



NORTHEAST IOWA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Your IMPACT

DECEMBER 2020



Because of you, NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROVIDES SOLUTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.



Our Business Helpline aided **675** businesses in applying for and receiving state, and federal COVID-19 relief funds.



Provided **54** laptops and **22** hotspots for students.



397 students applied for a 20 percent off summer tuition grant.
179 students received the award.



We were able to support our local healthcare facilities with personal protective equipment and supplies. We also utilized our 3D printer to provide face shields.

Donor Spotlight:

THREE DONORS, THREE REASONS TO *give.*



"All of us are where we are in life because someone invested in us. I believe we all need to return that favor and invest in someone who needs us."

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"As a NICC Foundation board member I see my donation impacting students. During the pandemic, it is more important than ever to support our students. If my gift can allow even one student to get through this tough time and remain on track to graduate, then that's worth celebrating."

DANIELLE SHEA, ELKADER



"We support Northeast Iowa Community College because of their mission – educating and training focused on improving lives, driving business success and advancing community vitality. NICC has helped thousands of local people improve their education in an affordable way."

BEN GRIMSTAD, DECORAH BANK & TRUST CEO, PRESIDENT

YOUR IMPACT ON

Students.



LEO AVILA
WELDING

Your Student's Perspective

Thank you for making the John and Mabel Heinen scholarship possible. This will help me purchase all my course books and proper safety materials. I was very worried that I wouldn't be able to continue with my classes. With this scholarship you have lifted a burden off my shoulders and helped level the field so I can keep up with my peers. Growing up, I didn't have both of my parents to guide me. I quickly found that guidance from faculty and staff at NICC. Thank you again to the donors of the Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation for granting me with this opportunity for higher education. I feel smarter, stronger and positive in every way. Which will leave me ready to conquer the working world for a career!

MARSHALL HUGHES
GAS UTILITY CONSTRUCTION & SERVICE STUDENT

Whoever said "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach" obviously never had the opportunity to learn from Leo Avila, an Industrial Maintenance instructor at Northeast Iowa Community College with 22 years of experience in advanced manufacturing, mechanics and preventive maintenance.

Leo's career in advanced manufacturing directly informs and inspires his teaching. Funding through the Opportunity Dubuque program, as well as the John Deere Foundation Industrial Scholarship, helped him complete training programs at the College. He has come full circle. Now the 2014 welding graduate teaches to give back and see students grow in their skills.

"Being given the chance to teach is a tremendous opportunity for me and financial help from NICC supported my education. I can share what I know and make a big difference in people's lives. Life is a gift and I want to make the most of every moment I have. In your life, you don't have regrets if you did your best and made the most of your time," Leo expressed.

Essential

**YOUR SUPPORT INSPIRES
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.**

Essential healthcare workers continue to earn praise for their commitment to patient care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some skilled healthcare professionals, like May 2020 Respiratory Care graduate Kiley Campbell, respond to the essential worker heroism label with a sense of humility and purpose.

“COVID is a mystery that is affecting everyone differently. I’m not sure that I would need to be termed, ‘essential.’ This is what I signed up for, a career in healthcare. This is the career path I chose: I wanted to help people in my career,” Kiley explained.

Campbell is now a respiratory therapist for The University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City. She works directly with COVID-19 patients who are struggling to breathe. Respiratory therapists are designated as in-demand occupations in Iowa, and the Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship supported Kiley’s education and training.

“Community colleges that offer two-year healthcare programs, like NICC does, are what is essential. I always wanted to work in healthcare, but didn’t want to be in college for four years.”



**KILEY CAMPBELL
RESPIRATORY CARE**