



Commencement



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Processional*

Advancement of Colors* American Legion Members

National Anthem* Brianna Ensign
Soloist, Associate of Arts '15, Graphic Design '17

Welcome Kathy Gunderson
Vice Chair, Northeast Iowa Community College Board of Trustees

Introductions Amy Gaffney, Ed.D.
Vice President of Student Services, Northeast Iowa Community College

Commencement Address Danielle Shea
Wealth Management Advisor, Northwestern Mutual

Student Remarks David Steele
Computer Science and Security '25

Presentation of Class Kathleen Nacos-Burds, Ph.D.
Vice President of Teaching and Learning, Northeast Iowa Community College

Conferring of Degrees and Diplomas David Dahms
Interim President, Northeast Iowa Community College

Musical Selection Val Kennedy and Brianna Ensign
Accompanied by Troy Troftgruben

Recessional*

*Audience Please Stand.



Guests should remain seated after the ceremony until all students have exited.

Commencement Speakers



Danielle Shea

*Wealth Management Advisor,
Northwestern Mutual*

Danielle Shea began her college career by taking NICC courses while in high school and later earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa. Danielle is known as a community leader in Elkader where she resides with her husband and two young boys. She owns her own financial planning practice that provides an opportunity to help people along their financial journey, specializing in retirement planning.

Danielle has a passion for helping people with their finances, volunteerism and doing what she can to foster growth to maintain a strong and vibrant economy in Elkader. Currently, her volunteer roles include co-chair of Elkader Sweet Corn Days, NICC Foundation Board Member, youth sports coach and volunteering at the school year-round in partnership with Junior Achievement. She has also served as chair of The Central CSD Bond Campaign, as a Main Street Elkader Board Member and contributed her leadership for other local organizations.

Danielle and her husband, Caleb, own and develop commercial property and residential housing. They have been awarded Developer of the Year by the Clayton County Development Group and have been recipients of The Good Neighbor Award by The Clayton County Register.



David Steele

Computer Science and Security '25

David served as the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Chapter President and was named a Coca-Cola Silver Scholarship recipient and Phi Theta Kappa All-Iowa Academic Team member this spring for his academic excellence and leadership. As Chapter President, he participated in regional conferences that provided team-building and networking opportunities. He is also qualified for a competitive full-tuition scholarship to Lipscomb University in Nashville that is exclusive to Phi Theta Kappa members.

After graduation, David plans to continue his college education by studying cybersecurity at a four-year institution. He may eventually work for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

David lives in Decorah where he works as a chef at a local café and enjoys spending time with college friends.

Graduates 2024-2025

| <u>Graduate</u> | <u>Program of Study</u> | <u>Award</u> | <u>Hometown</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Connor George Adam | Agriculture Business - Precision Agriculture | Certificate | Postville |
| Michelle Adams* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | New Hampton |
| Nora Lorraine Aldrich▪ | Associate of Science | AS | Cologne, Minn. |
| Kerigan Alexander* | Agriculture Business Dairy Science Technology | AAS AAS | Clermont |
| Michael Allison | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Waukon |
| Rowan A. Althof | Associate of Science | AS | Harpers Ferry |
| Eleanor Rose Armstrong*▪ | Associate of Arts Business Administration | AA AAS | Clayton |
| Isaiah Barnes*▪ | Associate of Science | AS | Calmar |
| Kyleigh M. Batterson | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Decorah |
| Cassidy M. Becker* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Eden Valley, Minn. |
| Rose Mary Benda | Elementary Education | AA | Postville |
| Mallory Jo Berns* | Associate of Arts | AA | Harpers Ferry |
| Louis M. Blommel* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Albany, Minn. |
| Megan Marie Blong*▪ | Associate of Arts | AA | Fort Atkinson |
| Tarah Bogdonovich* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | McGregor |
| Casey John Bohr* | Commercial-Residential Electrician | Diploma | Ossian |
| Carter Bratland▪ | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Agriculture Finance Dairy Science Technology | AAS Certificate AAS | Spring Grove, Minn. |
| Lauryn Breitsprecher | Administrative Office Associate | Diploma | Calmar |
| Trinity J. Brincks* | Agriculture Business Animal Science | AAS Certificate | Fredericksburg |
| Jordan M. Buchheit | Applied Management | AAS | Fort Atkinson |
| Joyce Marie Bullerman | Associate of Arts | AA | Burr Oak |
| Alycia Elizabeth Burdick | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Waukon |
| Milan M. Byrnes | John Deere TECH | AAS | Waukon |

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|-------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Kylie Charlotte Cahalan | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Waterville |
| Arelí Campos Morales | Psychology | AA | Fayette |
| Chloe Canterbury | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Adams, Minn. |
| Emmy Carlson | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Hokah, Minn. |
| Emily Carolan▪ | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Decorah |
| Brooklyn Rose Cavnar | Associate of Arts | AA | Maynard |
| Jaryd Child | Automotive Technology | AAS | Maynard |
| Samantha J. Chisholm | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Osage |
| Madison Clausen | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | West Union |
| Cale H. Claussen | John Deere TECH | AAS | Bettendorf |
| Grace Kennedy Cooksley | Agriculture Business Animal Science | AAS Certificate | Monticello |
| Azlynn M. Cota | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Waukon |
| Tracy Cummer | Practical Nursing | Diploma | St. Olaf |
| Cameron Dassow | Agriculture Business | AAS | Princeton, Minn. |
| Chris De La Rosa | Criminal Justice | AA | Postville |
| Lydia Irene Debes | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Waukon |
| Ella Mae Dehli | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Mari L. Delaney* | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Alaina Dirksen | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Elgin |
| Bailey Jo Dix* | Business Administration | AAS | Janesville |
| Olivia R. Dougherty | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Andrew Driscoll | John Deere TECH | AAS | Williamsburg |
| Clayton Droste | John Deere TECH | AAS | Lancaster, Mo. |
| Katharine Rae Duuck* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Cottonwood, Idaho |
| Brock A. Eglseider* | Industrial Electrician | AAS | Garnaville |
| Addyson Einwalter | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Fort Atkinson |
| Carson Ray Eshelman | John Deere TECH | AAS | Boone |

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Cole E. Fauser | Sports Administration | Certificate | Clermont |
| Ashley Jordan Fischer | Business Administration | AAS | Fort Atkinson |
| Whitney Joy Flatland* | Associate of Science | AS | Decorah |
| Kiana Margaret Folkedahl* | Administrative Office Management | AAS | Decorah |
| Ryan Franzen | Agriculture Business Animal Science | AAS Certificate | Fort Atkinson |
| Katrina Ann Friedrich | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Riceville |
| Xavier David Garza* | Agriculture Business - Agriculture Finance | Certificate | Boerne, Texas |
| Kim Gaul* | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Luxemburg |
| Ruby A. Gaynor* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Crossville, Tenn. |
| Ethan Dean Gibbs* | Associate of Science | AS | Waterville |
| Perla Lizbet Gonzalez | Accounting Clerk | Diploma | Postville |
| Caitlin Graham | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Monona |
| Olivia S. Grant | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Cedar Falls |
| Ezra Groenenboom | John Deere TECH | AAS | Oskaloosa |
| Iliauna L. Grotegut | Psychology | AA | Waukon |
| Remy Abigail Gulla* | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Hayden E. Hackman* | Associate of Arts | AA | Ionia |
| Haylee Grace Hackman* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Waukon |
| Zachary Hadley | John Deere TECH | AAS | Ollie |
| Kyle Hageman | John Deere TECH | AAS | Ossian |
| Ashley Hammer*▪ | Practical Nursing | Diploma | New Hampton |
| Silas P. Hansen* | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Racine, Minn. |
| Sierra Rose Hansmeier* | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Precision Agriculture Agronomy and Crop Science | AAS Certificate AAS | Cresco |

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| Carrie Hanson | Practical Nursing | Diploma | New Hampton |
| Reece Hawkenson | Agriculture Business | AAS | New Richmond, Wis. |
| Allie Elizabeth Hohensee Hakert | Animal Science Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AS AAS | Elkader |
| Olivia Holdsworth* | Associate of Arts | AA | Elkader |
| Alianna M. Holliday | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | New Hampton |
| Ava Elizabeth Hooten* | Associate of Arts | AA | Waterville |
| Eli D. Hopp | Beef Science Technology | AAS | Chatfield, Minn. |
| Amber J. Howard | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Cresco |
| Korey Hrdlicka* | Associate of Arts | AA | Cresco |
| Colton Hruska | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Precision Agriculture Agronomy and Crop Science | AAS Certificate AAS | Cresco |
| Jonathon Hugeback | John Deere TECH | AAS | Ogden |
| Chloe S. Hughes | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Frankville |
| Avery Humpal* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Ridgeway |
| Emily Ideker* | Agriculture Business Dairy Science Technology | AAS AAS | Spring Grove, Minn. |
| Kimberly A. Ingram* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Nezperce, Idaho |
| Alexandra Irwin | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Decorah |
| Nicole E. Jacobsen | Animal Science | AS | Clermont |
| Clair Jecklin | Agriculture Finance | AAS | Durango |
| Ethan S. Joas * | John Deere TECH | AAS | Kiel, Wis. |
| Jeremiah P. Johnson | Associate of Arts | AA | Decorah |
| Dean A. Jolly | John Deere TECH | AAS | Pleasantville |
| Gracie M. Jones | Associate of Arts | AA | Sumner |
| Kloe Kae Jore | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Caledonia, Minn. |
| Gracianna Alise Kennicker | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Elkader |

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| Nathan D. Kiefer | John Deere TECH | AAS | Taopi, Minn. |
| Taylor Jaline Kiel* | Associate of Arts | AA | Harpers Ferry |
| Livia King | Agriculture Business | AAS | Lubbock, Texas |
| Paige J. Kirchner | Accounting Specialist | AAS | Decorah |
| McKenna D. Klenk* | Accounting Clerk | Diploma | Monona |
| Renya Knuth*■ | Associate of Science | AS | Rockton, Ill. |
| Joshua C. Knutson | Business Administration | AAS | Ossian |
| Nicholas Koch* | Associate of Arts | AA | West Union |
| Camden Koenen | John Deere TECH | AAS | Janesville |
| Thomas Kohut* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Great Falls, Mont. |
| Jane L. Kolthoff | Animal Science Beef Science Technology | Certificate AAS | New Hampton |
| Tara Ann Koshatka* | Elementary Education | AA | Cresco |
| Jared T. Kruger* | John Deere TECH | AAS | Sibley |
| Cameryn Kruse* | Agriculture Business Beef Science Technology | AAS AAS | Caledonia, Minn. |
| Jacob Kruse | John Deere TECH | AAS | Ogden |
| Rylee Kruse | Associate of General Studies | AGS | Fredericksburg |
| Kale Kuennen | Agriculture Business Animal Science Dairy Science Technology | AAS Certificate AAS | Fort Atkinson |
| Madalyn Kuennen | Early Childhood Education | Certificate | Spillville |
| Monica Landsgard | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Saint Olaf |
| Jade Kathleen Lansing* | Health Information Technology | AAS | Postville |
| Taylor Lantow | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Ionia |
| Kyle J. Larson | Automotive Technology | AAS | Cresco |
| Ashlyn Heather Laures*■ | Health Information Technology | AAS | Alta Vista |

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| Hayden M. Lawstuen* | Industrial Electrician | AAS | Lanesboro, Minn. |
| Alexis C. Lee* | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Prescott Valley, Ariz. |
| Jaedyn Lensing | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Waukon |
| Meredith Lensing | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Waukon |
| Kannon G. Leuenberger* | Business Administration | AAS | Fort Atkinson |
| Brooke J. Leverson*■ | Business Administration | Certificate | Lime Springs |
| Tristan Allen Lewison*■ | Industrial Electrician | AAS | LeRoy, Minn. |
| Samantha J. Light | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Prairie du Chien, Wis. |
| Lacy Lloyd* | Business Administration | AAS | Harpers Ferry |
| Jaycee Lopez* | Associate of Arts | AA | Clermont |
| Samantha Loppnow | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Mabel, Minn. |
| Reagan Lubahn | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Nicholas James Ludwig* | John Deere TECH | AAS | Wesley |
| Tucker J. Lyons | John Deere TECH | AAS | Eldorado |
| Ava J. Mahr | Practical Nursing | Diploma | New Albin |
| Olivia A. Maklenburg | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Lawler |
| Savannah Malli | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Elgin |
| Kayla Danielle Manor* | Agriculture Business - Precision Agriculture Agronomy and Crop Science Animal Science | Certificate AAS Certificate | Menomonie, Wis. |
| Mitchel Marr | Associate of General Studies | AGS | Riceville |
| Lauren Marroquin | Practical Nursing | Diploma | McGregor |
| Maximo Manuel Martinez | Agriculture Business | AAS | Austin, Texas |
| Haley M. McAllister* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Cresco |
| Kameleya McCary | Accounting Specialist Income Tax Preparatory | AAS Certificate | Onslow |
| Sarah M. McGee*■ | Associate of Arts | AA | Cresco |
| Mandy McGuire* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Tollhouse, Calif. |
| Elizabeth Mikaela McMullen*■ | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Anaconda, Mont. |

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| Emilie Meyer | Health Information Technology | AAS | Postville |
| Hunter Meyer | Agriculture Business - Precision Agriculture Agronomy and Crop Science | Certificate AAS | Postville |
| Schylar Meyer | Computer Science and Security | AAS | Strawberry Point |
| Amber Mezera | Business Administration | Certificate | Waukon |
| Cara Mikkelsen | Health Information Technology | AAS | Decorah |
| Jaxon Lea Saucedo Millage* ■ | Associate of Arts | AA | Cresco |
| Nessa L. Milton | Business Administration | Certificate | Onslow |
| Amber Sue Moeller | Accounting Specialist | AAS | Monona |
| Chloe Moeller* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Postville |
| Jade Marie Moeller* | Administrative Office Management | AAS | Monona |
| Carter Moline | John Deere TECH | AAS | Manson |
| Lanie Lee Morris* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Fredericksburg |
| Spencer M. Moser | John Deere TECH | AAS | Cresco |
| Cally Mueller ■ | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Fredericksburg |
| Emma I. Munley | Associate of Arts | AA | Maynard |
| Tony Mutsune* | Data Analytics | Certificate | Decorah |
| Garbrielle Myers | Health Information Technology | AAS | Cedar Rapids |
| Michael Myers | John Deere TECH | AAS | Grimes |
| Mackenzie Myers-Comley | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Framingham, Mass. |
| Heidi Nagel | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Rochester, Minn. |
| Cade Naughton* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Fort Dodge |
| KC Nicks | Agriculture Business | AAS | Remsen |
| Kylie O'Hara | Associate of Arts | AA | Decorah |
| Kayln S. E. Olson | Associate of Arts | AA | Sumner |
| Scott A. Olson | John Deere TECH | AAS | Osage |

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| Erin O'Neill | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Waukon |
| Claire E. Opperman | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Agriculture Finance | AAS Certificate | Waukon |
| Isabella Opperman | Associate of Arts | AA | Ossian |
| Isaiah T. O'Reilly | John Deere TECH | AAS | Mazeppa, Minn. |
| Ernesto Valentino Orosco* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Fresno, Calif. |
| Hannah A. Pahl | Early Childhood Early Childhood Education | Diploma Certificate | Spillville |
| Jonathan M. Palas | Carpentry | Diploma | Calmar |
| Ishq D. Patel* | Business Administration | AAS | Waukon |
| Garrison Carl Paul | John Deere TECH | AAS | Boone |
| Heidi Melissa Remmarck Pechota* | Carpentry | Diploma | Decorah |
| Jenna Lee Pecinovsky | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Cresco |
| Jaylianna C. Pedritti* | Associate of Arts | AA | Cresco |
| Meretta Peterson | Business Administration | AAS | Decorah |
| Neva M. Peterson | Practical Nursing | Diploma | New Albin |
| Connor J. Pikula*■ | Industrial Electrician | AAS | Wykoff, Minn. |
| Addison Lee Popham* | Conservation Agronomist | AAS | Strawberry Point |
| Elizabeth Prochaska*■ | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Cresco |
| Katelyn J. Randall* | Income Tax Preparatory | Certificate | Independence |
| Landon M. Reams* | Exercise Science and Kinesiology | AA | Lansing |
| Grace Recker | Associate of Arts | AA | Arlington |
| MaryEmma Rose Reeser* | Agriculture Business Animal Science | AAS Certificate | New Prague, Minn. |
| Carter T. Reicks* | Commercial-Residential Electrician | Diploma | Little Turkey |
| Emily Rose Reimann | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Lanesboro, Minn. |
| Brayden T. Reiser* | Business Administration | Certificate | Decorah |
| Grace Reisinger | Agriculture Business Dairy Science Technology | AAS AAS | Waterville |
| Abigail Dawn Retterath | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Elma |

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| Jadyn L. Rice | John Deere TECH | AAS | Marshalltown |
| Braiden T. Richter | John Deere TECH | AAS | Rice Lake, Wis. |
| Hailey E. Riehle | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Spillville |
| Sharon Elizabeth Roberg | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Decorah |
| Skylar Dean Robinson | John Deere TECH | AAS | Mediapolis |
| Bryan U. Rodriguez* | Industrial Electrician | AAS | West Union |
| Peyton Roe | John Deere TECH | AAS | LeRoy, Minn. |
| Holly Rogers* | Agriculture Business | AAS | Elk River, Minn. |
| Kayla Rowan | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Lansing |
| Sarah K. Ryan | Accounting Clerk | Diploma | Waukon |
| Chezny Ryant | Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician | AAS | Ridgeway |
| Carter Schmelzer | John Deere TECH | AAS | Ridgeway |
| Oliver Schmitt* | Associate of Arts | AA | Waucoma |
| Olivia L. Schmitt* | Accounting Clerk Agriculture Business | Diploma AAS | Sumner |
| Kaden Schoenfeld* | John Deere TECH | AAS | Carroll |
| Delaney Jaylyn Scholbrock | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Cresco |
| Jaxson J. Schott | John Deere TECH | AAS | Tipton |
| Kayden Schulte | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | LeRoy, Minn. |
| Allison M. Schumann* | Accounting Clerk | Diploma | Riceville |
| Brooke Lyn Schwade*■ | Associate of Arts | AA | Lime Springs |
| Daniel N. Schwickerath | John Deere TECH | AAS | Lime Springs |
| Kacee L. Schwickerath | Psychology | AA | New Hampton |
| Casey D. Seidler | John Deere TECH | AAS | Winterset |
| Jennifer Semmen | Health Information Technology | AAS | Decorah |
| Morgan Mary Shea | Elementary Education | AA | Wadena |

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| Kandi Sheffield | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Decorah |
| Kayla Shemak | Agriculture Business | AAS | Highland, Wis. |
| Abigail Sieck | Associate of Arts | AA | Maynard |
| Irelynd Sieverding* | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Agriculture Finance Animal Science | AAS Certificate Certificate | Bellevue |
| Otto Sim | Associate of Arts | AA | Fort Atkinson |
| Lilah M. Slessor* | Agriculture Business - Agriculture Finance Animal Science | Certificate Certificate | Nashua |
| Camden J. Snitker*■ | Associate of Arts | AA | Cresco |
| Kaedan Snitker | Exercise Science and Kinesiology | AA | Waukon |
| Carter A. Southwick | John Deere TECH | AAS | Orchard |
| Vanessa Sprakel | Agriculture Business | AAS | Crofton, Neb. |
| David Stanley Steele*■ | Computer Science and Security | AAS | Decorah |
| Curtis Stender | John Deere TECH | AAS | Washington |
| Ryder Bradley Stollenwerk*■ | History | AA | McGregor |
| Levi A. Streed* | John Deere TECH | AAS | Odebolt |
| Kylie A Strittmater | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Austin Taylor* | Commercial-Residential Electrician | Diploma | Calmar |
| Kelsey L. Timp* | Animal Science | AS | Ossian |
| Gwen E. Tollefsrud | Agriculture Business | AAS | Decorah |
| Tracer J. Tollefsrud | Computer Science and Security | AAS | Canton, Minn. |
| Thuedee Vang | Agriculture Business | AAS | Brooklyn Park, Minn. |
| Luke P. Vawter | John Deere TECH | AAS | State Center |
| Jennifer Vega | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Postville |
| Ashley Velarde | Associate of Arts | AA | Waukon |
| Tysen H. Vick* | Industrial Electrician | AAS | Caledonia, Minn. |
| Mackayla Rose Vlazny* | Associate of General Studies | AGS | St. Olaf |
| Tracy Vrieze | Associate of Arts | AA | Caprio, N.D. |

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| Lia Wagner* | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Agriculture Finance Animal Science | AAS Certificate Certificate | Osage |
| Jaylyn Rose Walleser | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Lansing |
| Ellyce Fae Walsh | Agriculture Business Agriculture Business - Precision Agriculture Agronomy and Crop Science | AAS Certificate AAS | Spring Grove, Minn. |
| Matison Hayes Walsh* | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Caledonia, Minn. |
| Brendan Wayne Wander | Agriculture Business | AAS | Clermont |
| Jillianne V. Wangsness | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Calmar |
| Grace Watson | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Columbus Junction |
| Damon M. Weber* | Criminal Justice | AAS | Lansing |
| Tristan Adam Weigand | John Deere TECH | AAS | Monona |
| Tanya Wiedner | Animal Science | Certificate | Elkader |
| Mercedes Neah Wilkins | Associate of Science | AS | Waukon |
| Kristen Marie Willenborg | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Guttenberg |
| Cody J. Wirth | John Deere TECH | AAS | Ames |
| Stacy Anne Witt | Early Childhood Early Childhood Education | Diploma Certificate | Calmar |
| Westin J. Woodson | Associate of Arts | AAS | Oelwein |
| Amber J. Wrage | Practical Nursing | Diploma | Osage |
| Katina S. Zachary | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Cresco |
| Abigail Zeien | Associate Degree Nursing | AAS | Manchester |
| Dalton Zidlicky | Beef Science Technology | AAS | Decorah |
| Brian Ziegler, Jr.* ■ | Industrial Electrician | AAS | Ellsworth, Wis. |
| Tyler Joseph Zuercher* | Agriculture Business Dairy Science Technology | AAS AAS | Luana |

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Awards Conferred

Associate of Arts (AA)

This degree is issued to a person who completes a course of study designed to prepare the graduate for transfer to a four-year institution. The degree permits completion of the equivalent of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree in numerous institutions.

Associate of Science (AS)

This degree is issued to a person who completes a course of study designed to prepare the graduate for transfer to a four-year institution for the purpose of earning a baccalaureate degree.

Associate of General Studies (AGS)

This degree is issued to a person who completes an individualized course of study primarily designed for acquisition of a broad educational background rather than the pursuit of a specific emphasis in an associate's degree or professional/technical program.

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

This degree is issued to a person who graduates from a two-year technology program which consists of high-quality technical courses supplemented by a transferable core of general studies.

Diploma

A diploma is issued to a person who graduates from a vocational curriculum of at least nine months but less than two years in length, and it specifies the type of curriculum completed.

Certificate

A certificate is issued to a person who completes training in a specific occupational field. Certificate sequences are designed to enhance occupational competencies, employment marketability, specialized knowledge and skills.

Commencement History and Tradition

The commencement ceremony is one of the most formal ceremonies in an academic institution, involving traditions that have their roots in medieval secular and religious institutions. It is also a time to celebrate the accomplishments and academic successes of our degree candidates. The caps, gowns and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of that time wore them to keep warm in the damp, drafty halls of learning. From these practical origins they have developed into the acceptable ceremonial attire, which symbolizes scholarly achievement.

Gowns

Gowns for associate's and bachelor's degrees are black with unadorned pointed sleeves. The master's degree gown is also black with an oblong sleeve, square-cut at the rear with an arc cut-away at the front. Doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves that are allowed three bars of velvet, while a five-inch velvet trim of the appropriate color adorns the front. The word "regalia" means decorations or insignia indicative of an office; in academia, the more color, ropes, sashes or velvet on the gowns, the higher the academic degree.

Hoods

The hood gives color and meaning to the academic attire. Its silk lining bears the color of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The velvet edging of two, three or five inches designate the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree respectively. Hood lengths also vary from three-feet (bachelor's), three and a half feet (master's) and four feet (doctoral). The longer the hood, the higher the degree.

Caps

Mortarboards or caps are usually square with a tassel attached to the middle point of the top of the cap. Tassels may be black, colored to indicate the discipline in which the degree was earned, or gold in the case of the doctoral cap or tam. At commencement, graduates wear the tassel on the right side, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred. Faculty and staff participating in the ceremony wear the tassel to the left throughout the proceedings.

Cords

Students who qualify for an honors distinction are to be highly commended for their academic achievements. They are recognized in the commencement program and by the gold cords or sashes they wear over their gowns. Graduating veterans and military members are recognized for their distinguished service with a red, white and blue regalia cord. The cord colors replicate those of our nation's flag to denote the valor, excellence and sacrifice these individuals have exemplified in their service to the United States Armed Forces. Graduating TRIO Student Support Services participants are recognized by wearing a red, black and white cord.

Military Challenge Coins

Veterans and active duty students graduating from Northeast Iowa Community College are awarded a commemorative Challenge Coin. Challenge Coins are pocket-sized medallions rooted in military tradition. Commanders use these types of coins to honor service members for their hard work, dedication and achievement. The College is proud to present a Challenge Coin to graduates in the military to acknowledge their service and commitment to our country.

Northeast Iowa Community College History

In July of 1966, the State Board of Education approved the formation of the Area One Vocational-Technical School with Calmar as its administrative headquarters. The district approved included public school districts in Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties, as well as sections of Bremer, Buchanan and Mitchell counties.

On September 5, 1967, Area One Vocational-Technical School had 170 students enrolled in 12 programs. The school also broke ground on construction of college facilities on the 210-acre Calmar campus, which now includes Darwin L. Schrage Administration, Max Clark Hall, Wilder Business Center, Industrial Technologies Building, Student Center, Agricultural Technologies Building, Beef Education Facility, Child Development Center and Iowa's Dairy Center, a dairy education center and applied research laboratory built in 2000.

The merged Area One Vocational-Technical School was enlarged in 1970 to include the public school districts in Dubuque and Delaware counties and sections of Jones and Jackson counties. In 1971, the school began offering career education programs in Dubuque at several locations throughout the city, including the Roshek building.

In April 1979, Area One Vocational-Technical School changed its name to Northeast Iowa Technical Institute. This same year, the Peosta campus was established. The Peosta campus currently includes the main building, the Gas Utilities and Construction building, a Child Development Center, the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety and the Industrial Technologies Building, which opened in August 2010.

In 1988, formal approval of community college status for Northeast Iowa Technical Institute was granted by the State Board of Education to develop curricula and programs that would lead to awarding Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees. The school's name was changed to Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC).

NICC has since expanded to include service locations in Cresco, Dubuque, New Hampton, Manchester, Oelwein and Waukon. The purpose of these locations is to bring education and training to students in their communities and to serve as a catalyst for economic development. In 2008, the Town Clock Business Center in Dubuque was expanded to include a one-stop center with Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) and East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA).

In December 2007, taxpayers passed, by supermajority, a \$35 million renovation and construction bond levy for the College. The funds supported construction and renovation of the industrial technologies buildings on each campus, the Student Center on the Calmar campus, renovations to the health and science labs and a new library on the Peosta campus, the Darwin L. Schrage Administration Building in Calmar, and the Wilder Business Center, which opened in January 2013.

In fall 2011, the Aspen Institute Community College Excellence Program named NICC to the top ten of community colleges in the nation for the College's successful graduate outcomes, academic excellence and community impact.

Northeast Iowa Community College district voters approved a continuation of a \$39 million bond levy in September 2018. The funding supported renovations to the Peosta campus Main Building and Max Clark Hall on the Calmar campus and updates to educational programming and services, infrastructure, security and technology.

On July 1, 2022, Dr. Herbert Riedel began his tenure as the new president of Northeast Iowa Community College. Under Dr. Riedel's leadership, the College continued its mission to provide in-demand education and training focused on improving lives, driving business success and advancing community vitality.

On Oct. 16, 2023, Northeast Iowa Community College named current Vice President for Finance and Administration, David Dahms, as the College's acting President. After serving as acting President for ten months, David Dahms was named Interim President on Aug. 19, 2024.

Northeast Iowa Community College

Mission Statement

Northeast Iowa Community College provides in-demand education and training focused on improving lives, driving business success and advancing community vitality.

Vision Statement

Northeast Iowa Community College will be the premier source for in-demand education, workforce training and partnerships, through innovative thinking and talent development.

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| Service: | We listen, identify, and respond to the needs and expectations of our internal and external communities. |
| Respect: | We show consideration for one another and encourage diverse perspectives to build trust, cooperation, and accountability. |
| Stewardship: | We use our resources in a responsible, impactful, and sustainable manner. |
| Innovation: | We foster the development and advancement of ideas through individual and team creativity. |
| Integrity: | We are ethically accountable to ourselves and others. |
| Resiliency: | We learn from our experiences, refocus, and seize the opportunity to improve and persist. |

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Thank you!

The success of Northeast Iowa Community College students and graduates depends on the support of many individuals, donors, community organizations and business and industry partners throughout the year. By creating scholarships for students, providing input on academic programs as advisors, donating equipment to the College for training purposes and enhancing our students' learning experiences, community members make a difference in our graduates' future careers. Northeast Iowa Community College also expresses its gratitude to the families of students for providing the critical support they need while earning their college degrees and diplomas.