

Weekly Update: January 20-26, 2019

Greetings!



-FAILURE IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT OF ALL SUCCESS-

People who try to do something and **fail** achieve infinitely more than those who try to do nothing and **succeed**. Are you going after what you really want in life or are you playing it safe? Living in our comfort zone never leaves us feeling satisfied and fulfilled. Create clarity around what you want from your life, set your plan, and go to work! Life is meant to be played full out!

Experiencing **failure** is inevitable on your journey to be **successful**. Every defeat is merely an installment to victory.

You'll find that the number of times you **succeed** is in direct proportion to the number of times you **fail** and keep trying. **Failure** contains the learn - it guides us to the tools and resources we need to **succeed**. It's our GPS, helping us course correct and keeping us on track along the way.

Weekly Updates:

- The **NCC Board of Trustees** met on Monday, January 21, at 4:30 p.m. The following action items were approved: Consultant Service for Campaign Feasibility Study (Josh Faber with Renaissance Group from Des Moines), Future Ready Iowa – High Demand Jobs, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (\$6.6 million of the \$14.185 million) and Levying a Tax for the Payment, Set Bid Letting and Public Hearing Dates – Bldg. C Welding Renovation Project. Bids for the Welding Renovation will be received Monday, February 25, and acted upon that evening at the Board of Trustees' meeting.
- The **NCC Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board** held their annual joint meeting on Monday evening, January 21, in the NCC Cafeteria beginning at 6 p.m. Highlights of the meeting included:
 - honoring five Foundation Board members who are leaving the board (David Vander Werff, Tom Vinson, Kennis Peters, Dr. Heather Einck and Josh Feucht for a combined 28 years of serving the Foundation Board);
 - welcoming four new board members (Lyle Korver of Orange City, Richard Heidloff of George, Andy Jacobs of Primghar, and Brad Lupkes of Rock Rapids);
 - listening to a presentation from Williams & Company about the College and Foundation audit (all looks good!); and

- learning about the current status of the Foundation investments from Security National Bank (also a good report).
- NCC has been selected as a **top automotive school** according to *Trade School Future*. The organization looks at five different criteria: average cost of tuition, typical debt-load of graduates, average early career salary, average mid-career salary, and graduation rate. Based on that, ten top schools in the nation were designated and NCC ranked #10! Congratulations!
- Ty Fude (Associate of Arts), Maria Olvera-Flores (Administrative Office Assistant), and Anna Schmidt (Nursing) represented Northwest Iowa Community College on Wednesday and Thursday, January 23-24, at the **31st IACCT Student Legislative Seminar** held in Des Moines. The event included presentations on how to effectively advocate for Community Colleges and building working relationships with legislators. Thursday morning was spent at the State Capital and included a one-hour dialogue with our area legislators on topics that were specific to NCC. The students also toured the capitol. Joining the students for the two-day event were Mark Brown, Larry Hoekstra, and Alethea Stubbe. *(See photos in attachment.)*
- Alethea Stubbe attended the monthly **Iowa Association of Community College Presidents' (IACCP)** meeting in Des Moines on Thursday, January 24. Collaboration with ISU Extension, Entrepreneurial Education and an Iowa Center of Practice at NIACC, Reducing Book Costs, Department of Education reports, Future Ready Iowa and other legislative topics filled the agenda.
- With instructor Robert Hoting, another successful **"Fun Welding Art"** class was held in the welding shop on Tuesday and Thursday nights, January 22 and 24. Five women and three men participated in picking a project or two, making the parts, and welding the parts together while learning a little about how welding works. NCC's very own Holly DeGrote and Paula Meyer were part of the class and created a couple very nice pieces of backyard lawn art. Darin and Dante Johnson were a father/son duo that just received a welder for Christmas, so this was a great learning experience for making their own projects at home. It was a great group of students! All students seemed to have a fun time, and hopefully we will see them again in future classes. *(See photos in attachment.)*
- **LLRC Membership Update**
 - **December 31, 2018** *(December 31, 2017)*
 - **1,379 total members** *(1,135)*
 - **54 student members*** *(35)*
 - **689 community memberships** *(646)*
 - **519 student visits** *(461)*

*most students are not renewed on this date due to winter break; as of December 19 we had 249 students with active memberships.
- Megan Dieken, Jason Anderson, Kristi Heisinger, and Allie Mouw assisted with **Lyon County Career Day** on Friday, January 25, in Rock Rapids. This event brought together approximately 20 Lyon County businesses and 350 freshmen and sophomores from George-Little Rock, Central Lyon, West Lyon, and Ellsworth (MN) to explore career opportunities. To begin the day, Dr. Cody Hoefert, had a 20-minute presentation discussing the importance of present choices on our future selves. After his presentation, each student was able to sit in on three half-hour sessions on careers in industries of their choosing.
- The season of giving is still upon us! Each of you received information regarding the annual **Employee Giving Campaign!** The NCC Foundation encourages each of you to reflect on your individual reasons for giving. Would you like to help prolong the life of a scholarship? Make it possible for students to continue

their attendance, despite financial troubles? Help obtain new instructional equipment for our labs and classrooms? If you feel inclined to donate and are interested in this year's NCC shirt incentive, please connect with Morgan Granstra prior to the deadline, Thursday, January 31! Samples for sizing are available in the Foundation Office! (See photo of shirt in attachment.)

Upcoming Events:

- o January 30 Bloodmobile @ NCC / 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of Bldg. A
- o February 18 Faculty In-Service Instructional Workday (no day classes; evening classes held)
- o March 1 Midterm – no classes
- o March 4-8 Spring Break

Happy Birthday!

- o Friday, February 1 Kristin Kollbaum & Karla Ven Huizen
- o Saturday, February 2 Lindsay Kracht

In your service,

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31st IACCT Student Legislative Seminar

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Fun Welding Art



Employee Giving Campaign NCC Shirt Incentive

