



Siouxland Community Blood Bank

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**SIOUXLAND COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK HOLDS BLOOD
COLLECTION CHALLENGE AT MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE AND WESTERN IOWA
TECH**

SIOUX CITY, IA February 2, 2009—The Siouxland Community Blood Bank will hold a total of four blood drives at Morningside College and Western Iowa Tech Community College as part of a challenge to see who can donate the most blood.

Blood drives held at Morningside College will be Wednesday, February 4 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Thursday, February 5 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Olsen Student Center Lobby both days.

At Western Iowa Tech Community College, blood drives will be held on Wednesday, February 4 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM and Thursday, February 5 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in building A, room A506.

“Part of the college experience is to promote volunteerism and raise awareness for the need to give back to your community,” said Jan Twait, CEO for the Siouxland Community Blood Bank. “We are giving students from both of these institutions the opportunity to give back to the community from themselves while saving up to three people’s lives.”

Both Morningside College and Western Iowa Tech have been hosting blood drives since the Siouxland Community Blood Bank began operations in 1967.

Appointments are encouraged for both blood drives but walk-in traffic will be welcome as well. Appointments can be made online at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org. There is an urgent need for all blood products at this time.

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank is a nonprofit organization that is the sole supplier of volunteer blood and blood products to 37 hospitals in Siouxland including St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center and Mercy Medical Center. To be eligible to donate you must be 17 (16 with a signed parental consent form found at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org), be in general good health and may not have donated blood in the past 56 days. For more information about the Siouxland Community Blood Bank or locations of their next blood drives, visit their website at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org or call 800-798-4208.