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**DMACC Opens Doors to Jasper County Career Academy**

DMACC Board President Joe Pugel cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the dedication of the DMACC Jasper County Career Academy on the DMACC Newton Campus. Others taking part in the dedication included (from left) Steve McDermott, superintendent, Newton Community Schools; Dennis Black, state senator; Mary Entz, provost, DMACC Newton Campus; Rob Denson, president, DMACC; Chaz Allen, mayor, city of Newton; and Rick Tiedje, supervisor, Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

One hundred seventy-one high school juniors and seniors from all five Jasper County school districts are enrolled for the first semester of classes at the DMACC Jasper County Career Academy. Students are coming from Baxter Community School District, Colfax-Mingo Community School District, Lynnville-Sully Community School District, Newton Community School District and Prairie City-Monroe School District. Students from other school districts can attend if class space is available.

Programs at the DMACC Jasper County Career Academy include:

- Automotive Technology
- Automotive Collision
- Building Trades
- Certified Nurse Assistant (C.N.A.)
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Health Occupations
- Information Technology
- Welding

Students can earn both high school and college credit for the courses they attend at the Career Academy.

DMACC Welding Technology Instructor Keith Simpson (above left) shows Natalie McDonald of Newton some of the equipment used in the welding lab at the new DMACC Jasper County Career Academy.

Thirteen-year-old Marc DeBuyn (above left) of Newton and 14-year-old Aaron Huffaker of Knoxville demonstrate their ability to rock climb at the free rock-climbing venue sponsored by the U.S. Army at the recent dedication and open house of the new DMACC Jasper County Career Academy located on the DMACC Newton Campus.
Upcoming Events

**Sept. 30**
Rosenna Bakari reads “Talking Trees” at 2:30 p.m., Bldg. #2, Room 25B, Ankeny Campus.

**Oct. 5**
Sean Campbell presentation, 11:15 a.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium, Ankeny Campus.

**Oct. 5**
Domestic Violence Panel Discussion, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., West Campus.

**Oct. 6**
Sean Campbell presentation, 11:30 a.m., Newton Campus.

**Oct. 7**
Sean Campbell presentation, 10:10 a.m., Boone Campus Theatre.

**Oct. 7**
Sean Campbell presentation, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., West Campus Auditorium.

**Oct. 8**
Sean Campbell presentation, 11 a.m., Bldg. #1, Room 124-126, Urban Campus.

**Oct. 12**
DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., Boone Campus.

**Oct. 17**
DMACC Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium, Ankeny Campus.

**U OF I BRINGS BACHELOR’S DEGREES TO DMACC**

DMACC President Rob Denson (left) and University of Iowa President Sally Mason sign an affiliation agreement to allow DMACC students to earn a bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa without ever leaving their DMACC campus, as Board of Regents President David Miles watches the signing ceremony. The new program, which started this fall semester, allows DMACC students to pursue three UI degree programs including: Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Bachelor of Applied Studies and Bachelor of Applied Studies RN-BSN Degree from the UI College of Nursing.

President Denson gives a high-five to the DMACC Bear as Herky the Hawk and University of Iowa President Sally Mason look on at the recent signing ceremony.

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE TO SPEAK AT DMACC**

Before graduating from high school, Sean Campbell was a published author. In December of 2006, he earned and accepted a full, four-year scholarship to the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College in New York City. A year later, he launched a career as a motivational speaker and at age 18, established his first company, Path to Success, LLC. Campbell accomplished all of these successes despite facing obstacles such as a battle with depression and other family challenges.

Campbell will speak at five DMACC campuses about his struggles with mental illness and familial obstacles.

- **DMACC Ankeny Campus** Bldg. #6 Auditorium at 11:15 a.m., Mon., Oct. 5;
- **DMACC Newton Campus** Auditorium at 11:30 a.m., Tues., Oct. 6;
- **DMACC Boone Campus** Theatre at 10:10 a.m., Wed., Oct. 7;
- **DMACC West Campus** at 1 p.m., Wed., Oct. 7, in the West Campus Auditorium
- **DMACC Urban Campus** at 11 a.m., Thur., Oct. 8, in Bldg. #1, Room 124-126.

Campbell promotes mental health awareness, addresses strategies to overcoming adversity and discusses positive visualization techniques in his speaking engagements. At the age of 17, Campbell became the author of *The Sitcoms of Norman Lear*, a scholarly examination of the positive effects of Norman Lear’s television sitcoms on American culture and future television.
GETTING A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT A WIND TURBINE

DMACC Industry and Technology Dean Scott Ocken (left), Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Kim Linduska and President Rob Denson don their safety harnesses as they await a climb up a wind turbine. DMACC Industrial Electro-Mechanical Professor Jack Thompson led the tour, emphasizing safety the entire way. Manufacturing Technology Professor Dean Hoffman and Media Liaison Dan Ivis accompanied the group.

Denson starts his ascent up the nearly 300 feet of ladders to the summit of the wind turbine.

Linduska and Ocken listen attentively to final instructions before the hatch to the very top is opened. A total of 64 students are enrolled at the Ankeny and Carroll Campuses in DMACC’s wind energy program, which is a component of the Industrial Electro-Mechanical program.

Denson enjoys the serenity of sitting on top of the world, or at least the top of the wind turbine. Each wind turbine generates 1.5 megawatts of energy, which can produce more than 4.5 million kWh in a year—enough to power more than 420 homes. The average U.S. household consumes about 10,000 kWh of electricity each year.
GETTING A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT A WIND TURBINE cont.

Linduska ventures to the far edge of the top of the wind turbine while always maintaining a tie-off with her safety harness.

Ocken and Hoffman enjoy their time overlooking the Iowa countryside.

CONSTITUTION DAY AT DMACC

Dr. Renee Cramer, director of Drake University’s program in Law, Politics and Society, was the featured speaker at DMACC’s recent Constitution Day events. Cramer spoke on “Law in Our Everyday Lives” from the Ankeny Campus Bldg. #6 Auditorium and broadcast via the Iowa Communications Network to other DMACC campuses. She said that a recent national survey found that only one in 1,000 people could identify the five freedoms provided under the First Amendment.

DMACC Criminal Justice Professor Steve Udelhofen, (right) dressed as Uncle Sam, encourages DMACC Ankeny Campus students to participate in an “open mic” soap box opportunity to exercise their free speech rights.
SOCIAL NETWORKING PRESENTATION

Swift Kick Cofounder Tom Krieglstein speaks to DMACC faculty and staff on The Secrets Behind: Facebook and MySpace in a recent presentation on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. He said thanks to laptop computers equipped with wireless internet costing close to $100 being used by youngsters in third-world countries, all lectures being taped at universities such Harvard, Stanford and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and social networking systems such as Facebook and Twitter, the four ways of education are changing so that soon, “anyone can learn anything for anywhere at any time.” Krieglstein said 93 percent of college students today have Facebook or Myspace accounts. Krieglstein also delivered a presentation to DMACC students. Both presentations were sponsored by the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council.

BLUE RIBBON AWARD FOR HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

DMACC’s Horticulture Department has added another top honor to its trophy case with an award from the Iowa State Fair. The department’s display, in conjunction with the Iowa Christmas Tree Growers Association in the State Fair’s Agricultural Building, received a blue ribbon at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. The 25-foot garden scene display captured the program’s eighth blue ribbon since 1996. Annually the department is asked to help with the showpiece displays at the Agriculture Building competition.

DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The next DMACC Pioneers meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Benchwarmer’s in Ankeny. The agenda calls for work to be done on The History of DMACC: The First Ten Years, as well as presentations from DMACC instructors on new programs being offered at the College.

Please don’t forget to bring your donations of snack foods for Pamela’s Pantry and nonperishable items for the Holiday food baskets that will be delivered in mid-November and December. Cash donations are also accepted to purchase gift cards.