DMACC RECEIVES ITS LARGEST DONATION EVER

DMACC President Rob Denson thanks Reza Kargarzadeh for his gift of seven former Maytag buildings (472,000 sq ft of space) to the DMACC Newton Campus. The gift, worth more than $9 million, is the largest ever donated to the college and was announced at a news conference attended by Governor Terry Branstad and scores of Newton area representatives. Kargarzadeh is president and founder of Engineered Plastic Components, Inc.

In recognition of Kargarzadeh's gift, the former Maytag court area will be renamed Kargarzadeh Court. Newton Mayor Michael Hansen and Aureon Technology President Justyn Miller attended the news conference announcing Kargarzadeh's donation of nearly 500,000 sq ft of buildings and outside courtyard to the DMACC Newton Campus. Prior to this donation, the total square footage of all DMACC campuses and centers amounted to about 1.6 million square feet.
DMACC RECEIVES ITS LARGEST DONATION EVER (CONT.)

DMACC Board President Joe Pugel (left to right), Governor Terry Branstad, Engineered Plastic Components Inc. President and Founder Reza Kargarzadeh, DMACC President Rob Denson, Newton Mayor Michael Hansen, and Aureon Technology President Justyn Miller pose for a photo following the news conference announcing the largest donation ever made in DMACC's 50-year history. Preliminary plans call for a multi-use facility that could include:

• A traditional office/industrial park for existing companies and others
• Student housing
• Space for an expansion of new and existing academic programs
• A business incubator for startup and growth companies.
VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT—NEWTON CAMPUS

The 12 veterans who participated in the Veterans History Project on the DMACC Newton Campus included (front row, left to right) Robert DeBord of Urbandale, Verle Summers of Newton, Burton Snook of Newton, Bill Zegers of Newton, Dino Righi of Des Moines and Arnold Cook of Newton; (back row, left to right) Craig Nida of Ankeny, John Rossi of West Des Moines, Gregory Salazar of Windsor Heights, Lonny Wunn of Bondurant, Fred Dimon of Newton and Raymond Bagg of Des Moines.

The dozen veterans were interviewed about their wartime experiences. These interviews were transcribed by members of the Iowa Court Reporters Association and videotaped by professional videographers. Transcripts and video recordings of the interviews will become an official record in the Library of Congress; the transcripts will also be added to the DMACC Library collection. Following the interviews, the veterans and their guests were honored during an awards luncheon on the DMACC Newton Campus. This project was hosted by students in the Newton Campus court reporting program.
An oversized, inflatable Herky the Hawkeye stands outside Bldg. #5 on the Ankeny Campus as part of the “Hawkeyes in the Halls” event. University of Iowa representatives were on hand to talk about the four programs offered at their Des Moines Center: Social Work, Political Science, Sports and Recreation Management, and Enterprise Leadership. The U of I representatives encouraged DMACC students to consider those programs after completing their first two years at DMACC.

Former University of Iowa quarterback Chuck Long speaks to Ankeny Campus students.

Former Hawkeye basketball star Bobby Hansen, who played nine years in the NBA, also addresses the DMACC students in the Bldg. #5 Student Center.
LATINO NIGHT AT THE URBAN CAMPUS

Ten-year old Maria Diaz and her eight-year old sister, Daniela, pose with DMACC President Rob Denson and the DMACC Bear during Latino Family Night on the DMACC Urban Campus.

Enrique Hernandez (right) of Des Moines visits with DMACC Career Coach Caryn Kelly during Latino Family Night.
DMACC HOSTS KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Waukee High School students Jason Baxter (left to right), Jake Frisk, Alex Zarkowski, Joseph Connell, and Ben Heidt won the Division I category of the High School Knowledge Bowl held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. All are juniors except for Heidt, a senior.

Ankeny Southview students Carter Tams (left to right), Sam Wu, Jack Staab, Nathan Greiner, and Jackson Porter, all ninth-graders, won the Division 2 category of the High School Knowledge Bowl held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Pella Christian High School finished in second place.
CIWEEK8 LAUNCH PARTY

DMACC West Campus Provost Dr. Tony Paustian prepares to unveil the list of ciWeek 8 speakers during the first annual launch party held at the Greater Des Moines Partnership office in downtown Des Moines. The announcement and reception included Partnership members, sponsors and representatives from the College. This year’s theme is “To the Nth Degree” and includes Ken Mattingly from Apollo 18, best-selling author Max Brooks, and famed rock climber Kevin Jorgeson.

“DMACC is to be commended for once again securing an impressive line-up of transformational speakers for ciWeek,” said Jay Byers, CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership. “This annual event is yet another example of why Central Iowa is a great place to live, work and be inspired as attendees will hear from some of the country’s top innovators in music, movies, sports, technology and science—all at no cost.”

ciWeek 8 is Feb. 27 - March 3 at the DMACC West Des Moines Campus. The event is free and open to the public. The event will be simulcast live in HD to all DMACC campuses.
Numerous awards were handed out during DMACC’s Fall Semester President’s Day festivities. DMACC Ankeny Campus Tool and Die Professor and Program Chair Mark Rosenberry (center) received the DMACC Foundation’s Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of outstanding teaching and contributions to the educational process at DMACC. He received congratulations and a crystal bowl from DMACC President Rob Denson and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska.

DMACC West Campus Speech Communications Professor Yvonne Fielder was named the Distinguished Service Award recipient. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding service that goes beyond the scope of regular DMACC job responsibilities. Fielder is the advisor to Club West, the Student Activities Council Chapter on the West Campus.
DMACC FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)

Nancy Moeller of the DMACC Boone Campus received the Support Staff Service Award. Moeller has worked in Student Services since she was hired full-time in January 2002. Prior to that, she worked as a 1,000-hour employee of the College. She has served on the Quality of Work Life Committee, and Admissions Lean Committee, and is taking on the leadership role in the Boone Campus Commencement ceremonies and receptions.

Jeff Edgington received the 2016 Distinguished Adjunct Faculty award. He’s been the driving force behind DMACC’s new continuing education Industrial Painting Training program, helping build the program and curriculum from the ground level into the only one of its kind in the state. He also serves as an adjunct instructor in DMACC’s Auto Collision program.
DMACC FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)

Lyla Maynard received the Outstanding DMACC Pioneer Award. She has served as President Elect, President, Past President, and Hospitality Chair for the Pioneers. Maynard had spent 21 years as an instructor at DMACC, spending ten years in the Child Development Program and later transitioning to Psychology, soon after obtaining her Ph.D.

In addition, Sheryl Sexauer received the 2016 Distinguished Continuing Education Faculty Award. She has been the part-time consultant for Urban Campus’s non-credit English as a Second Language program for seven years.

TAPESTRY AWARD WINNERS

DMACC Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas (second from left) of Des Moines was presented a Tapestry Award from President Rob Denson, DMACC Diversity Commission Chair Joanne Dudgeon, and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska. The Tapestry Award is presented by the DMACC Diversity Commission to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity.
Ankeny Campus Speech Communications Professor Barb Schmidt (second from left) of Des Moines was presented a Tapestry Award at DMACC’s President’s Day. President Rob Denson, DMACC Diversity Commission Chair Joanne Dudgeon and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska presented the award.

Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families Director Marvin DeJear (second from left) of Des Moines also received a Tapestry Award for his efforts in encouraging diversity at DMACC.
STEM FESTIVAL ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS

Twelve year-old Jaelynn Nash (right) of Ankeny uses an app to view constellations at the Iowa Public Television booth at the STEM Festival as her mother, Julie Nash, looks on. An estimated 800 third through eighth graders and their families attended the free, family-friendly event. There were more than 40 booths featuring interactive learning activities, hands-on demonstrations, and make-and-and-takes. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Rock Creek Elementary School student Gabby Mixdorf, 10, (left) of Ankeny takes part in a nature exploration exhibit conducted by Samantha Dunn of the Blank Park Zoo at the STEM Festival held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
Remember the “five-second” rule that supposedly makes it safe to eat a piece of food less than five seconds after it touches the floor? Ten-year-old Emily Buckley of Ankeny looks through a microscope at the bacteria found on such food at the STEM Festival held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Buckley, who attends Ashton Ridge Elementary School, also looked at hair, leaves, and algae under the microscope.

DMACC first-year Fire Science Technology student Dylan Baker of Bondurant helps 11-year-old Jack Belding of Ankeny try on firefighting gear at the STEM Festival held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
STEM FESTIVAL ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS (CONT.)

Nine-year-old Ryan Collins of Ankeny plays a math-inspired card game with DMACC Liberal Arts student Leslie Denton of West Des Moines at the STEM Festival held on the Ankeny Campus. Collins attends Ashland Ridge Elementary School.

In a STEM Festival experiment designed to teach the science of buoyancy, 9-year-old Kylie Crowson of Ankeny adds marbles to an aluminum foil boat and tries to keep it afloat with the maximum amount of cargo.
STEM FESTIVAL ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS (CONT.)

Ten-year-old Eva Savage of Ankeny uses clues to determine which animals were in the area in an exhibit conducted by Maddy Sislow with the Blank Park Zoo. This was one of more than 40 booths featuring interactive learning activities, hands-on demonstrations, and make-and-takes at the STEM Festival.

Ten-year-old Chrissi Zachariades of Ankeny builds a tower with toothpicks and marshmallows at the STEM Festival. An estimate 800 third- through seventh-graders and their families attended the free, family-friendly event.
PURSUITING VICTORY WITH HONOR SUMMIT

Former Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher and now Rays Associate Scout Bryon Embry delivers the keynote address to nearly 200 Iowa community college students and their coaches during the 2016 Pursuing Victory with Honor Summit held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Embry talked about how at Indian Hills Community College, he not only developed his fastball, but also learned to not use his speech impediment as an excuse. Following a 12-year professional baseball career, Embry turned to public speaking, and in 2009 was one of ten finalists in the 2009 World Championship of Public Speaking.

The event was attended by students from DMACC, Indian Hills Community College, Iowa Valley Community College, North Iowa Area Community College, Iowa Lakes Community College and Hawkeye Community College, and was sponsored by the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University, Character Counts, the Institute for Excellence and Ethics, the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference and DMACC.

SIMON ESTES ON THE BOONE CAMPUS

DMACC Visiting Professor Simon Estes spoke about getting his start in opera during a presentation on the DMACC Boone Campus. The Centerville, Iowa high school graduate went on to attend the University of Iowa and then and the Juilliard School of Music before being selected to sing his first opera in Berlin.

Estes said he has sung before six U.S. Presidents, seven Nobel Prize winners, popes, and 90 conductor in 84 different opera houses on all continents except Antarctica.