



### ALL GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS TAKE TIME!

*Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.*

*Nothing great is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or an apple miraculously appears.*

*If you want to grow an apple, you must give it time. There must be time for it to blossom, bear fruit, and then ripen.*

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

*Success takes an investment in time, dedication, and sacrifice. It is a process. --Robert Kiyosaki*

### Weekly Updates:

- Check out this week's attachment for a picture of last Friday's **NCC Super Bowl Tailgate** winners! Congratulations!
- 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.
- Kristi Landis presented twice this week to different community groups. On Monday, February 3, she presented the initiatives for the upcoming fundraising campaign to the **Sheldon Noon Kiwanis** group, and on Thursday, February 6, she presented an overall NCC update to the **Sanborn Chamber** at their annual meeting/chili feed.
- On Thursday, February 6, Beth Frankenstein attended the monthly **Northwest AEA Superintendents'** meeting in LeMars. Beth also attended meetings this week as an advisory committee member for the **Portrait of a Graduate** initiative for Sioux Center and Central Lyon public schools.
- The **Foundation Office** is excited to announce three **new scholarship opportunities** will be added to the *NCC Scholarship Opportunities Guide*. The *Den Hartog Industries Scholarship*, *Gary Stuva Memorial Scholarship*, and *Ned DeBoer Memorial Scholarship* are all currently available and have a deadline of March 2, 2020. Full details on each of these awards can be found online at <https://nwicc.edu/tuition-financial-aid/ncc-scholarships/scholarship-list/>.

- The **Alumni Office** is currently seeking nominations for the **2020 NCC Alumnus of the Year**. Do you know of an alum who has done outstanding work in his or her industry? Performed exceptional volunteer work? Has contributed to NCC and student success? Received a prestigious award or obtained a notable achievement? If so, we encourage you to nominate this individual! Nominate a friend, a family member, a former student/advisee, or even yourself by visiting [www.nwicc.edu/alumnus-of-the-year/](http://www.nwicc.edu/alumnus-of-the-year/). Nominations are due March 2, 2020. NCC employees are excluded from consideration.
  
- The **NCC Foundation** is now participating in the **Hy-Vee Giving Tag Program**, which is designed to make it easy for customers of Hy-Vee stores to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment. All you have to do is purchase a \$2.50 **Red My Heart Reusable Bag**, follow the instructions on the attached **Giving Tag** and the **NCC Foundation** will receive a \$1 donation! This is a great way to support the environment and fundraise for our cause. If every faculty and staff member purchased just ONE bag and directed the \$1 donation to the NCC Foundation, we would receive a donation of approximately \$150. The more people who learn about the program, purchase the **Red My Heart Reusable Bag**, and use the attached **Giving Tag** to direct the donation to the **NCC Foundation**, the more money we will raise. To learn more about this program, please visit <https://hy-vee.bags4mycause.com/>.
  
- **Student Activities Update:**
  - This week was **Snow Daze** – listed below is a recap of the week! *(See photos in attachment.)*
    - Sunday: The students ate food, played games, and enjoyed watching the Super Bowl in Osceola Hall.
    - Monday: Students enjoyed free hot chocolate, which was served in the lobbies of Buildings A & C.
    - Tuesday: Snowshoeing was cancelled due to the lack of snow.
    - Wednesday: Students went tubing at Great Bear in Sioux Falls, SD.
    - Thursday: Students enjoyed having a board game night and eating snacks. Some of the favorite games that were played included Chutes & Ladders, Checkers, Settlers of Catan, etc.
    - Friday: It was FREE movie night at Main St. 3 in Sheldon for students!
  
- **LLRC Membership Update:**  
 January 31, 2020 (January 2019)  
 1,536 total members (1,582)  
 156 student members (145)  
 734 community memberships\* (884)  
 942 student visits (827)  
*\*This includes 89 active Live Healthy Northwest Iowa punch cards.*
  
- **CNA Update:**
  - This academic year the CNA department has held a CNA class at **every high school** in our service area (with the exception of Sheldon, whose students attend classes on our campus).
  - In the fall semester, the CNA department held a class on **Northwestern College's** campus for their current nursing students. This spring, the CNA department is holding a class at **Dordt College** for their nursing students.
  
- **Building D Construction Update:**
  - The **Open House & Ribbon Cutting** for the new Automotive lab will be held on February 24 from 4-7 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. *(See invitation in attachment.)*

- **Continuing Education Information**
  - On Monday, February 10, a **Freezer Meal** class for the general public will be held. Jessica Williams will be the instructor. This class is full.
  - On Tuesday, February 11, Mariah Oliver will be the instructor for another **Insta-Pot Cooking** class at NCC. There are still a few spots left for this class. For more information and/or to register for this class, please click [here](#).
  - On two Thursday afternoons, February 13 and 20, Twyla Vogel will be the instructor for **Microsoft Excel 2016-Level 2** class at NCC. For more information and/or to register for this class, please click [here](#).
  
- Do you have a **piano** at home that's in good condition but no longer gets played? Or, do you know someone who is looking to get rid of their piano that's in quality condition? Jena is seeking to find a piano to put in one of the **residence halls** on campus. Many students have mentioned that they are pianists and find it very relaxing and stress relieving to play on a regular basis. If you have a piano that no longer gets used, but you would like to see it put to good use, please let Jena know! Email her at [jjschouten@nwicc.edu](mailto:jjschouten@nwicc.edu). Thank you!

**Upcoming Events:**

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|---------------|--|
| ○ February 14 | Thunder Friday ( <i>full</i> )   |
| ○ February 17 | In-Service Instructional Workday ( <i>no day classes; evening classes held</i> )       |
| ○ February 24 | Bldg D Automotive Open House & Ribbon Cutting ( <i>See invitation in attachment.</i> ) |
| ○ February 24 | Board of Trustees Meeting  |
| ○ February 27 | Heavy Equipment Student Recognition Day  |
| ○ February 28 | Midterm Instructional Workday ( <i>no classes</i> )                                    |
| ○ 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!**

- None this week

In your service,

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# NCC Super Bowl Tailgate Winners



# 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!





# 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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# 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<br>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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