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Travis McVay wins Northwest Iowa Community College's Student Leadership Award

Northwest Iowa Community College's Student Leadership Award was presented to Travis McVay, Automotive Service Technology graduate, Sioux Falls, SD, by Kristi Landis, Enrollment Specialist/Student Activities/Career Center, and Mark Doherty, Automotive Instructor, at NCC's commencement ceremony held on Friday, July 23.

The Outstanding Student Leadership Award is in its 5th year of existence, and was created to award individuals who have gone above and beyond to be a leader. This leadership can be exhibited in the classroom, in on-campus activities, and outside of the classroom.

Earlier this semester, nominations for this award were submitted by faculty, staff and other students from NCC. Nominations had to include a narrative of specific activities or events that show this person's leadership abilities. After all nominations were submitted, a team of faculty and staff read the narratives and voted on the most deserving candidate.

Jeff Pool, former Enrollment Coordinator at NCC, wrote in his nomination letter, "As a student here, Travis has pushed himself towards finishing two degrees in three years by finishing the Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology and Automotive Service Technology programs. During that time, he has maintained straight A's in his coursework. He has been actively involved in SkillsUSA and represented NCC at the national competition where he placed 6th."

Pool continued, "Travis has also excelled as a leader in on-campus housing. He has lived on-campus for the full 3 years he has attended NCC, and has always been one of the most active participants in student housing activities. He officially became an RA in January 2010. Besides planning activities, he also took the initiative to start a fitness room in the apartments. He was able to secure equipment for us through a donation, get the equipment delivered to campus, and get the room set up. He is truly a stand out student, a stand up guy and an outstanding leader. Travis McVay represents the type of success that I would hope for any student that attends Northwest Iowa Community College."

McVay is currently working in the Automotive Service industry in Canton, SD.