



IWCC

Dr. Dan Kinney, President of Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on July 21. He has been at IWCC for 18 years. Dr. Kinney talked about funding, new construction, and recent events and initiatives.

Dr. Kinney said that funding at originally funding for IWCC was split equally between the state of Iowa, property taxes, and tuition. Now it is funded 29% by the state, 64.4% by tuition, and less than 5% by property taxes.

The enrollment consists of 4,076 full time students and 3,125 part time students, a 62% increase since 2003. IWCC has 1,198 on campus residents. The students accumulated 165,000 credits last year.

Since 1998, IWCC has spent \$120M in new construction and repairs. They now have 639,000 more square feet of space. Due to greater efficiencies through renovations, their electrical needs have not gone up.

IWCC has a major focus on scholarships. They have allocated about \$2M per year. The scholarship foundation has \$20M in assets.

Some of the recent events and initiatives at IWCC include:

- Human simulation center for Nursing with 16 simulators. They expect to graduate 144 nurses in the Spring. They are working with Nebraska Wesleyan to offer a BSN in Nursing.
- New Design Tech Program, using a \$65M grant from Siemens. This program is offered at the Atlantic campus.
- Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistance lab.
- Math Development Lab. This is a test site for a self paced program to help students prepare for college math.
- They had the Higher Learning Commission quality check, which is required every three years for school certification. It check nine categories of compliance. IWCC had no negative comments or suggestions.
- Planning Clark Hall construction of science labs and general purpose classrooms.