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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **RECORD BREAKING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Commencement exercises at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, Iowa will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011. There will be a record breaking number of two hundred and seventy four graduates ready to walk across the stage and accept their degrees.

The Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony will be held in Building A at 10:30 a.m. The Student Keynote Speakers are Becky Staab, Remsen, and Jill Sand, Marcus, both Associate Degree Nursing graduates. The Guest Speaker is Judy Blauwet, Senior VP of Hospital Operations/Chief Nursing Officer at Avera McKennan. Judy is an RN and served on the NCC Board of Directors for two years before moving to Sioux Falls.

The Spring Commencement ceremony will be held in the Northwest Iowa Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. The commencement address will be given by Kim Reynolds, the Lieutenant Governor of Iowa. The Student Keynote Speaker is Clazina Blom, Doon, Associate Degree Nursing graduate. The Outstanding Faculty Award will also be presented.

Dr. Giddings, President of NCC, stated, "For the past several years, including this year, NCC has had a record breaking number of spring graduates. This has caused the College to hold two commencement ceremonies because we did not have facilities large enough to accommodate all of the people who wanted to join in the celebration. This year, with the opening of the Northwest Iowa Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center (LLRC), we are very excited to combine the two commencement ceremonies into one event. I think it is appropriate that the first event in the LLRC is a student celebration of achievement and excellence. The LLRC will allow all of our graduates to enjoy the day with their families, friends, faculty and staff."