



## Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health

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### **Health Department presents first annual Workplace Wellness Awards**

(Mason City) - It is with pleasure that the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health presents the first annual Workplace Wellness Diamond Award to North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC). The Workplace Wellness Awards Program is a partnership between the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health, Blue Zones Project® Worksite Committee, and the Mason City Chamber of Commerce to recognize and support local employers in their quest to encourage employee health and well-being.

In its first year, the program received many stellar applications from local organizations all committed to employee wellness. After review and scoring by the Blue Zones Project® Worksite Committee, NIACC was recognized for their outstanding efforts surrounding workplace wellness at the Mason City Chamber annual meeting on Thursday, October 6th.

In addition to the Diamond Award, the following local businesses were also awarded for their strong employee-wellness initiatives:

#### **Bronze Level**

- Curries Company – Assa Abbloy

#### **Silver Level**

- Cerro Gordo County
- Smithfield Foods
- Metalcraft, Inc.
- Opportunity Village
- CL Tel
- Kingland Systems

#### **Diamond Award**

- North Iowa Area Community College

“We are grateful for the partnership between the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health, Blue Zones Project® Worksite Committee, and the Mason City Chamber of Commerce to recognize our local business leaders who value employee health and well-being, and understand the significance healthy employees have on their organization’s success,” states Kelli Huinker, Health Promotion Manager with the Cerro Gordo County

Department of Public Health. “The applicants this year are well deserving of the recognition and should be commended for their commitment to making employee wellness a priority.”

The awards program is funded in part by a grant from the University of Iowa’s Business Leadership Network, and also helps provide educational learning opportunities for workplace safety and well-being. For more information, contact Kelli Huinker at 641-421-9312 or [khuinker@cghealth.com](mailto:khuinker@cghealth.com).

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