.
Nothing great is created suddenly.
There is no such thing as an overnight success.

We live in a world of instant gratification,
but nothing worth having comes without first doing the work.
The real beauty of achieving what it is we desire
is who we become in the process.
Personal growth is the ultimate reward.

That which grows fast, withers as rapidly.
That which grows slowly, endures.

***"You are one decision away from a completely different life."
--Mel Robbins***

Weekly Updates:

- On Friday, February 1, Megan Dieken, Michael Oldenkamp, Rae Paulsen, Norma Azpeitia, Paula Meyer, Dan Cline, Allie Mouw, and Beth Frankenstein attended an all-day **training for their upcoming coding program**. A code.org facilitator from Cedar Rapids was on campus to conduct the training.
- The Courtesy and Recognition Committee scored with their traveling Super Bowl party on Friday, February 1. Employees enjoyed the fun and food! See the attached **Thunder Thank You** notes of appreciation!
- **Winter weather** forced NCC to have a late start on Monday, February 4, and then again on Thursday, February 7, a blizzard warning forced the closing of campus - - - so the saying goes "*the days get longer and winter gets stronger!*"

- A **Guided Pathways Implementation Institution Cohort** grant was submitted to HCM Strategists on Monday, February 4. Last October there was a statewide convening on guided pathways four of our staff attended. Colleges were assessed as to their progress toward adopting essential guided pathways practices at scale. The Scale of Adoption Assessment (SOAA) includes essential practices examined in CCRC's book, *Redesigning America's Community Colleges: A Clearer Path to Student Success* by Thomas Bailey, Shanna Smith Jaggars, and Davis Jenkins (Harvard University Press, 2015). HCM Strategists will help all the Iowa community colleges, but only a portion of the colleges will receive special assistance through the grant.
- Wednesday, February 6, the **Coding for Kids program** launched on campus. 105 students from Kindergarten to 8th grade registered for the program. The students are learning about computer programming and even more, learning problem solving and critical thinking skills. All of the staff who helped and students who attended had a blast and learned a great deal! Thank you to all those who helped! Please contact Megan Dieken with any questions on the program. (Check out the pictures on the College Facebook page! What a great success!)
- The **Diesel Technology Program Advisory Committee** met on Wednesday, February 6, from noon to 3 p.m. in D452.
- Mark Brown attended the **Sheldon Chamber & Development Corporation (SCDC)** meeting early Wednesday morning, February 6.
- The **Heavy Equipment Program Advisory Committee** met on Friday, February 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Applied Technology Building, Room 603.
- Alethea Stubbe took part in the statewide **Business Education Alliance (BEA)** subcommittee meeting on Friday, February 8.
- Don't forget to smile for your **Employee Picture** next week Thursday, February 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. or Friday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Marketing office. No appointments are necessary!

Upcoming Events:

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| ○ February 18 | Faculty In-Service Instructional Workday (no day classes; evening |
| ○ March 1 | Midterm – no classes |
| ○ March 4-8 | Spring Break |

Happy Birthday!

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In your service,

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