


FALL 2023



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**NORTHEAST IOWA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



# LIFE CHANGING CAREER *education.* BECAUSE OF YOU.

Because of you, students' futures have been positively impacted each and every day. This past spring, your generosity provided Student Support Fund assistance to Noah Young, a May 2023 Automotive Technology graduate, to help him successfully complete his program.

As a student, Noah served as a leader and advocate for community colleges while attending Community Colleges on the Hill at the state capitol in Des Moines. During this time, he met with Iowa legislators to share his story and the influence the College has on student success. Because of his leadership, he was chosen to address his fellow graduates and guests at the 2023 NICC commencement ceremony.

"Receiving scholarships and assistance helped me pay for my education and purchase the tools I needed as a student and for my career," Noah said.

He believes his experience as an NICC student was life-changing. "My instructors were fantastic and I had a great experience I will remember for the rest of my life."

Noah plans to become a certified master mechanic and someday return to NICC to teach Automotive Technology students. Your investment in the NICC Student Support Fund helped provide Noah, and students like him, financial assistance to access education and training needed to advance their careers and lives.



# Thank you NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Each year, the Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation awards scholarships to hard working students to achieve their educational goals and lifelong dreams. This past year, through your support the College was able to award \$203,612 in scholarships to our students. Because of you, lives are changed and dreams became realities. These student thank you notes tell the story of the positive impact you provided by supporting scholarship funds.

*From the bottom of my heart, thank you NICC for awarding me this scholarship. This will help me focus on my education and my future career path. This scholarship means so much to me as this helps me in more ways than you can imagine. Without this scholarship, and the help from NICC, furthering my education would not have been possible. As a single mother of two, finances are tough, but with the help of this scholarship, this will help me move forward with my dreams of becoming a social worker and show my children that dreams do come true. Thank you again for this great opportunity! — Taylor*

*I want to give you so much thanks for providing me with help lifting some of my financial burden as a student. I care a lot about my education and future, and you are aiding my ability to experience success in these areas and accomplish my goals. I could not express my gratitude enough for your kindness and generosity in honoring me with this scholarship. I am covering the cost of my education alone, so your help means more than you know. Thank you! — Alyssa*

*I am deeply grateful for my being able to receive this scholarship. This money will go towards my books and classes. To the donor of the gift: you are making a big difference in ways you don't know about. Hopefully when I am older I'll be able to afford giving schools scholarship money to hand out to students that need it. Thank you! — Jacob*

*I can't express my gratitude enough to receive this gracious accommodation to continue my education. I am the first in my immediate family to graduate college and will become the first nurse in my family as well. Every child deserves a parent they could be proud of. My goal is to show my children that with hard work and dedication, their goals too can be met. Thank you for your generosity, hearing, and feeling my story. I can only pray that one day, I would be able to give back in this way to many others seeking to better themselves and the lives of those around them. — La'shamy*

## Brennan Booth GRADUATE

*"NICC is the best route for your education training. The College helps you with job placement while you're a student and after you graduate. They connect you to employers who need skilled people."*



# BUILDING *strong* COMMUNITIES THROUGH EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

Many employers have encouraged their staff to upskill, pursue a college degree or earn stackable credentials by enrolling at Northeast Iowa Community College. Through the support of local industry and Earn While You Learn partnerships, you have positively impacted workforce development and provided economic opportunities to communities across northeast Iowa.

That's an advantage Brennan Booth gained as a City of Peosta employee. Now a full-time public works operator for the City, Brennan was hired after completing the NICC Building Construction - Career Pathway Certificate program. He enrolled in the program in 2022 and developed his skills in construction and heavy equipment operation using a mini excavator, dump truck, front end loader and skid loader. Thanks to local industry and donor support, Brennan received his career training at no cost.

The City also encouraged Brennan to earn his Commercial Driver License / Semi-Truck Driving certification at the College. Thanks to community development and your local support, he graduated last spring and is a more versatile employee.

"I'm still learning things in my public works position and in the future I may enroll in an online engineering program so I can stay local. Working as a city engineer would be an amazing opportunity," Brennan said.

Your support of career training programs has developed skills for graduates and strengthened our northeast Iowa workforce.





## DID YOU *Know?*

You can support our future of education by making a gift directly from your IRA to the Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation.

### ARE YOU:

- 70 ½ years of age or older?\*
- Have an IRA retirement account?
- Want to enjoy tax savings?

*\*Consult with your tax advisor for advice on your specific tax situation as some rules change from year to year.*

**If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a charitable gift directly from your IRA without paying income tax on the withdrawal.**

### Make a Difference.

*Support the future workers of Northeast Iowa this year.*

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# SAVE THE DATE

## HALL OF FAME *celebration*

**PEOSTA**  
Nov. 14, 5 pm

**CALMAR**  
Nov. 16, 5 pm

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