



### Weekly Updates:

- On Wednesday, January 22, **TRIO** highlighted **Mexico**. Forty students attended to learn about Mexican culture, history, and food. Students **Jayne Vega**, **Alejandra Avila**, **Ruby Garduno**, and **Andrea Escamilla** brought homemade Mexican dishes for all to try, which included molotes, rice, beans, salsa, handmade tortillas and desserts. A delicious time was had by all!
- Representatives from **Cengage** were on campus Wednesday, January 28, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. to discuss their textbooks and “unlimited plan” which allows students access to multiple books and materials per semester for one fee.
- On Wednesday, January 28, Kristi Landis, Rhonda Pennings, and Mark Brown attended an **Echelon Front** leadership seminar hosted by Interstates in Sioux Center.
- Area Siouland Conference **superintendents** met at NCC in Room 122A on Wednesday, January 28.
- The Courtesy Committee hosted the annual **NCC Super Bowl Party** which took place on Friday, January 31. Tailgate snacks and games were held in various areas of campus. In addition to the abundance of **food** and games, **laughter** was heard and **fun** was had by all who participated! The **winning Traveling Trophy for 2020** was a tie: **Student Services** and the **Business Office**! **Second place** was also a tie: **Nursing** and the **Foundation Office**. Watch for pictures and recipes to be shared next week!
- Now in its 17th year, the **Sheldon Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site** is **officially** open at Northwest Iowa Community College (Room 220 Building B). Please take a moment to review the details included with the attached news release and flyer.
- **Coding for Kids** is back at NCC this spring! This free event for kids in K-4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday beginning in February through May. (See flyer and registration form in attachment.)
- **Building D Construction Update:**
  - The **Open House & Ribbon Cutting** for the new Automotive lab will be held on Monday, February 24, from 4-7 p.m. with the a ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. (See invitation in attachment.)
- **Student Activities Update:**
  - **Snow Daze** is next week! – February 2-7! (See schedule in attachment.)

- The Foundation Office will be wrapping up the **Employee Giving Campaign** next week! The NCC Foundation encourages you to reflect on your reasons for giving. Would you like to help prolong the life of a certain scholarship? Make it possible for our students to continue their attendance, despite financial troubles? Help obtain new equipment for our labs and classrooms? Please contact Morgan Granstra if you are interested in discussing your giving options and any questions you have about the **Foundation**. If you are interested in this year's NCC backpack incentive, these are available in the Foundation Office! Think your donation of \$10, \$15 or \$25 won't help? Think again – if every NCC employee made a donation of \$25, that's over \$3,000 raised to support our students, our facilities, and our community college. **THANK YOU to everyone who has made a contribution!** *(See photo of backpack in attachment.)*

### Upcoming Events:

- February 2-7 NCC "Snow Daze" *(See schedule in attachment.)*
- February 17 In-Service Instructional Workday *(No day classes; evening classes held.)*
- February 24 Bldg. D Automotive Open House & Ribbon Cutting *(See invitation in attachment.)*
- February 24 Board of Trustees Meeting
- February 27 Heavy Equipment Student Recognition Day
- February 28 Midterm Instructional Workday *(No classes will be held.)*
- March 2-6 Spring Break
- March 10 NCC Job Fair (Applied Tech)
- March 11 NCC Job Fair (ASBH)
- March 27 Summer Powerline Orientation

### Happy Birthday!

- Saturday, February 1 Kristin Kollbaum & Karla Ven Huizen
- Sunday, February 2 Lindsay Kracht
- Thursday, February 6 Willis Radtke
- Friday, February 7 Gladys Kroeze

Have a SUPER weekend; may the best team win!

In your service,

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# IT'S TAX TIME

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION OFFERED FREE AT NCC

Now in its 17th year, the Sheldon Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site is officially open at Northwest Iowa Community College (Building B—Room 220). The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program at Northwest Iowa Community College offers FREE tax help to people who generally make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities, limited English-speaking taxpayers, and the elderly who need assistance in preparing and filing their 2019 tax returns. Our trained, IRS-certified volunteers will provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

**NOTE:** This year again, clients will be scheduled for an initial 15-minute INTAKE/interview appointment, which will then be followed up with a *separate* 15-minute final review/OUTTAKE appointment. The appointment schedule includes various time slots available on the following Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays throughout February and March and the first week in April. Instructors Sheila Drenkow and Janet Boone are serving as the VITA Site Coordinators.

### FEBRUARY 2020 APPOINTMENT DATES/TIMES:

Monday, February 10, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.]  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]  
Friday, February 14, 2020 [10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.]  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]  
Friday, February 21, 2020 [10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.]  
Monday, February 24, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.]  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]

### MARCH 2020 APPOINTMENT DATES/TIMES:

Monday, March 9, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.]  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]  
Friday, March 13, 2020 [10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.]  
Monday, March 16, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.]  
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]  
Friday, March 20, 2020 [10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.]  
Monday, March 23, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.]  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]  
Friday, March 27, 2020 [10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.]  
Monday, March 30, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.]

### APRIL 2020 APPOINTMENT DATES:

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 [1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.]  
Friday, April 3, 2020 -- OUTTAKE Appointments ONLY  
[10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.]

Make your appointment ASAP, as times fill up fast—the earlier the better! To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 712-324-5061, EXT. 272. Leave a message with your name and telephone number. Keep in mind that our student volunteers will return phone calls only on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (as limited to their scheduled classes). Upon scheduling an appointment, a confirmation postcard along with a list of “What to Bring” will be mailed to you.

**NOTE:** Income tax appointments will NOT be scheduled during Spring Break (March 2–6). In addition to the Spring Break dates, NCC classes will not be in session on February 17 (Monday) nor on February 28 (Friday). In the event of inclement weather situations, tax appointments may need to be re-scheduled.

NCC sponsors this Sheldon Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in partnership with the Iowa Center for Economic Success. We look forward to serving our community throughout the upcoming tax season!





**Sunday, Feb 2 - Superbowl Party in Osceola Basement @ 5:30pm. Snacks will be provided.**

**Monday, Feb 3 - FREE Hot Chocolate for students @ 10:00am in the lobby Building A & C. (While supplies last!)**

**Tuesday, Feb 4 - Snow Shoeing at Hills Park - More details to come. Sign up in Jena's office.**

**Wednesday, Feb 5 - Tubing at Cone Park in Sioux City. Leaving Osceola Hall at 5:00pm. Sign up in Jena's office.**

**Thursday, Feb 6 - Board Game Night in Osceola Basement @ 7:00pm. Snacks will be provided!**

**Friday, Feb 7 - FREE movie night at Main St. 3 in Sheldon with your student ID. Only valid for the late night showing. - More details to come.**





# Register Soon!

# CODING FOR KIDS!

AN HOUR OF CODING AND HANDS-ON STEM PROJECTS IN NCC'S NEW IDEA LAB!

FREE

OPEN TO ALL  
K-4TH GRADE  
\*LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

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**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS**  
FEBRUARY-MAY  
AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4PM

K-2nd Grade will meet the 1st Wednesday of each month  
3rd-4th grade will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month

**Transportation to NCC for East Elementary students will be provided by the Sheldon Community School District. A snack will also be provided!**  
A parent/guardian must pick up their student(s) by 4pm at NCC in Building A.

**Begins February 5—Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 29.**

Turn in registration form (below) to your school's secretary or email Megan Dieken at [mdieken@nwicc.edu](mailto:mdieken@nwicc.edu) with all required information. Call Megan at 324-5061 ext. 308 with questions.

**CODING FOR KIDS!  
REGISTRATION**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female    Age \_\_\_\_\_    Grade \_\_\_\_\_    T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Known Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# Building D Automotive Lab Open House & Ribbon Cutting



Alumni & Community Members  
please join us at an

## OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON-CUTTING

Showcasing the  
remodeled Building D  
Automotive Labs

**Monday, February 24  
4-7PM**

5:30PM Ribbon-Cutting  
Tours Available

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# Employee Giving Campaign



# NCC Backpack Incentive

# Happy “NCC” Anniversary



## February

- 2-1-16 Leah Murphy
- 2-1-18 Judith Hilbelink
- 2-1-19 Godfrey Twinamatsiko
- 2-3-03 Twyla Vogel
- 2-8-16 Sonia Garza
- 2-10-98 MariBeth Schneider
- 2-12-18 Alex Sietstra
- 2-13-17 Julie Paulsen
- 2-19-18 Megan Lovan
- 2-27-17 Dan Cline
- 2-28-11 Pamela Lien



Thank you for your  
“service” to NCC!



# Important Dates to Remember



## Spring 2020

*\*All-College Meeting date is TBD – will perhaps be held in virtual format.*

January 2 & 3	Faculty Instructional Work Days	-----
January 6	Spring Semester Classes Begin	-----
January 10	Your Future at Work Day	No classes
January 13	Spring Online Classes Begin	-----
February 17	In-Service Instructional Workday	No day classes, evening classes held
February 28	Midterm Instructional Workday	No classes
March 2-6	Spring Break	No classes
April 10 & 13	College Closed – Easter Holiday	No classes
April 17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day	No classes
April 22	Graduation Prep 8:30/9:30/10:30 a.m.	Mandatory meeting for all spring graduates. Students are required to attend one of the three meetings.
May 3	Spring Online Classes End	-----
May 8	Spring Semester Ends	-----
May 8	Spring Commencement	-----



Juniors and Seniors...join us for

# THUNDER FRIDAYS



2019-2020

- ~~October 25th~~
- ~~November 1st~~
- ~~November 8th~~
- ~~December 6th~~
- ~~January 24th~~
- ~~February 14th~~
- ~~March 13th~~
- ~~March 20th~~
- ~~April 3rd~~

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