



“We don't get burned out because of *what* we do.  
We get burned out because we forget *why* we do it.  
**Purpose** keeps you fresh!” -Jon Gordon

### **Weekly Updates:**

- The **All-Iowa Academic Team Recognition Ceremony** was held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Des Moines on Monday, March 2. Lindsey Cundiff (Nursing student) and Anna Schmidt (Nursing student) were our honorees. Each honoree was joined by family and those in attendance from NCC were Alethea Stubbe, Larry Hoekstra (NCC Board President), Mark Brown, Laura Nachtigal (PTK advisor), Deb Kleinwolterink (PTK advisor), and Kevin Miller (PTK advisor). (See *photo in attachment.*)
- Alethea Stubbe attended the statewide Presidents' meeting (**IACCP**) on Monday, March 2, and Larry Hoekstra attended the statewide Trustees' meeting (**IACCT**) on Wednesday, March 5.
- **Community College Day on the Hill** was Tuesday, March 3. NCC was represented by Alethea Stubbe, Board President Larry Hoekstra, Mark Brown, and student, Anna Schmidt. (See *photo in attachment.*)
- The **NCRS** hosted their annual four-county contractor meeting at the Applied Technology Building on Tuesday, March 3. Ziegler was the guest speaker for the group, and they utilized some of NCC's CAT heavy equipment in their presentation. Many excavating and tiling businesses from the area were in attendance. (See *photos in attachment.*)
- **Staff development** activities were held on Thursday, March 5, which included a very eye-opening Security Training presentation.
- On Tuesday, March 10, the **Adult Education Literacy and GAP Tuition Assistance Program** sponsored a 40-hour basic welding course. Fifteen students enrolled in the first session in which they learned the basics of welding as well as employability skills. The remaining classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. Thanks to the excellent response to this free welding course, a second one is planned in the upcoming months. Thank you to Continuing Education Department and Robert Hoting for their support with this welding course.
- The annual **Job Fair** was held on campus Tuesday, March 10. Over 40 businesses attended, and NCC students took the opportunity to meet with potential employers.

- Michael Oldenkamp attended the **CITO** meeting/vendor show in Ames on Wednesday, March 11. Fourteen Iowa community colleges and CAST attended the event.
- Dr. John Hartog attended the **ISU CAO Summit** in Ames on Thursday, March 12.
- On Thursday, March 12, LLRC Director, Greta Giese, presented at **Sheldon's East Elementary** assembly on ways students can be **Super** and **Successful**. At each East Elementary assembly, they focus on characteristics that start with the letters in ORABS.
- The NCC **Sports Shooting** team began practice this week! Their first competition of the Spring semester will be Saturday, April 4, at Iowa Western.
- The Courtesy & Recognition Committee celebrated **Pi Day** on Friday, March 13. The International Pi Day is celebrated on 3.14! Many delicious pies were donated and some yummy treats were shared amongst employees. A grand total of \$552 was raised for the Student Emergency Fund. A special note of thanks to all who donated and bid on the pies!!
- Congratulations to **MariBeth Schneider, MS, RHA, FAHIMA!** She has successfully completed all required learning activities and the post-learning assessment to maintain her status as an **AHIMA-approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer**. MariBeth is currently one of eight people with this recognition in the state of Iowa.
- **Amy Jurens** was recently appointed to **University of Northern Iowa's Center for Educational Transformation (CET) Advisory Committee** as a member representing Iowa's community colleges and school board members. She attended her first Advisory Committee meeting on UNI's campus February 27. The CET was founded in 2012 by the Iowa Legislature as Iowa's research and development center for PreK-20 education. The Center conducts and supports research into the unique and combined effects of education, health, and culture. This research informs practice for delivering education and health services to Pre-K-20 students and their families. The Advisory Committee informs the CET about important issues impacting education, health, and culture and evaluates the CET's progress toward addressing those issues. Other members of the Advisory Committee include UNI President Dr. Mark Nook, Iowa Department of Education Director Dr. Ryan Wise, several Iowa state legislators, superintendents, principals, AEA administrators, and education professors from Iowa's Regent Universities. The committee meets twice a year.
- **Scholarship** season is officially in full swing! THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to the scholarship fund, wrote letters of recommendation, encouraged students to apply, will be reviewing essays, or did any other work to assist with this process!
  - 170 completed scholarship applications were turned in!
  - An additional 30 applications weren't fully completed by the deadline.
  - Exceptionally high numbers in AA and ICW applications compared to previous years.
  - The Foundation Office had over 20 volunteers offer to read the essays for the Presidents (full tuition) and Foundation (\$2,500 annually) scholarships (up from the number of volunteers in previous years).
- **LLRC Update**
  - The LLRC will host a fun fitness event on Saturday, March 28 – **Sweat It Out Saturday**. The day will include fitness classes such as yoga, indoor cycling, Barre, and Circuit Training – plus healthy refreshments and door prizes! No pre-registration is necessary – just join us for some healthy fun!

- After consulting with Sanford leadership and following with Sanford protocol, the **LLRC East facility closed at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13, until further notice.** All 24/7 access cards will be deactivated at this time. Members are welcome to use the LLRC on the campus of Northwest Iowa Community College. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Greta Giese. Thank you for your patience and understanding!
- **Student Activities Update:**
  - The students found “spare” time this week to enjoy some games that were right up their “alley”! On Wednesday evening, March 11, NCC students enjoyed spending a few hours at the Dordt game room in Sioux Center. Activities included: Bowling, air hockey shuffle board, ping pong, foosball, pool, eating snacks, and more! (*See photos in attachment.*)
  - Upcoming events
    - March 18      Blood Drive
    - March 23-26   Student Appreciation Week
    - March 28      Fitness Event
- **Continuing Education Information**
  - On Monday, March 16, Jessica Williams will be the instructor for the March **Freezer Meals** class. This class is full.
  - On Thursday, March 19, Twyla Vogel will be the instructor for the **Microsoft Excel Pivot Tables** class. For more information and/or to register for this class, please click [here](#).
- Mark your calendars! **NCC’s Retiree’s Day** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, from 9:30-2:00. Former NCC instructors, staff, and administration have been invited back to tour our ever-changing campus and hear about future plans and projects for the College. For more information, contact Kristi Landis.
- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NCC Powerline Safety and Training Conference** will be held on Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30. Invitations have been sent to all Iowa REC’s and Municipal Utilities and RSVP’s are rolling in! For more information on the training, contact Kristi Landis.
- NCC recently received notice from Village Northwest Unlimited (VNU) that effective May 1, 2020; they will no longer serve as a processing center for **Soles4Souls**. This change is due to changes in Federal Government in terms of allowing people with disabilities to no longer work in sheltered work centers. Policy makers have said that sheltered work centers segregated people with disabilities and do not afford them the same opportunities as people without disabilities. Further, that all people with disabilities should live and work in the community, making at least minimum wage. While VNU agrees in theory, the practical implications of providing these services on a case by case basis to individuals with varying degrees of disabilities while using the Medicaid program creates a real disconnect. VNU sincerely thanks NCC for partnering with them in the **Soles4Souls** initiative. The **Soles4Souls** mission allowed the individuals we served the opportunity to “give back” and impact lives here at home and the less fortunate around the world.
- Let us know what’s happening in your division and/or department by submitting your news for the **Weekly Update!** The deadline for submitting items to Laura Nachtigal is noon each Friday! Thanks in advance and we look forward to receiving your news items!

#### Upcoming Events:

- March 23                      Board of Trustees Meeting
- March 24                      Executive Council Meeting

- March 27 Summer Powerline Orientation
- April 10 & 13 Campus Closed (Easter Holiday)
- April 17 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day (No Classes)
- April 22 Retirees' Day
- April 22 Graduation Prep (Sessions @ 8:30, 9:30, or 10:30 a.m.)
- April 23 & 24 CLIC / LINC @ NCC
- April 27 Board of Trustees Meeting
- April 29 & 30 Powerline Safety & Training Conference
- April 27 – May 1 Art Show
- May 3 Spring Online Classes End
- May 6 Engineering Expo & Parametric Studios HS Competition Day
- May 8 Spring Semester Ends / ADN Pinning / Commencement

### Happy Birthday!

- Monday, March 16 Renee Franklin & Jodi Seibrecht
- Wednesday, March 18 Adam Thiner
- Thursday, March 19 Mike Oldenkamp
- Friday, March 20 Doug Hoaglund
- Saturday, March 21 Todd Huesman

### Please be sure you are taking all precautionary measures for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper arm/elbow.
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water – please keep handwashing/sanitizing liquids prominent in your offices and classrooms.
- If you are sick - please stay home!

In your service,

Alethea F. Stubbe, Ph.D.

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“Thank you”



**Alicia Pennings**

- Alicia is a STANDOUT employee - - she is highly skilled, supremely knowledgeable, keenly astute, and always the utmost professional. She is a phenomenal resource - I really appreciate her superior skills and in-depth grasp of the Canvas LMS. She is one of the most proficient Administrative Assistants on the planet!

- Janet Boone

**Jennifer Dokter**

- Thank you for your help at the Job Fair! I really appreciated it!

- Lesa Stofferan

# All-Iowa Academic Team Recognition Ceremony





# Community College “Day on the Hill”



# NCRS 4 County Contractor Meeting



# Student Activities





# THANKYOU

## MARCH 23-26 STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

Let us show how much we appreciate you with DONUTS and ICE CREAM!

### Monday, March 23

Building D FREE DONUTS served at 8:30am in the Veterans' Lounge/Computer Lab in Building D. Building B FREE DONUTS served at 10:00am in the Building B hallway.

### Tuesday, March 24

Building C students FREE DONUTS served at 8:00 AM in Building C Lobby. ATB students FREE DONUTS served at 8:00am in the ATB Building.

### Wednesday, March 25

Nursing students FREE DONUTS at 8:00AM in the hallway of Building H. FREE DONUTS for Truck and Diesel students served in Rock Valley.

### Thursday, March 26

Rad Tech FREE DONUTS served at 8:30AM in Building H.

On your program's/department's/building's designated day, also stop by the NCC College Store in the afternoon for a **FREE ICE CREAM TREAT!**

# 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!



# Happy “NCC” Anniversary



## March

- 3-7-11 Greta Giese
- 3-12-19 Kimberly Karhoff
- 3-14-17 Jacob Laubach
- 3-16-04 Linda Kreykes
- 3-21-05 Mary Cowan
- 3-27-17 Byron Groen



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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