

SUMMER '24

Your IMPACT



**NORTHEAST IOWA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Advancement



PEYTON LUEHMANN ACCEPTING AWARD IN DES MOINES

YOU support STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Your support of Northeast Iowa Community College nurtures student leaders and their academic excellence. Your giving has a lasting effect on students' success in the classroom and beyond.

Last spring in Des Moines the College celebrated four NICC student members of the 2024 All-Iowa Academic Team – Peyton Luehmann, Addison Chapman, Elliot Naughton and Nicholas Schreyer. Three of these student scholars received NICC Foundation scholarship support. One student, Peyton, was also named a USA TODAY All-USA Academic Team member and New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar. He is one of only 20 students nationally to be recognized on the All-USA team and the only student from Iowa to be celebrated as a New Century Scholar!

“I received an NICC Foundation scholarship and it assisted me greatly as a student working while going to school,” Peyton said.

Because of the College’s strong reputation and the talents of its agriculture faculty, Peyton enrolled in the Dairy Science Technology and Animal Science programs at NICC. He believes his membership and service in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society made a difference in cultivating lifelong friendships and strengthening skills to balance academic work with responsibilities on the family farm.

“Phi Theta Kappa is important to me and my classmates because it allows us to learn valuable leadership skills in a low-consequence environment, with the potential for wonderful connections and relationships and scholarship opportunities such as these. Our chapter has become, to me, a group of friends. It is an earnest, robust group of people who truly desire each other to succeed,” he said.

Financial assistance makes a profound, lasting impact on students working toward their degrees, diplomas and professional certifications at the College. Your support is pivotal in their lives; the added support you provide is an investment in students – their goals, dreams and career ambitions – and in the economic health of the local communities where they live.

Thank you for supporting NICC in its efforts to train the area’s future leaders, whether they are entering the workforce or transferring to a four-year institution after graduation.



Elliot Naughton
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY ‘24

“I would like to thank you for the Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship will allow me to complete my Engineering Technology degree and transfer to the University of Northern Iowa next fall.”



SETTING FUTURE STUDENTS UP FOR success

With rising economic costs all around us, students at Northeast Iowa Community College faced financial pressures this year as they worked to complete their education and training. From groceries and transportation to textbooks, these rising financial costs can make or break a student’s budget.

Offsetting school and life costs through scholarships, made possible by donors like you, set students up for success. This past year, your support aided the NICC Foundation in awarding \$383,729 in scholarships to students in need. Out of the 770 students who applied for scholarships, 440 received an award, with an average scholarship award size of \$713.23.

One scholarship recipient, Lanie Morris, received the NICC 1966 Scholarship and is one step closer to her career goal of becoming a nurse because of your support.

“I deeply appreciate the support and opportunity provided by generous donors. This scholarship will help me pursue my dream career and relieve some financial burdens during the process. I can focus on my degree, rather than working to afford the payments,” Lanie said.

Scholarships are such an important piece of student success at the College. In fact, **89% of NICC scholarship recipients successfully complete their degrees.**

As the scholarship program has continued to grow at NICC, many donors have opted to create future opportunities for NICC students through the creation of annual scholarships that will later be funded to endowed levels through planned giving. Donors like Barry and Kathy Bromberg understand the challenges students face and have pledged to support students’ education through an annual or planned gift.

“We understand the financial challenges of getting a college education, especially for the nontraditional student. There are many expenses, besides paying for tuition, that can cause a student to drop out of school.

We wanted to donate now, through the Student Support Scholarship, so today’s students can better their lives and begin a better future. We also wanted to donate through our Endowment Fund upon our deaths, so that future generations will also receive the benefit of a higher education,” the Brombergs said.

Thank you to all partners who generously give to students through scholarships or support funding. You are setting future generations of students up for success.

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AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD

770

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FOR NICC SCHOLARSHIPS

440

STUDENTS RECEIVED
A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Vouchers Received: Book Purchases Await!

On May 15, NICC participated in Great Give Day, a 24-hour online giving day hosted by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. This year, NICC chose to raise funds for a Book Voucher program launching in August 2024.

While the College strives to provide as many free educational resources as possible, many classes still require book or material purchases. This year, the average cost of one book was \$91.60. In fact, a financial wellness survey completed at the College last fall indicated 41% of student respondents stated that textbooks were not affordable.

Randy Mashek, Director of Financial Aid at NICC, shared, "A student's access to funding is our priority. Paying for textbooks is an indirect cost that students sometimes overlook until the time comes to order them. Also, many students often decide to enroll close to the start of the semester, and timing is critical to get the student enrolled and textbooks ordered to have all materials on time."

By "vouching" for our students, you helped remove a barrier and set them up for a successful semester.

Together, you raised \$8,375 in less than 24 hours!
Thank you for supporting our students.

Meet Our Team

There have been quite a few new faces and changes within the Advancement Office this past year. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission of elevating lives and providing educational opportunities for all. We are excited to see what this next academic year brings! Meet the staff below!



Anna Berns

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Anna has been with the Advancement Office for nearly three years, starting as the Development Officer and as of November 2023 moving into the role of Executive Director of Advancement. She has a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Nonprofit Management. You can find Anna on both the Calmar and Peosta campuses (and everywhere in between!) each week. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet with Anna yet, she hopes that you can find a time to connect with her this year.



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Jennifer has been with NICC for 12 years, and most recently served as the Director of Admissions and Recruitment. She is from the Dubuque area and has a Master of Arts degree in Communication. Jennifer started her new role in Advancement as the Development Officer in June 2024. While Jen travels for meetings, you'll primarily find her at the Peosta campus. Jennifer is excited to meet you and connect on the great things happening in the community.



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Darla began her career in the NICC Advancement Office in 2013 and currently serves as office manager providing behind-the-scenes support. She works closely with members of the Foundation Board and assists in managing Advancement Office operations. What Darla enjoys most about her work at the College is seeing firsthand the impact donations have in helping students with tuition, books and day-to-day needs.