**PRESS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release:

 IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMBRACES MIXTURE OF VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON OPTIONS TO WELCOME STUDENTS AND PREPARE FOR FALL 2020 SEMESTER

(Estherville, Iowa) Iowa Lakes Community College navigates the unprecedented circumstances created by COVID-19 by offering students a mixture of in-person and virtual options by appointment for campus visits, registration, orientation, and placement testing for the Fall 2020 semester.

“We are doing everything we can to help students and parents experience Iowa Lakes safely and comfortably with a multitude of options for everything from visiting for the first time to attending orientation to registering for classes. We are all in this together working towards the best solutions possible to ensure safety,” explained Annie Kalous, Iowa Lakes Director of Admissions.

**Laker Virtual Visit Days**

Laker Virtual Visit Days allow individuals to obtain the resources and information needed to make college decisions. By signing up for a Laker Virtual Visit Day, students may also be offered in-person visits as an option, so each individual can decide whether they feel comfortable attending a small gathering for an in-person visit or prefer exploring Iowa Lakes virtually.

As an added incentive to visit Iowa Lakes through Laker Virtual Visit Days, participants will be entered for a chance to win one of four $250 Campus Store vouchers.

Laker Virtual Visit Days will be held on the Emmetsburg campus on July 27 at 1 pm and the Estherville campus on July 27 at 9 am.

To register for Laker Virtual Visit Days, visit iowalakes.edu/visit.

**Virtual Registration Days**

Virtual Registration Days provide students a Zoom meeting with an Iowa Lakes Enrollment coach and Faculty Advisor. During the Zoom session, students will register for classes, learn about upcoming orientations, and get answers to questions about paying tuition and Financial Aid.

Virtual Registration Days are held through June 30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 12 pm, 1 pm to 3 pm, and 5 pm to 7 pm. Each student will be assigned a 30-minute time slot, which is available by appointment only.

To signup for a Virtual Registration Day appointment, visit iowlakes.edu/virtual-registration at least one week in advance for your desired time frame to allow time for team coordination.

**Summer Orientation Dates**

Students, who have already applied for Iowa Lakes and been accepted into the program of their choice, can hit the ground running by attending Summer Orientation Dates.

Summer Orientation Dates are available virtually and in-person. Visit iowalakes.edu/admissions/orientation/schedule, to choose your preferred date and way to attend.

**Placement Testing**

Iowa Lakes is also accepting appointments for placement testing in the Success Centers. For more information on placement testing, visit iowalakes.edu/student-services/success-advising-center/proctoring-services/.

For anyone who is not comfortable online or has further questions regarding Laker Virtual Visit Days, Virtual Registration Days, and Summer Orientation Dates, call 1-800-346-6018 for personalized assistance.

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** Iowa Lakes Community College Admissions Staff Welcomes Students to Virtual Registration Days

**Pictured Front Row From Left to Right**: Admissions Specialist Madison Bolin, Director of Admissions Annie Kalous, Admissions Office Associate Mary Anderson

**Pictured Back Row From Left to Right**: Admissions Enrollment Coaches: Jason McKinney, Jarvis Webber, Brandon DeClercq, Corey Meyer, Kaden Huntrods