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### **Barslou named Dean of Applied Technology at Northwest Iowa Community College**

Steve Barslou has been named Dean of Applied Technology at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA. Barslou took over July 1<sup>st</sup> when Muryl Korver, Dean of Trade and Technology, retired.

Steve attended Mankato State University and received his BS in Computer Science and Biology. He then went on to the University of South Dakota and earned his MS in Adult Education and Administration.

Steve comes to NCC from Oklahoma City Community College where he served as Dean of Information Technology. For over 20 years, Steve worked at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was also worked at Southeast Technical Institute and for the Sioux Falls School district in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Some of Barslou's goals for NCC are: to work with faculty and staff to increase enrollments in the division's programs, to assist with visibility of the college's presence in the region, to analyze program outcomes and packaging, to address needs of the local region and to strengthen programs, and finally, to use assessment data to help improve programs even more than they already are.

When asked about the future of trade and technology Barslou is quick to answer, "A skilled workforce has always been the driving mechanism that has kept the U.S. infrastructure strong and competitive in world markets. The need for better trained workers will become even more critical as mechanical and technical systems become more sophisticated and competition increases."

Barslou continued, "Some of the biggest hurdles for education are finding funding sources to keep pace with changes in technical advances in both equipment and training. Also, understanding the significance of changing demographics, from population distribution to economic and social structures, will be critical for educators. Communities can change quickly and school officials will have to rethink ways to better meet the social, cultural, and educational needs of multicultural citizens."

One of the things Barslou loves about education is, "It is exciting to see individuals develop their abilities and skills, and to be part of providing the resources necessary to assist them with their successes. Some of the best advice ever given to me was that education is the way to improve your life, financially and esthetically. It opens doors and can never be taken away from you."

Finally Barslou stated, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to grow professionally at NCC and working as part of a team, with the very qualified and skilled faculty and staff that have served the college district well."

Barslou resides in Sheldon with his wife Gayline; they have two grown sons.