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NORTHEAST RECEIVES WAL-MART GRANT TO DEVELOP WIND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Northeast Community College has been awarded \$86,000 through the Wal-Mart Workforce and Economic Opportunity Initiative to develop a wind technology program. Twenty colleges and technical schools nationwide, from a total of 135 applicants, were selected to receive the award by the American Association of Community Colleges. The grant will be used this academic year to develop curriculum for wind energy training. In fall of 2009, the college plans to begin short-term training for technicians and expand curriculum and opportunities to area high schools. Northeast President **Dr. Bill R. Path** accepted the \$86,000 check recently from Norfolk Wal-Mart Store Manager **Stephen Grimm** in a special ceremony at Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart also presented Dr. Path with a check for \$50,000 at that time for the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing Northern Division.

NORTHEAST OBSERVES VETERAN'S DAY

Jerry Landkamer, U.S. Navy (RET.), was the featured speaker at the Veteran's Day observance at Northeast Community College on November 10. He gave a history of the war on terrorism that started decades before September 9, 2001. He also encouraged support for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. "If you support the warrior, you must support the war," he said. The program, which also featured special music by Northeast's men's and women's ensembles and remarks by Daniel G. Northam, MS, a readjustment counselor at the Vet Center in Omaha, also recognized Northeast faculty, staff and students who are veterans on an overhead scroll. The observance was sponsored by the Veteran's Day Workgroup of **Les Richmond, Vern Seier, Joe O'Connell, Sarah Dempsey, Gary Mitchell, and Nancy Berney**. Dempsey also read from her father's World War II diary.

RECRUITING EVENTS CONTINUE

In the continuing pursuit of new students, Northeast Community College has hosted several recruitment events this fall semester. The Explore Northeast-Weekend Edition on Saturday, November 1, welcomed 85 prospective students and 118 parents or other guests to campus for tours, visits to program areas, talks with faculty and staff, other students, and lunch in the Student Cafeteria. Also this fall, a Veterinary Technology Walk on the Wild Side Career Day attracted 56 students while the Business, Math and Technology Division's Launch to Reality Career Day drew 92 students. Some 126 students toured campus during the Applied Technology Career Day and another 33 attended the Go Green for Agriculture Day.

AAWCC FESTIVAL OF TREES DRAWS OVER 1,000

The 8th Annual Festival of Trees drew over 1,000 visitors recently. The event, sponsored by the Northeast's chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC), includes decorated trees, table place settings, private collections, and colorful displays by retailers, non-profit groups, student organizations, and community individuals. An all-college cookbook was also sold. Several thousand dollars are raised by AAWCC each year during the Festival for student scholarships and campus projects.

NORTHEAST OBSERVES AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Members of the *Many Moccasins* Dance Troupe of the Winnebago Tribe entertained at Northeast Community College as part of its observance of American Indian Heritage Month. Entertainment included dances, storytelling and music on the flute. **Gary Robinette**, an American Indian Storyteller, also entertained during an International Coffee later in the month.

NORTHEAST MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS IN FULL SWING

Northeast Community College has been the site of three basketball tournaments to date this season. The women's team, led by Head Coach **Matt Svehla** and Assistant Coach **Dr. Mike Cooper**, stand at 6-4 as of November 30. The men's team, with **Dan Anderson** as head coach and **Trevor Burnette** as assistant, is 6-5. Next home games for both teams are Thursday, December 4, against the Mt. Marty College JV, and Saturday, December 13th, against Cloud County Community College. Times are 6 p.m. (women) and 8 p.m. (men). The women also play at home on Monday, December 8, at 6 p.m. against the Hastings College JV and Monday, December 15, against Briar Cliff JV at 6 p.m. All home games are in the Cox Activities Center.

SOUNDS OF SEASON TO BE PRESENTED BY MUSIC DEPARTMENT IN HOLIDAY CONCERT

The music department, with a Fall Concert and Pops Concert behind it, is tuning up for the sounds of the season. The annual Holiday Concert is set for Monday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Center. The Northeast Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, Women's Ensemble, Ebony and Crimson, and Northeast Singers Express, under the direction of **Dr. Linda Boullion**, music department chair and director of vocal music activities, will perform, The Northeast Brass Choir and Concert Choir, under the direction of **Dr. Randall Neuharth**, director of instrumental music activities, will also perform.

NORTHEAST EFFORTS PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, WISE CHOICES

Northeast Community College, as a member of the Nebraska Collegiate Consortium to reduce high-risk drinking, has sponsored several activities this fall to promote healthy lifestyles and wise choices. They include a Root beer Kegger during Welcome Week, a program called Sex Signals about date rape, assault and controlled alcohol consumption, Sober in October activities that included a Roll-over Simulator and impairment goggles on an obstacle course, and informative DVD's in the library, informational handouts, and goodie bags. Other events were a moving presentation by **Sarah Panzau**, Belleville, Ill., who lost her left arm in a roll-over accident while driving drunk. Panzau wore a strappy t-shirt and short shorts during her presentation so the students could see her severe scarring from the accident. Red ribbons for safety, called "Tie One on for Safety," were distributed during that presentation. Students celebrating their 21st birthday also receive birthday cards encouraging them to be responsible and not drive and drink or ride with an alcohol-impaired driver. Activities are sponsored by the Student Services Division at Northeast.

ONE-YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN WELDING TO BE OFFERED IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY

The very successful diploma welding program long offered at Northeast Community College in Norfolk will soon be offered by Northeast in South Sioux City. The 36-credit-hour program will begin in fall of 2009 at Northeast's Business and Industry Training Center, 2701 Siouxland Drive (behind the Siouxland National Bank at 29th Street and Highway 77). A full-time welding instructor, a professional welder with years of experience, will be hired to teach the students. Instruction will include all facets of welding, metallurgy, blue print reading, and an OSHA safety class. There is also a basic computer skills class, as well as a math and English class. The fast-track program was designed to meet increasing business and industry needs for qualified welders.

