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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO POWERLINE STUDENTS

Ten students in the Powerline program at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA, have received scholarships based on academic achievement and leadership qualities.

The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives-Pioneer Trust Fund Scholarship is awarded to the students who obtain the highest grade point average at the end of their second semester. **Kory Meyer**, Sheldon, IA, and **Steve Peterson**, Dubuque, IA, were given this scholarship.

The Powerline Scholarship, endowed by the electrical power industry, was awarded to four students who exemplify excellence in the program. **David Flaherty**, Mediapolis, IA; **Christopher Haringa**, Le Mars, IA; **Justin Hesnard**, Hampton, IA; and **Jacob Hopkins**, Brandon, IA, were recognized for this honor.

Tanner Wangsness, Allison, IA, has been awarded the James L. Wentworth Powerline Scholarship. This scholarship was established in the memory of James L. Wentworth by his wife, Janice Wentworth; his parents, Roger and Lorraine Wentworth; and his brother, Al Wentworth and family. Wentworth was a 1982 graduate of the Powerline Program at Northwest Iowa Community College. Wentworth was killed in a work-related accident in 1996. An endowment has been set up at NCC for scholarship purposes.

The Mel Marcotte Memorial Powerline Scholarship was established in memory of Mel Marcotte, an instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College for over 23 years. Marcotte was instrumental in creating the Powerline Program at NCC. An endowment has been set up for scholarship purposes through funds from Marcotte's children, former students, industry leaders, current Powerline instructors, and Powerline program funds. This year's recipient of the Mel Marcotte Memorial Powerline Scholarship is **Jeremy Bach** of Orange City, IA.

The Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship was established in memory of Bill Franey. The recipient of the Bill Franey Memorial Powerline Scholarship is **Dave Curren**, Sheldon, IA. Bill began his career with the Greene County REC which later became Midland Power Cooperative. He worked for the Cooperative for 30 years starting as an apprentice lineman, a journeyman/lineman, a foreman and for the last ten years of his career he served as line superintendent. He retired after 41 years with the Cooperative. The memorial has been established by Bill's wife, Shirley Franey, and their son and his wife, Mike and Lynda Franey.

The Peter J. Dudgeon Memorial Powerline Scholarship has been awarded to **Truman Novak**, Ridgeway, IA. The Scholarship was established in memory of Peter J. Dudgeon by his family and co-workers. Peter was a 1990 graduate of the Powerline program.

Pictured (l to r): Scott Meinecke, instructor; Truman Novak; Jacob Hopkins; Tanner Wangsness; Steve Peterson; Gary Morris, instructor; Dave Curren; Kory Meyer; David Flaherty; Steve Collen, instructor; Justin Hesnard; Jeremy Bach; Christopher Haringa; Aaron Dvorak, instructor