

A Message from Our Campaign Chairs

As a nationally recognized leader in education, NIACC has been an integral part of the fabric of North Iowa for nearly 100 years. Providing the very best in educational resources and opportunities is a direct result of NIACC's vision and commitment to excellence. To continue as a leader in education and partnership, NIACC must be responsive to the evolving needs and challenges of students and employers.

We recognize the importance and value of NIACC's service through its superior education, partnership, and leadership, and we have reached a crossroads where critical enhancements must be made in order for the College to stay the course as an educational leader. Therefore, we are excited to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs and Active Co-Chairs for the ***Keeping NIACC First Capital Campaign!***

Following the counsel of area business, industry, and community leaders, we knew NIACC needed this campaign effort to provide for the critical enhancements the College needs to sustain and grow its services. When looking across the College, the priorities where we can make the most impact with our campaign were clear:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) classrooms and lab equipment
- Health Simulation facilities and equipment
- Diesel facility
- Piano upgrades and music enhancements

Internal commitment to NIACC has reached unprecedented levels of support with 95% participation by faculty and staff in the annual fund, which significantly surpasses the community college national average of less than 50% participation. Plus, campaign participation among leadership is extraordinary with 100% participation by the NIACC Board of Directors, the NIACC Foundation Board of Directors, and the NIACC senior leadership team. Those most involved with NIACC enthusiastically support the College's mission, accomplishments, and future.

Meeting these challenges will also require a concerted effort from all of North Iowa and those who support NIACC. In the coming weeks, volunteers will visit friends, alumni, employers, and supporters of the College to discuss these critical enhancements that NIACC needs to continue in our leadership role.

We believe in NIACC and want to offer you the opportunity to invest with us as we begin to build the future today. Please join us in ***Keeping NIACC First!***



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David Steffens, Jr.
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Letter from the NIACC Board of Directors

We encourage you to join us as participants in the **Keeping NIACC First Campaign** to show your support for NIACC as a vital leader, faithful partner, and valued educator in North Iowa. As representatives of our North Iowa communities at NIACC, we have worked to guide our community college to serve our region.

Over a nearly two-year period, we took part in an effort to identify the needs of the College, and we held extensive conversations with hundreds of North Iowa citizens about those needs, associated costs, and likely support. As a result, although over \$26 million in enhancements were identified, the scope was reduced to a more manageable, sustainable, and achievable goal of \$15 million. Within that goal, NIACC has identified critical initiatives to move the College forward in the 21st Century, and we enthusiastically support those key areas of need, including a renovated STEM wing, a health simulation center, a diesel facility, and upgraded pianos and music enhancements.

Please help our College continue to create the biggest and best impact on our region possible by making your commitment to the **Keeping NIACC First Campaign**.

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Letter from the NIACC Foundation Board of Directors

As members of the NIACC Foundation Board of Directors, we work to advance the NIACC Foundation mission to strive to enable students to attend North Iowa Area Community College and to enhance programs and activities of the College. In doing so, we ascertain community backing for various projects, and we also volunteer our time and financial commitments to make the most significant difference we can for NIACC and North Iowa.

Today, we face one of our most important efforts. We reviewed the results of the NIACC Board of Directors' initial conversations with citizens about key projects and enhancements needed to move NIACC into the 21st Century.

All indicators pointed to an overwhelming level of support to help build North Iowa's future today by embarking on the **Keeping NIACC First Campaign**. Thus, a silent phase of the campaign began, and we are pleased to report its success! Just as the silent phase has indicated that our communities support this campaign, we also passionately support the vital projects identified in the campaign: a renovated STEM wing, a health simulation center, a diesel facility, and upgraded pianos and music enhancements.

Please help the NIACC Foundation continue to enhance NIACC's programs and activities which enable students to attend the best version of the College by making your commitment to the **Keeping NIACC First Campaign**.

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