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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **DRENT RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY THE IOWA MAEOPP**

The NCC TRiO Student Support Services Program is pleased to announce that Sharon Drent, a second-year Extended Practical Nursing student, has been chosen to receive one of the seven \$500 Achievement Awards provided annually by the Iowa chapter of MAEOPP (Mid America Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel). Sharon, who plans to complete her Associate Degree in Nursing in the spring semester of 2012, has been a participant in the TRiO SSS Program at NCC for two years.

Sharon was nominated by Laurie Edwards, NCC TRiO SSS Director and a member of IA-MAEOPP. In addition, Sharon submitted an essay detailing her co-curricular and community involvement, the impact of TRiO on her education, and the importance of the scholarship to her.

The TRiO SSS program at NCC is a federally funded program designed to provide tutoring, mentoring, financial aid/scholarship advising, academic/career/personal counseling, campus visits to four year colleges/universities, and cultural enrichment that will ultimately increase students' chances for academic success in college. Students who are first generation college students, meet federal income guidelines, or have a documented disability are eligible to apply.