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DR. JACK JAMES, AIM INSTITUTE HONORED AT RECENT NCCA ANNUAL MEETING

Norfolk Junior College (now Northeast Community College) graduate **Dr. Jack Q. James** was honored recently at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) as the Distinguished Alumnus from Northeast Community College. Dr. James majored in pre-optometry at Norfolk Junior College, graduated with an associate of arts degree in 1948, and transferred all his Norfolk Junior College credits to the Illinois College of Optometry. He retired in 1993 after 42 years of practice in optometry in Tilden and Norfolk. Another Northeast Community College nominee and NCCA honoree was the **Applied Information Management (AIM) Institute** of Omaha. The AIM Institute received the Friend of Community College Award for its strong belief in the community college role and mission with demonstrated support of the colleges. By partnering with the AIM Institute, Northeast has been the recipient of many federal, state and foundation grants totaling many hundreds of thousands of dollars. **Dr. Robert Sweeney**, CEO and president of the AIM Institute, accepted the award at the NCCA Awards Program in Lincoln.

NORTHEAST'S CAREER CAMP RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The annual summer Career Camp has received an Honorable Mention in the "2005 Programs That Work: Preparing Students for Nontraditional Careers" Competition, sponsored by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE), and the National Women's Law Center (NWLC). The award was created to recognize local and/or state educational agencies, programs, and/or schools that have improved students' access to and completion of career and technical education programs nontraditional for their gender. At last summer's 10th annual camp, 32 high school women from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa were introduced to non-traditional career choices like electromechanical technology, building construction, utility line, electronic engineering technology, welding, criminal justice, automotive technology, computer programming, drafting, and accounting during the three-day camp. Advisor/recruiter **Shelley Lammers** is the Career Camp director.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY DONATES FORD EXPLORER TO NORTHEAST PROGRAM

Students enrolled in the automotive technology program at Northeast Community College now have one more learning tool thanks to a donation from the Ford Motor Company. A 1998 Ford Explorer Sport from the Kansas City Training Center was recently delivered to the Northeast campus in Norfolk for instructional use. According to instructor **Roger Carnell**, it will be used in all aspects of Northeast's automotive technology training. "This is just another example of the Ford Motor Company's continued support of our program. Without donations like these, our program wouldn't be nearly as intensive and extensive as it is," Carnell said. As a member of Ford Maintenance and Light Repair program, Northeast offers four different Ford Motor Company classes to its students.

NORTHEAST'S SPRING JOB FAIR AND COLLEGE CONNECTIONS ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

Some 60 employers and 409 students recently attended the Spring Job Fair and College Connections sponsored by Northeast's Career Services Department. According to **Rose Ann Rogers**, Career Services director, the annual event is intended to give soon-to-be Northeast graduates a chance to visit with potential employers. Those students planning to transfer to four-year colleges were able to visit with representatives from 12 different institutions. One of the employer-recruiters this year was **Scott Peterson**, formerly of Nellig. A 2003 graduate of Northeast's electronics engineering technology program, he is employed by DAK-TRONICS Inc., of Brookings, S.D. He has been promoted several times since beginning his employment there and is now a manufacturing supervisor.

BOTH NORTHEAST BASKETBALL TEAMS FINISH SEASON AS CONFERENCE CHAMPS

Both the men's and women's Hawks basketball teams ended their 2004-2005 campaigns as Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference (NCCAC) Champions. **Matt Svehla**, head coach of the women's team for the past 11 years, was named Conference Coach of the Year for the 11th consecutive year. The Northeast women hosted the Region IX basketball tournament in early March and made it to the semi-finals where they were defeated by eventual Region IX champs, Western Nebraska Community College of Scottsbluff. The women finished the season with a 26-5 record while the men had a record of 18-13.

HAWKS' BOOSTER CLUB TO WELCOME HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Plan on an evening of basketball madness when Mannie Jackson presents the Original **Harlem Globetrotters** on Tuesday, April 5th, at 7 p.m. in the Cox Activities Center gym. The team's appearance is sponsored by the Hawks' Booster Club. Tickets are available at Northeast's Student Services office in the Maclay Building, Room 107, HyVee Food Stores or at the door. Or order tickets online at www.ticketweb.com

PLANS CONTINUE FOR EXPANDED CLASS OFFERINGS IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY

Northeast Community College will move to a new and expanded education center in South Sioux City for the fall semester. New course offerings through June include professional truck driving, nurse aide, electrical basics, and fluid fundamentals classes. Beginning this fall, Northeast will offer classes leading to an associate of arts degree with a business administration, general studies or academic transfer emphasis and associate of applied science degrees in administrative assistant-medical and business management. Fall classes will be held in Northeast's Education Center located west of Great West Casualty on old Highway 20. For more information, contact **Pam Miller**, South Sioux City coordinator at pamm@northeastcollege.com or call her (402)494-1964.

NORTHEAST'S AG DEPARTMENT TO HOST NACTA STUDENT JUDGING CONFERENCE

For the first time ever, Northeast Community College will be the site of one of the largest student agriculture contests in the nation. Approximately 450 students and 80 coaches from 18 two-year colleges and 16 four-year institutions will converge on Norfolk Thursday, April 14th, for the annual Student Judging Conference of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA). The conference will end Saturday evening, April 16th, with an Awards Banquet. Two- and four-year colleges from Kentucky, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, Texas, California, North Dakota, Tennessee, and Indiana will be among those in attendance. Four-year colleges like Iowa State University, University of Illinois, North Dakota State University, and Western Kentucky University will send teams to compete. Northeast Community College students will also compete. Northeast instructors **Andrea Kirchoff** and **Don Benjamin** are conference co-chairs.

NORTHEAST TO SPONSOR INTER-HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC CONTEST

Over 1,000 students from 41 Class C and D high schools are expected on campus Monday, April 25th, for our annual Inter-High School Scholastic Contest. There will be separate contests for both Class C and D schools. A special feature will be the third annual Quiz Bowl with teams from both Class C and D high schools participating.

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