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Rosenboom Receives Northwest Iowa Community College Alumnus of the Year Award

Gary Rosenboom was recognized during the July Commencement at Northwest Iowa Community College as the 2003 Alumnus of the Year. This award was presented to Rosenboom for his success in her profession and for her support of her alma mater.

Rosenboom is a 1966 graduate of the Auto Body program. Utilizing the skills learned in college, he has successfully built a business and is the owner of Rosenboom Frame & Body in Sheldon.

Rosenboom has played many leadership roles at the College. He was on the Board of Trustees for 12 years, from 1990 to 2002. He was Vice President of the Board from 1996 to 1998 and was President of the Board from 1998 to 2001. During that time he also held a seat on the Foundation Board.

Gary Rosenboom is seen as a true advocate of the comprehensive community college. His core beliefs come from his experience gained while attending NCC. Gary has aggressively pursued opportunities for new and/or expanded technical programs, while leading NCC through a time of growing the academic transfer of the Arts & Sciences part of the College. He has also placed emphasis on the importance and value of continuing education and business/industry training.

Gary Rosenboom readily volunteers or lends his expertise to those activities at the College that are important, i.e., serving on the strategic planning committee, working to get a 20¼¢ levy passed, providing assistance on NCA accreditation, serving as a screening committee member when hiring employees, being a part of graduation ceremonies, speaking at legislative forums, attending local forums to promote the College, being a member of the Trustees' workshop, serving as a member of NCC's feasibility study for a major fund raising campaign, and also taking a leadership role when NCC is asked to represent community colleges.

Gary and his wife, Barb, are Sheldon residents who have provided many years of service to the community in which they live. In addition to Gary's indirect support for community efforts, he served on Sheldon's Chamber of Commerce for four years, acting as president one of those years. He was a member of Sheldon's 2000 group that developed a strategic focus for the community and was a member of the community's housing/golf course project. Gary was on the Sheldon Country Club Board for three years. Gary's willingness to serve has enabled him to build a strong constituent base and knowledge of the area, which contributes to NCC's capacity to serve the constituency.