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A Message from President Chipps

Dear Friends,

Northeast Community College is coming off an academic year that included many outstanding accolades; and 2018-19 is looking to be just as stellar. From receiving the highly esteemed and nationally recognized Aspen Top 10 community college award, to individuals receiving board, administrator, faculty, and professional staff member honors by the Association of Community College Trustees and Nebraska Community College Association, the College's impact on student and community success continued to shine. In fact, the College's student advising model was held up as an outstanding best practice by the American Association of Community Colleges and was recognized by its peers nationally.

People continually remark on how Northeast has changed before their very eyes and how they want to learn more about all of the great things happening here. At a recent town hall meeting, a gentleman indicated how impressed he was with the College's work. At the same time, a Northeast alum indicated a desire to share her extensive national work experience and become reconnected with the College – because it was a place making a difference and she wanted to give back.

Northeast's number one goal is to ensure that its students are successfully completing their educational goals. Student success, the hallmark of Northeast's Vision 2020 strategic plan, is the solid foundation behind this work. Now, as the finishing touches are put in place on this planning blueprint, the Board of Governors is establishing its future goals in order to launch Vision 2025. As a forward-thinking board, they are planning well in advance for what lies ahead.

Now in its 45th year of serving the 20-county region, this is the time to reflect on what Northeast Community College has achieved. While the awards are not what is most important, they certainly validate the impact Northeast has on the region's 101 communities and 158,000 constituents. They showcase the forward-thinking efforts of our board, faculty and staff and demonstrate Northeast's commitment to student and community success. Northeast Community College has a bright future ahead and we thank you for being a part of that journey.



Michael R. Chipps, Ph. D.
President



Give to the General Scholarship Fund

Your Donation Makes a Difference!

During this giving season, please consider making a gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500 or any amount you can afford, to the general scholarship fund to assist students at Northeast Community College.

An education at Northeast would not be possible without the scholarship support students receive from donors like you.

- 61% of Northeast students are first-generation students.
- Northeast Community College is an affordable community college, yet there are some students who still need financial assistance to attend.
- 9 out of 10 Northeast graduates live, work and raise their families in Nebraska.
- Investing in Northeast students means investing in our local communities.

Thank you for considering a gift and being an important part of Northeast Community College's mission of student and community success.

You can support the general scholarship fund by donating online at northeast.edu/Giving/Donate. Donations can also be made by cash, check or credit card, by calling Holly at (402) 844-7065.

All donations are tax deductible.

Donate by December 31st to meet your 2018 giving goal.



"Receiving scholarships for both freshman and sophomore years were some of the biggest reasons I was able to attend as well as continue my education in the drafting field. It allowed me to enjoy the college experience while giving me many more opportunities. As a first generation college student, it means a lot to me to find the right college, to eventually graduate and to start my life with the golden ticket: a college degree."

Dallas Bruning
Associate of Applied Science Degree,
Drafting, '18

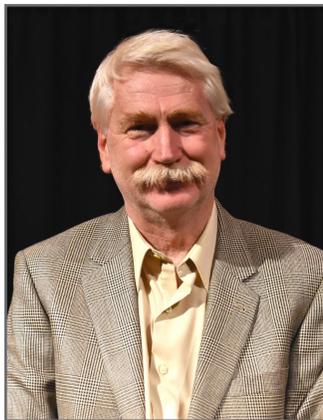
33%
Of Northeast
scholarship
applicants go
unawarded

677
Online
scholarship
applications
received

453
Students
were awarded
\$350,109 in
financial aid

Achievement Awards

Northeast Alumni Hall of Success



John Dinkel

John Dinkel graduated from Northeast Technical Community College in 1974 with an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration. He started working for Dinkel Implement Company as a part time employee in 1969, and also worked at United Parcel Services in Norfolk from 1973-1978. When he graduated from college, he continued to work at Dinkel Implement as a full time employee. Today he is the president and co-owner with his brother, Larry, and son, Brad.

Dinkel is actively involved in his community and finds time to serve on various councils and commissions across the state. Presently, he serves as chairperson of the Board of Directors at Faith Regional Health Services. He is also a member of the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce where he serves on the Action Council and Small Business Council.

As someone with a personal interest in markets and investments, he was appointed to the Nebraska Investment Council, which oversees pensions of educators and the Nebraska State Patrol, as well as NEST 529 College Savings Plans. Dinkel has been actively engaged in politics with the Nebraska and Madison County Republican parties. He is presently Madison County GOP Committeeman.

When asked what advice Dinkel would give to future Northeast students, he said "Start with 'soaking up' what is provided at Northeast, as well as the lessons of everyday life. Be active, but responsible socially, have fun and keep up on political issues and events. The future of this great country is in your hands."

Dinkel and his wife, Cindy, have four children, Rene' Hodges, and Brad, Kelsey and Kendra Dinkel, and seven grandchildren. ■



Isaiah Graham

Isaiah Graham graduated from Northeast Community College in 2005 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Management-Banking and Insurance. He serves as the vice president and branch manager of Homestead Bank in St. Paul and Wolbach.

Graham manages the banking operations, compliance, loan origination, financial analysis, collections, marketing, budgeting, advertising and goodwill for the St. Paul, NE and Wolbach, NE trade areas for Homestead Bank.

In 2018, Graham was named Business Person of the Year by the Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America and earned the Difference Maker award from the Nebraska Bankers Association.

He is active in a variety of activities including the St. Paul Economic Development Corporation, St. Paul Rotary Club, St. Paul Elmwood Cemetery Foundation, Nebraska Bankers Association, Nebraska/Kansas Schools of Banking, and State of Nebraska Rural Broadband Task Force.

Graham's advice for future Northeast students, "Never settle for anything less than your best in life and in business. Set high standards, because the standards we set for ourselves will become the standards we expect from others. Embrace your time at college and utilize it as a resource throughout your life. Be proud to be a Hawk and soar above and beyond your goals."

Graham and his wife, Emily have two sons, Noah and Jedidiah. ■

Nebraska Community College Association Distinguished Alumni



John Schmitt

John C. Schmitt graduated in 1974 from Northeast Technical Community College, where he earned a degree in air conditioning and major appliance repair. In 1985, he earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts. He continued on with his education earning degrees from Wayne State College and Northern Illinois University.

For 11 years, Schmitt worked as a heating and cooling contractor. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he became the director of several Head Start programs in northeast Nebraska. For the past 30 years he has been a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI). As a counselor, Schmitt works in promoting a positive understanding of blindness; career counseling and job placement; provides independent living skills training; offers transition services from high school to adult life; and provides assistance to older individuals who are blind, among other services.

Distinguished Service

Schmitt is also a board member of Norfolk Rotary Club (past president and past secretary), commissioner on the City of Norfolk Civil Service Commission, as well a member of Friendship Partners, a Christian ministry that helps meet the unique needs of international students at Northeast Community College. He has also served as a board member and treasurer of Blind Corps, Incorporated.

Schmitt followed in the footsteps of his father, Clarence Schmitt, who served as a long time member of Northeast Community College Board of Governors.

Schmitt said, "Northeast gave me the opportunity to acquire skills that have allowed me to find meaningful employment. I have gained some lifelong friendships with both staff and students of the College. I know the time my father invested with Northeast gave him some of the most gratifying experiences of his lifetime."

Schmitt and his wife, Shirley, have one son, Andrew Schmitt, as well as one daughter, Natalie Schmitt, and three grandchildren. ■



Dr. Don Oelslignle

Dr. Don Oelslignle served on the Northeast Board of Governors, representing District I of Antelope, Garfield, Pierce and Wheeler counties in their entirety and portions of Boone, Cedar and Madison counties, from 2000-2017. He chaired a number of board committees and served as board chairperson in 2007. He was board vice-chairperson in 2006 and 2012.

Oelslignle also participated in the American Association of Community College Trustees and American Association of Community Colleges meetings in Washington, D.C., on behalf of Northeast. He also served as one of two representatives from Northeast on the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Board of Directors, including a one-year term as board president in 2011. He earned the NCCA Governor's Award in 2012.

His vast experience as a researcher, educator, Peace Corps volunteer, manager, agri-businessman, and farmer prepared him to function as an outstanding contributor to the board. Oelslignle's dedication and passion for students over the years is commendable and deeply valued.

An area of importance to Oelslignle has been Northeast's continued expansion in global educational opportunities, which include the development of student exchange programs, an increase in the College's international student population, articulation agreements with institutions in other countries and the Center for Global Engagement.

Oelslignle and his wife, Jean, have two daughters, Sandra Hartz and Dawn Garcia, and two grandchildren. ■



Shirley Petsche

Shirley Petsche has served on the Northeast Community College Board of Governors, representing District I of Antelope, Garfield, Pierce, Wayne and Wheeler counties in their entirety and portions of Boone, Cedar, and Madison counties, since she was appointed in 2010. She was elected to the position in 2012 and re-elected in 2016. Petsche stepped down from her position in August 2018.

Petsche chaired a number of board committees and served as board chairperson in 2016. She was board vice-chairperson in 2015 and secretary in 2014. She also served as one of two representatives from Northeast on the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors.

Petsche is a former licensed practical nurse who received her education at the Lincoln School of Nursing in 1967. She has served as director of the Boone County Health Center Foundation, director of the Boone County Development Agency, and as a consultant for an economic development organization in Nance County.

When we asked Petsche for her greatest memory of Northeast Community College, she said, "My greatest memory of Northeast has been the association with great leaders from across northeast Nebraska and the competence of the executive staff and our president who drive it. Northeast Community College confirms the mantra that skills-training provides the workforce needs that are necessary to retain businesses in northeast Nebraska and beyond."

Petsche and husband, Don, have four daughters, Kim Beierman, Rene' Ketteler, Sonya Kraft, Tanya Bode, and one son, Cody Petsche, and 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. ■

Nominations Needed!

If you are interested in nominating an individual for the Northeast Alumni Hall of Success, please contact the Northeast Community College Foundation Office at

(402) 844-7065 or via email foundation@northeast.edu.

You may also visit the website to complete an application:

<http://www.northeast.edu/Achievement-Awards/>

Planned Giving

Turning 70 1/2? Have an IRA? What are RMDs?



We spoke with Tracey Buettner, an attorney at Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner & Stover, P.C., L.L.O. about retirement planning around Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). At age 70 1/2, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that people who hold individual retirement accounts begin taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from their retirement accounts. A required minimum distribution is simply a mandatory withdrawal that you must make annually from your retirement accounts, upon reaching the age of 70½. Your RMD is based on your account balance from Dec. 31 of the previous year, and is taxable income that may add to your annual tax burden. What's more, failure to withdraw the RMD on time could result in a 50 percent penalty.

"It is essential for estate planning purposes to have an idea of what your RMD might be. There are several investment businesses that provide online calculators, but the IRS website is a good place to start," said Buettner. "The IRS has actuarial tables that provide life-expectancy information used to calculate RMD based on your account balance."

Your RMD is your money, you can spend it or reinvest it. But once you take possession of your funds, it becomes taxable income that may have tax repercussions. Buettner suggests, "Another option to discuss with your estate planning advisors is to donate the RMD directly to charity. It is a way to keep your income lower for tax purposes." This is called an IRA charitable rollover.

"Your estate planning advisors will ensure the donation is given correctly to take advantage of the income tax benefits. It's important the donation goes directly from the asset to the 501(c)(3) charity. There is also a \$100,000 per year limit," she added.

Withdrawing an RMD doesn't have to be a source of stress, and can be a great opportunity to support Northeast Community College or a charity of your choice. If you are interested in establishing Northeast Community College as a recipient of all or part of your RMD, please contact your professional advisor.

Planned Giving and You

Many of our family and friends who support Northeast Community College Foundation say they love supporting our work and wish they could do more. One way to do more is to include Northeast in your estate plan. Some believe you need to be "super wealthy" to leave a charity in your estate plans, but that is far from the truth. As little as 1% of your estate would make a difference at Northeast. It is possible to provide for your family and invest in your favorite charity at the same time.

Planned gifts include bequests in wills or living trusts (or a bequest in a will or a living trust); life income plans such as gift annuities, charitable trusts and pooled income funds; and beneficiary designation of retirement plans, brokerage accounts and life insurance policies.

At Northeast, all unrestricted charitable gifts are used strategically to support the education of our students.

To make a one-time gift, or an estate gift to the Northeast Community College Foundation, the appropriate beneficiary designation is "Northeast Community College Foundation, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation." Northeast Community College Foundation is registered with the IRS Department of the Treasury (EIN: 51-0145185) and is exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Your support is appreciated. For more information regarding planned giving or to establish your planned gift today contact Tracy Feathers at tracyf@northeast.edu or 402-844-7655. ■

7 Ways to Give

Through the generous support of donors, Northeast Community College can continually grow to meet community workforce needs and inspire lifelong learning and educational growth.

By giving to Northeast, you are expanding educational opportunities throughout the 20-county service area and beyond.

Pick the one most convenient for you

- Cash
- Gifts-in-kind
- Bequests
- Life Insurance
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Commodities

The end of 2018 is quickly approaching and now is the time to make those charitable donations. Please contact Holly Quinn at (402) 844-7065 or visit us online at www.northeast.edu/giving/donate to make a gift and impact a student's life. ■

Northeast Community College Foundation works with Planned Giving Advisors throughout our 20-county service area. Please feel free to contact any of the following if you have gift planning questions.

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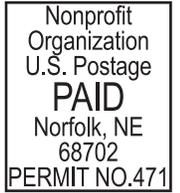
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Create A Year-Round Impact

Did you know, 9 out of every 10 Northeast graduates stay in Nebraska?

By signing up as a monthly donor at the \$10, \$15, or \$20 per month level, you will be investing not only in our students but in the future of Nebraska.

Your monthly donation provides Northeast:

- A reliable stream of funds that Northeast can invest where it is most needed.
- The ability to save costs on fundraising efforts, allowing the College to invest those funds in improving the college experience for our students.
- The pleasure of sharing your meaningful gift with students, letting them know that you support them, their education, and their future.

Sign up to make a year-round impact in the lives of our students today at www.northeast.com/giving/donate.
Your tax deductible gift is an investment in the future of rural Nebraska.



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