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University Center Awards Eleven Students Scholarships

SIOUX FALLS, SD – September 22, 2009 – University Center is pleased to announce that eleven new students have been named recipients of its Lifelong Learning and Community Connect Scholarships.

The Lifelong Learning Scholarship is uniquely designed to meet the needs of adult learners in the Sioux Falls community. The scholarship is awarded in the form of an account that can be used over a period of up to six years and does not require continuous attendance. Adult “non-traditional” students typically attend school part-time while working and raising a family. These students are often ineligible for traditional scholarships because they cannot meet the attendance or other requirements. The Lifelong Learning Scholarship aims to fill the gap that is left by traditional aid programs and assist these students financially in pursuing their education.

The Community Connect Scholarship aims to encourage students from under-represented populations to enroll and persist in higher education. The scholarship is awarded to young people who are first-generation college students. It is a need-based scholarship that seeks to cover most of the student’s cost of attendance through non-obligation financial aid.

Together, the Lifelong Learning and Community Connect Scholarships serve the Sioux Falls community by providing access to higher education for local student populations and creating a more educated local workforce.

Lifelong Learning Recipients:

Marisa Draper
Rebecca Engquist
Candi Hinsch
Tammy Leeper
Marty Link
Judy Morford
Michele Zuiderhof

Community Connect Recipients:

Nelly Dikosso
Amber Flood
Jenneh Kamara
Sara Lee

About University Center

University Center provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner Universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area. Over the course of a year 3,500 students take classes at University Center and the campus is home to more than 60 degree programs.

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