



Your **IMPACT**

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THIS IS WHAT YOUR
COMMITMENT HAS DONE.



Committed TO OUR COMMUNITY'S COLLEGE.

ERIC & NICOLE and
MICHAEL & TRICIA GANTZ
PEPSI DUBUQUE/LIME ROCK SPRINGS

"We believe in higher education and know the students who attend Northeast Iowa Community College are very likely to stay in northeast Iowa. They are our customers and contribute to the local economy."

When Michael and Eric Gantz assumed sole ownerships of the family business in 2018, a few things changed but their commitment to supporting the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Foundation remained solid.

"When we give to NICC, we know that we are truly making an impact. We see our investment at work in the community," said Eric.

Eric and Michael are the fourth generation owners of Pepsi Dubuque/ Lime Rock Springs. The cousins expanded the business by founding Verena Street Coffee in 2010.

Eric and his wife Nicole, along with Michael and his wife Tricia, administer the Gantz Foundation Charitable Trust. For more than 25 years, the Gantz Foundation has served as a major sponsor of the NICC Foundation's annual golf tournament, supported the Campaign for Excellence and are members of the President's Circle.

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ANDREW BUTLER
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
COTTINGHAM AND BUTLER, INC.

Build THE LOCAL WORKFORCE.

Investing with community partners is sometimes the best solution to a problem. That's what Andrew Butler, executive chairman for Cottingham and Butler, Inc., realized when the company needed employees with coding and digital technology skills for web development.

Butler teamed up with Northeast Iowa Community College and the University of Dubuque to create a Web Application Bootcamp. The eight-week training program provides students with the skills needed to fill in-demand local jobs.

The web application skill shortage stretches well beyond Cottingham & Butler. According to laborshed research, web development and programming job openings are predicted to grow by 15 percent through 2025.

"This partnership has the potential to create a technology hub for our region, attracting talent that supports both businesses and the community well into the future," said Butler.

Life CHANGING INTERNSHIP IN SWITZERLAND.

Your investment in students helped Tanner Mashek experience a life-changing internship in Switzerland.

Tanner, a Northeast Iowa Community College agriculture business graduate, is the seventh generation to run his family's dairy farm in northeast Iowa. Swissgenetics, of Zollikofen, Switzerland, offered the 11-week internship to Tanner during the second year of his program.

As an intern, he drew upon his agriculture business education to complete records and data analysis, and conducted research on blood lines of Brown Swiss bulls from all over the U.S., Germany, Italy, Austria and Switzerland.

The Norby Farm Fleet Scholarship and NICC Opportunity Award helped Tanner forge his successful farming career. The Norby Scholarship was created specifically to support agriculture education at the College.

"Several of our Norbys Farm Fleet stores are located within the area that Northeast Iowa Community College serves. We have benefited from having several graduates of the College working for us in various jobs. Our company wants to support the growth of agriculture and related industries within our region. Offering scholarships is an effective way to provide educational opportunities to students in northeast Iowa," said Norby Distributing Company co-owner, Paula Norby.



TANNER MASHEK
AGRICULTURE BUSINESS



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JAMIE MONTGOMERY
MEDICAL ASSISTING

YOUR Generosity INSPIRES COMPASSION.

If an occupation involves caring for people, Jamie Montgomery wants in. For the past 20 years, Jamie has devoted her professional life to taking care of people. She's worked in child care, cosmetology and long term care. Now, a scholarship created by Medical Associates Clinic is paving the way for Jamie to become a Certified Medical Assistant through Northeast Iowa Community College.

"I applied for the scholarship because I really wanted to get back into healthcare after staying home to take care of my children," said the mother of two. "My dream is to work as a medical assistant in the oncology department with cancer patients. I want to walk with them and be a part of their heroic journey."

YOU MOVED THE NEEDLE.

Your investment in the Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation makes a dramatic impact on students and their success.

\$5.9 million+

has been awarded by the Foundation in scholarship funds since 1984.

73%

of eligible students received some form of financial aid, including Foundation scholarships, last year.

89%

of those who received a scholarship were successful in graduating from the College or transferred to continue their education.

\$190,768

in Foundation scholarships was awarded to 357 students last year.

\$151,987

in Student Crisis funding has been disbursed to 461 students since 2007. 89% of these students continued with their studies and completed their NICC education.



**GOLDEN
TICKET
RECIPIENT**

ASHLEY JACKSON
NURSING

You **IMPACT STUDENTS.**

Often times friends and family members see the career potential in young people before they do themselves. Ashley Jackson's career aspirations started to reveal themselves halfway through high school.

"The summer before my junior year, my grandpa passed away. My family and I spent his final days with him at a care facility. During that difficult week, my family said I would make a good nurse. So in the fall I earned my Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)," Ashley recalled. "This strengthened my decision to become a nurse."

Kit O'Donohoe, a founding member of the President's Circle, presented Ashley with a Golden Ticket.

Founding members of the President's Circle are able to present a Golden Ticket to encourage individuals to enroll with the college. Impacting one life at a time.

"I decided that Northeast Iowa Community College's nursing program was the best for me because I wanted to stay close to home and I had already earned college credits from NICC. I plan to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) and work in a hospital as a pediatric or emergency room nurse," Ashley expressed.





**NORTHEAST IOWA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Advancement



YOU CAN

Help

The Career Learning Link program at Northeast Iowa Community College connects businesses and high schools so students can explore careers and gain relevant internships. Success Coaches guide students, help them find and prepare for job shadows and internships, arrange for industry leaders to visit classes and host site visits, and assist with job and college applications.

You can support students at 23 public high schools and two private schools in northeast Iowa. Career Learning Link also encourages interest in high-demand career pathways including healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business and STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, math).

With the support of donors like you, the College can increase the number of internship opportunities available for students, especially with local businesses. Helping high school students explore careers and gain work experience strengthens the workforce pipeline and our regional economy. Your support is an investment in your local community.

Contact Wendy Knight, NICC vice president of institutional effectiveness and advancement, at 844.642.2338, ext. 2379, or knightw@nicc.edu to learn how you can support students.

You WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.



DONOR CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

PIVO Brewery
101 Huber Drive
Calmar

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7 Hills Events Center
1098 Jackson St.
Dubuque



GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

South Winn Golf & Country Club
2585 175th St.
Calmar

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Thunder Hills Country Club
16682 Thunder Hills Drive
Peosta

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