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NORTHEAST STUDENTS FINISH SEMESTER UP STRONG

Some 158 students made the President's Honor List this past Fall semester. To be named to the President's Honor List, students must earn a perfect grade point average of 4.0 and be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours. Another 223 students were named to the Dean's Honor List for earning a grade point average of 3.75 or above while taking 12 credit hours. Another 114 students were named to the President's Part-Time list for getting a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least six credit hours. Some 19 students made the Dean's Part-Time list with a grade point average of 3.75 or above for at least six credit hours.

ANOTHER McINTOSH FAMILY CHALLENGE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Yet another challenge issued by the **J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh Family** has been met. The family was honored in November for successful completion of the McIntosh Family Endowed Scholarship Fund Challenge. The family donated \$500,000 to Northeast Community College in 1999, \$250,000 of which was used to establish the McIntosh Family Endowed Scholarship and the other \$250,000 to be used as matching funds to challenge others to match that donation. At a November celebration to mark the completion of that effort, **J. Paul** said the family would match additional cash contributions of any size to an existing McIntosh fund at a 50 percent rate and contributions ranging from \$5,000-\$50,000 to newly-established scholarships would also be matched through December 31, 2005. That challenge netted a total of \$150,000 for Northeast Community College. The McIntosh children are **LaRayne Horn, Jan Einspahr, Jonathon McIntosh, David McIntosh, and Heather McIntosh**.

FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR JOAN ZANDERS REPORTS TO BOARD

In a report presented to the Northeast Board of Governors, **Joan Zanders**, director of financial aid, said that slightly over \$9,000,000 in financial aid was awarded to Northeast students during the 2004-2005 academic year. Zanders said that figure is nearly \$1.5 million more than the year 2002-2003 and over \$835,000 more than in 2003-2004. The financial aid office processed 1,771 files and awards in 2004-2005. Zanders said there has been a 37 percent increase in award numbers the past four years.

WARRICK BEGINS FOURTH TERM AS BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Jack Warrick of Meadow Grove began his duties as chairperson of the Northeast Community College Board of Governors in January when he received the chair's gavel from **Ken Echtenkamp** of West Point. Elected to the Board in 1984, Warrick is serving his fourth term as Board chairperson. **Don Oelsligle**, Tilden, is the new vice chairperson and **Keith Harvey** is board secretary. Harvey and Oelsligle were again elected to the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Board.

NUMBER OF CAMPUS TOURS UP DRAMATICALLY OVER LAST FALL

The number of campus tours by prospective students and their parents increased dramatically this past Fall over the previous year. A total of 566 tours was given during the fall semester by Northeast Student Ambassadors and staff. Some 308 campus tours were given during the Fall 2004 semester.

US BANK AWARD WINNERS

US Bank president Nick Leuschen was on hand at our Spring Semester In-service in early January to present the US Bank Awards to: **Janet Topp**, US Bank Great Performer Award for Classified Staff; **Shirley Powers**, US Bank Great Performer Award for Professional/Managerial Staff; **Karen Spray**, US Bank Award for Teaching Excellence, Part-time Faculty; and **Paul Bailey**, US Bank Award for Teaching Excellence, Full-time Faculty. The winners were nominated by students, faculty, and staff.

1975-76 BLACKHAWKS INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The 1975-76 Blackhawks Basketball Team from Northeast Technical Community College, now Northeast Community College, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at half-time of a men's basketball game recently. The team, coached by **Chuck Stevenson**, won the championship of the Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference (NCCAC) and later went on to win the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA) championship that year. Members of the 27-2 team included **Robert Green**, then of West Aurora, IL.; **Rick Hansen**, then of Coleridge; **Dennis McCloud**, Newman Grove; **Bob Reeson**, **Gary Meyer**, and **Gregg Meyer**, all of West Point; **Mark Nelson**, Lincoln; **Mark Olsen**, Hampton; **Joe Peitzmeier**, Platts-mouth; **Mick Samuelson**, Bancroft; **Neal Seagren**, Wausa; **Mike Sucha**, Norfolk; **Gary Turner**, Holdrege; **Kenny Vejraska**, Sutton; **Johnnie Johnson**, Hooper; and **Stan Sojka**, Ewing. Eleven members were present for the induction and the Northeast Alumni Reunion that evening sponsored by the Alumni Association.

BUSINESS-AND INDUSTRY-TARGETED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR NEW BUILDING

A business- and industry-targeted capital campaign has been launched to build a new 32,540 square-foot utility line/truck driving building. Ground will be broken this Spring and hopefully the \$2.8 million structure will be completed by next Spring. The new facility will alleviate a huge space problem in the current utility line/electrician building and benefit the diesel technology, electromechanical, irrigation technology, electrical construction and control, utility line, and professional truck driving programs. Anyone interested in contributing to the capital campaign should contact **Angie McLean**, development director, at (402) 844-7056.

NORTHEAST STUDENT PLACES AT NATIONAL STOCK SHOW

Northeast sophomore **Tracy Neidig**, Madison, recently placed eighth in the Junior College Carload Judging Contest at the 100th National Western Stock Show in Denver. Some 104 students from 27 junior colleges competed. She judged four classes of bulls, one class of breeding heifers, and one class of feedlot steers.

AGUILAR EARNS NATIONAL HEP SCHOLARSHIP

Angel Aguilar, Norfolk, has been awarded a \$500 national scholarship from the High School Equivalency (HEP)/College Assisted Migrant Program (CAMP) Association. Aguilar was one of 125 students to apply for 28 scholarships from the HEP/CAMP Association. He began working on his high school diploma through Northeast's HEP program in 2003 and is now a sophomore agriculture major taking 16.5 credit hours at Northeast. He has a grade point average of 3.8, works 18 hours a week at Michael's Foods in Wakefield, and tutors Spanish GED students in math. He plans to transfer to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

DISTRICT III, IV, AND V FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Some 380 students from 29 northeast Nebraska high schools recently participated in the District III, IV, and V FFA Livestock Judging Contest sponsored by the Agriculture Department at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. For the second time, the event was held at Northeast's new Agriculture Complex.

EXPLORE NORTHEAST-WEEKEND EDITION PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Prospective students, parents, and guests are invited to a fun day of exploration at Northeast Community College's **Explore Northeast-Weekend Edition** Saturday, February 11th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Following sign-in at 9:30 and a welcome at 10 by President **Dr. Bill Path** in the Cox Activities Center, guests will be treated to campus and program tours, break-out sessions, a free lunch, and more to help them in the where-to-go-to-college decision. Pre-registration is required by February 3rd at www.northeastcollege.com, Explore Northeast-Weekend Edition link. Or call (800) 348-9033, ext. 7280, or 844-7280.

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