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Record Breaking Fall Enrollments at Northwest Iowa Community College

The 2010-2011 academic year proves to be the second year in a row of record breaking fall enrollments at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA. Last year NCC had enrolled 1,615 students in the fall, about a 29% increase. This year NCC's fall numbers are 1,654 which represents a 2.5% increase over last year. This represents about an 84% overall increase in enrollments since fall of 2000 in which NCC had 897 students.

Another way to measure enrollment is in total credit hours. For this fall NCC is at 16,280 total credit hours. This is just over a 3% increase over last year's record breaking number of 15,787 credit hours.

Dr. Bill Giddings, President of Northwest Iowa Community College, stated, "Our record enrollment growth again this fall is an indication of northwest Iowans continuing to see Northwest Iowa Community College as their place to either begin their education, or to gain new skills for jobs of the future. Increased enrollments in long standing programs such as Powerline, electrical, transportation, and nursing have contributed to this increase in enrollment along with new programs such as the Photography program which has had enrollments beyond our expectations. And, more students are choosing Northwest Iowa Community College to begin their college transfer studies. NCC has agreements with many Iowa colleges and universities so that credits can transfer seamlessly. NCC provides a lower cost alternative to begin one's 4-year college program."

Giddings continued, "Since student tuition is our largest source of revenue it does help in that regard, however, it also means increased instructional costs and finding actual classroom space is an issue. Increased enrollments are good for NCC and the communities we serve because we are helping to keep students in our area, provide a skilled workforce in areas needed, and serving more students to make their lives better."

Northwest Iowa Community College offers over 40 programs of study, including trade & technical programs which allow a student to graduate in one or two years, health and business programs offering the skills needed to be successful in the workforce, and Arts & Science transfer programs allowing a student to take their first two years of courses at NCC, then transfer to a four-year college or university.

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Fall enrollments since 2000:

2010...1,654	2004...1,081
2009...1,615	2003...1,079
2008...1,256	2002...1,018
2007...1,288	2001...1,017
2006...1,224	2000...897
2005...1,082	