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GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW UTILITY LINE BUILDING

One of Northeast Community College's premiere programs of study is one step closer to a new facility following a groundbreaking ceremony recently. Ground was broken for the \$2.7 million Utility Line-Professional Truck Driver Training Building located east of campus and the intersection of Victory Road and Benjamin Avenue. Site work at the new building, with approximately 36,800 square feet and nine new classrooms/labs, six offices, and two mechanic's bays, has begun. The building will be ready for classes in the Fall of 2007.

31 STUDENTS EARN DIPLOMAS THROUGH NORTHEAST HEP PROGRAM

Students who have successfully completed General Educational Development (GED) classes in English or Spanish and qualified for a Nebraska high school diploma were honored at a special graduation in June. The High School Equivalency Program (HEP) provided the Spanish instruction and collaborated with the Adult Basic Education program at Northeast for ESL and English instruction. Some 31 Nebraska residents received their Nebraska high school diploma in ceremonies in Norfolk and Lexington. Northeast Community College was awarded a HEP grant in 2002 to encourage migrant/agricultural workers and their families to complete their high school educations. During the 2005-2006 grant year, HEP served about 80 students across Nebraska. Eligible students received career advisement and exploration, instruction and tutoring for GED testing, financial assistance to attend GED classes and take the GED tests for a high school diploma.

NORTHEAST INSTRUCTOR NAMED HISPANIC OF YEAR IN LEXINGTON

Miguel Cabarcas, Northeast Community College High School Equivalency Program (HEP) instructor/recruiter in Lexington, was recently honored as a "Hispanic of the Year" in Lexington. According to HEP coordinator **Cheri Vossberg**, he has been responsible for recruiting and teaching about half the HEP students for 2005-2006. "His tireless efforts have been a great factor in HEP's success this year," she said. One of two individuals honored, he was recognized at the Lexington HEP graduation ceremony in early June.

CRETE CARRIER CORPORATION DONATES FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TO NORTHEAST

Crete Carrier Corporation of Lincoln, with **Duane Acklie** as owner and **Tonn M. Ostergard** as CEO and president, has donated a 2001 Freightliner Century Class tractor with an estimated value of \$28,000 to our truck driving/utility line expansion. The truck will be used as a training tool for the professional truck driving course.

NORTHEAST RECEIVES TWO INNOVATION GRANTS

Northeast Community College is the fortunate recipient of two grants from the Nebraska Department of Education this summer. The \$39,800 "Increasing the Capacity in Pre-Engineering" grant will increase interest and opportunities for secondary students in the fields of engineering and technology. The \$40,000 "Expanding Instructional Capacity in Industrial Technology Careers" grant will improve and expand the different career and technical opportunities for students in electromechanical technology, irrigation technology, electrical construction and control, and welding.

NORTHEAST HOSTS AWARD-WINNING CAREER CAMP

Some 40 high school women from South Dakota and Nebraska attended the 11th annual Career Camp at Northeast Community College in June. During the three-day camp, participants explored career opportunities in fields traditionally considered male-dominated fields, including agriculture, utility line, computer programming and networking, drafting, automotive technology, auto body technology, optometry, criminal justice, electronics engineering, information technology, welding, broadcasting, and audio/recording technology. The camp participants also heard presentations on Body Image, Photoshop, and Self-Defense. They also visited the Norfolk Airport for the University of Nebraska at Omaha Women in Aviation presentation, the Norfolk Fire Station for a presentation on firefighting, and the Technology Academy of Northeast Nebraska for information technology training. The Career Camp received an Honorable Mention in the "2005 Programs That Work: Preparing Students for Nontraditional Careers" national competition last year.

DOUG BROWN NAMED AD; NORTHEAST GYM GIVEN FACELIFT

Long-time Norfolk Senior High School American history instructor and girls' basketball coach **Doug Brown** has begun his duties as Northeast's new athletic director. He succeeds **Jerry Holmberg**. One of his first responsibilities will be oversight of the Cox Activities Center gym facelift, which will include a floor refinishing and the new Northeast logo and Jazzy, the Hawks mascot, on the freshly-painted walls.

NORTHEAST CO-SPONSORS SUMMER HEALTH CAREERS CAMP ON CAMPUS

Northeast Community College, along with Northern Nebraska Area Health Education Center (NNAHEC) and Faith Regional Health Services, recently sponsored a Summer Health Careers Camp at Northeast. The five-day camp attracted 15 high school students. The students explored dozens of career opportunities in the health field at the camp through lectures, hands-on experiences, activities like virtual surgeries, and tours.

ORIENTATION-REGISTRATION SESSIONS CONTINUE

As we scratch our heads and wonder where the summer went, our Orientation-Registration sessions for new students continue. If you know students planning to attend Northeast, please advise them that they must go through an Orientation-Registration session if they plan to take six or more credit hours. Sessions are planned for **Thursday, August 3rd**, 4-8:30 p.m.; **Tuesday, August 8th**, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and **Friday, August 11th**, from 8:30-12:30 p.m. and again that same day from 12:30-5 p.m. All sessions will be held in Room 100A and 100B in the Maclay Building. Pre-registration is required by calling the Admissions Office at (402)844-7261. Fall semester classes begin Monday, August 14th, at Northeast.

BIZ SHOW COMING AGAIN IN OCTOBER

The Cox Activities Center is the site of the Fourth Annual Biz Show sponsored by the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council and Northeast Community College. The event is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. This year's event will have a theme, "United We Stand, Together We Thrive!" Exhibitors will set up Wednesday, October 25th, from noon until 5 p.m. An exhibitor-only breakfast is planned for Thursday morning from 8-9:30 a.m., with a special presentation for the exhibitors from the Dale Carnegie Institute.

NORTHEAST STUDENTS COMPLETING COOP INTERNSHIP

Hundreds of Northeast Community College students are currently participating in coop internships throughout the state and country. Cooperative education, a partnership between the student, business and industry, and education, provides on-the-job training for students in a position related to their major field of study and career goals.