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Northwest Iowa Community College Receives Awards from ICCOC

The Student Services Division of Northwest Iowa Community College accepted two awards at the Iowa Community College Online Consortium, ICCOC, Summer Summit held July 25-27 in Spirit Lake, Iowa. NCC received the awards for the highest percentage of at risk students retained and for highest overall student retention during the 2005-2006 academic year.

“Student success depends on many things, including the support of Student Services,” said Gretchen Bartelson, Director of Distance Education at NCC. “Instructors depend on these dedicated people to help us with students who are not doing well. We rely on them, and they do a great job.”

The ICCOC is made up of seven Iowa Community Colleges, including NCC, who have partnered together in order to offer Associate degrees online. Online classes provide a convenient way for you to pursue your educational goals. These courses have the same academic standards as on campus courses. Their online courses can lead you to successful employment or serve as your start to a baccalaureate degree at a 4-year transfer institution.

Jeff Pool, Coordinator/Recruiter, Enrollment Management Advisor, and Stephanie Schoening, Counselor/Academic Advisor, accepted the award for NCC at the ICCOC opening ceremonies. Schoening commented on winning the awards, “It is exciting for our offices (Student Service Department) to be recognized for the excellent service we provide to our students. We do our best to help students everyday, and it is nice to have this reminder and opportunity to reflect. The awards recognized the team work and dedicated efforts of all the employees within the Student Services division and the Advisors who meet the needs of NCC students.”