





At Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), change is driven by purpose. Across our campuses, exciting new projects are shaping how students learn, train and prepare for careers that keep our communities strong. As NICC continues to grow and evolve, your support makes it possible for students to dream bigger, reach further and serve northeast communities in ways that truly transform lives.

## Radiologic Technology: Meeting the Call for Healthcare Professionals

Healthcare is one of the fastest-growing career sectors in our region, and student interest in the program is at an all-time high. The College's latest project enhances and expands the classroom and clinical lab spaces, giving students access to new state-of-the-art imaging equipment that mirrors what they'll encounter in hospitals and clinics across northeast lowa.

Our program has expanded clinical sites into the northern part of the NICC district, including Cresco, Waukon and Decorah, as well as Cedar Rapids, North Liberty and the Quad Cities area. This allows us to increase student enrollment from 16 to 30 starting this fall, and helps fill job shortages in the state."

#### Lora Hannan, radiologic technology program director

With many regional healthcare providers seeking qualified radiologic technologists, these upgrades strengthen the pipeline from NICC to local hospitals and clinics where many graduates build their careers. These upgrades will ensure our future graduates can help provide accessible, high-quality healthcare across northeast lowa.

## **Advanced Technology Center:** A Flexible, Future-Ready Training Space

The newly renovated Advanced Technology Center at the Peosta campus is a transformative renovation that reenvisions and supports the ways that students and employers experience hands-on training at NICC. An open-concept environment and super lab with flexible training zones is the centerpiece of the newly transformed Center.

This space allows students to move seamlessly between equipment and skill areas, while also promoting cross-disciplinary training in advanced manufacturing programs. Students will develop their skills and learn at their own pace on equipment used in modern manufacturing facilities. In addition, local businesses can also use this space to train employees, making it a hub for both education and regional workforce development.

"This lab space on campus embraces features of Industry 4.0, including smart manufacturing, data-driven decision making, automation and robotics, customization and flexibility. By employing a competency-based education (CBE) model, the College can offer multiple training times to meet the needs of our students and local industry.'

#### **Grea Moklestad**

dean of advanced manufacturing, industrial technology and computer science

#### **Dental Assisting:** Training for a Modern Practice

The Dental Assisting program now features state-of-the-art equipment that reflects the technology used in today's modern dental offices. This hands-on learning environment closely mirrors real-world settings, helping students transition smoothly from the classroom to their professional careers.

This new equipment also enhances the program's on-campus dental clinic, which opens to the public each spring. The lowcost clinic provides valuable, affordable services to community members without dental insurance while also giving students the opportunity to apply their skills in real patient interactions.

Equipping our program with these upgrades provides a necessary consistency between what is used in the student's training and what graduates will utilize 'out in the real world' by local dentists. This will benefit the quality of oral care offered by our community partners."

Dawn Klostermann, dental assisting program director and instructor

## **Your Investment Fuels Tomorrow's Workforce**

Whether you support student scholarships or program innovation, your generosity creates ripple effects that shape everything NICC does. Thank you for believing in what's possible for our students and communities.

From the Advanced Technology Center to enhanced healthcare training spaces, these updates are only the beginning of the exciting progress at our college. If you would like to experience these updates and other campus transformations in person, we would be honored to give you a personal tour. To set up your tour, please reach out to Anna or Jennifer.



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Every point on the map tells a story. Each point represents a student whose future is brighter because of your generosity.

From Calmar to Peosta, and everywhere in between, students are overcoming barriers, pursuing their dreams and building the skills our workforce and communities need.

Your reach spans 5,000 square miles across northeast Iowa (and beyond state lines!), ensuring that wherever a student begins their journey, they have access to education, training and opportunities that open doors to careers in vibrant communities.

These students' stories are made possible because of your commitment to student success at NICC, whether it's a firstgeneration college student stepping onto campus for an associate's degree, a working parent retraining for a new career or a recent high school graduate gaining technical skills.

Thank you for your generosity and for making this opportunity possible. This scholarship will play a significant role in helping me pursue my educational and professional goals, particularly as I begin the nursing program. Your support brings me one step closer to achieving my dreams, and I am truly appreciative of your investment in my future. "

Carter, Lawler, Iowa

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Thank you so much for

awarding me this scholarship. I'm

incredibly grateful for your support as

I pursue my studies in the Industrial

Electrician program. This scholarship

and take a significant step toward my

career goals. Your generosity is truly

appreciated and will make a lasting

will help me focus on my training

The persistence and completion rates of scholarship recipients demonstrate the impact of your support— when financial barriers are reduced, students are more likely to stay on track and successfully graduate.

Every story on this map is still being written and because of your generosity, each one is moving forward. You have helped students take one more step toward graduation.

Thank you for believing in a student's potential and helping turn dreams into reality.

# **EVERY SEAT FILLED BUILDS A STUDENT'S**

Every student's journey at Northeast Iowa Community College is unique, but many share the same determination. They dream of overcoming obstacles, pursuing their goals and creating a brighter future for themselves. Your support is the bridge that makes those dreams achievable.

When you attend the Northeast Iowa Community College Hall of Fame & Fundraiser, you are investing in the futures of current students across the northeast lowa region. Your presence helps fund scholarships, strengthen programs and create opportunities that open doors to education and success, while also celebrating the achievements of graduates who are making a difference in our local community.

Alongside the celebration of outstanding NICC alumni and retirees, you'll hear from students whose lives are being transformed because of your support. Their stories will inspire, challenge and remind you of the incredible power we have when coming together for education.



## HALL OF FAME & FUNDRAISER: CELEBRATING OUR PAST, PRESENT & PROMISE

Peosta Campus: October 16 | 6-7 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM) **Calmar Campus:** October 23 | 6-7 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

**RSVP** 

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Your support helps students overcome obstacles, complete their education and build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

We'd love to keep in touch with you, because you're an important part of the NICC story.

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