MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
ADVOCATE SPEAKS AT FIVE
DMACC CAMPUSES

Twenty-year-old Sean Campbell (right) speaks at the DMACC Ankeny Campus on mental health awareness. Campbell talked about his successes in life despite facing personal obstacles such as a battle with depression and a father who suffers from a bipolar disorder and is an alcoholic. Campbell said his father was convicted of 16 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) charges, maxed out credit cards and bought unnecessary items such as a $1,200 jackhammer. This eventually led to the family losing their home to foreclosure. Despite these challenges, Sean Campbell persevered. 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. 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, who spoke on the DMACC Ankeny, Boone, Newton, Urban and West Campuses during a whirlwind week at DMACC, promotes mental health awareness, addresses strategies to overcoming adversity and discusses positive visualization techniques in his speaking engagements.

NEW UTILITY POLES
AT THE WEST CAMPUS

Iowa Telecom Local Manager Roger Reker (left to right), DMACC West Campus Associate Provost Rick Dawson, DMACC West Campus Telecommunications Technology Professor Jay Nickelson and Iowa Telecom Community Relations Director Chaz Allen stand in front of a crew installing four new utility poles at the DMACC West Campus. Iowa Telecom is donating the utility poles to be used by DMACC’s Telecommunications Technology students to develop skills in climbing poles, working aloft and connecting network cables.

An Iowa Telecom crew (right) replaces the first of four utility poles on the DMACC West Campus. Iowa Telecom donated the poles and installation of the new poles to be used by DMACC Telecommunications Technology students.
URBAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Seven-year-old Alonzo Quinn (right) of Des Moines has his face painted by DMACC Community Relations Project Coordinator Ciel Friess at the recent Family Festival held at the DMACC Urban Campus.

Five-year-old Brooklyn Rivas (below) of Des Moines enjoys her time with a coloring book and crayons at the DMACC Urban Campus Family Festival. Children received free balloons and could jump in giant inflatables at the community event.

Four-year-old Tom O’Connor Ntep (far right) of Des Moines sits in a fire engine under the watchful eye of Des Moines firefighter Chris Bolton from Station #1. The fire engine was on display at the DMACC Urban Campus Family Festival.

GETTING DEFENSIVE AGAINST THE FLU

Scores of students, faculty and staff members have been rolling up their sleeves to build their defenses against the flu at special flu shot clinics throughout the six DMACC campuses. At the DMACC Urban Campus, nurses from Visiting Nurse Services immunized 85 individuals during two clinics. Micky Stoker (right), a second-year Accounting student, relaxes as he gets his shot from nurse Becky Burke of Visiting Nurse Services.

Burke also gives a flu shot to English Department faculty member Julie Sandbloom.
THE SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM

Officer Joe Gonzales (right) of the Des Moines Police Department talks to the audience about domestic violence issues during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month presentation in the DMACC West Auditorium Oct. 5. Officer Gonzales, a 35-year veteran of the Des Moines police force, joined domestic violence rights advocates from judicial services, outreach agencies and victims’ rights services to discuss issues involved with domestic violence.

The week-long awareness activities on the West Campus included a traveling memorial display called “The Silent Witness.” The display includes life-sized silhouettes of victims and their stories that ended violently at the hands of a domestic partner. One hundred sixty women have died in violent domestic situations in Iowa during the last 11 years.

Jennifer Reynoldson (right), probation and parole officer supervisor for the Fifth Judicial District, listens to a question from a DMACC West Campus student at the Domestic Violence event at the West Campus. Looking on is Mary Kay Stroud, victim liaison for the Fifth Judicial District.

PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY

Here are some of the more than 80 DMACC students who attended the first-ever multiple DMACC campus Phi Theta Kappa Induction ceremony recently held in the DMACC Ankeny Campus Bldg. #6 Auditorium. The candle lighting is one part of the induction ceremony.
JOB OPENINGS

Academic Advisor
Hunziker Center, Ames
Monday–Friday: 2 p.m.–10 p.m.
Salary: $42,364–$63,546
Review Date: Oct. 16, 2009

Coordinator, TRiO Program–
Student Support Services
Urban Campus
Salary: $48,474–$72,710
Review Date: Oct. 16, 2009

Employability Services Specialist,
Iowa Employment Solutions
Des Moines
Salary: $42,364–$63,546
Review Date: Oct. 16, 2009

Administrative Assistant III
Newton Campus
Salary: $16.67–$19.61 per hour based on experience
Review Date: Oct. 20, 2009

If interested in the above positions, please visit the DMACC Human Resources web page, www.dmacc.edu.hr. A review of completed application materials will begin on the review date.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Megan Armstrong (right) is the new Financial Aid Specialist on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 964-6674.

She graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Health and Sports Studies, as well as an entrepreneurial certificate.

Megan previously was a Financial Aid Officer at Kaplan University.

Megan is engaged. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, her pets Bella, a dog; and Lily and Lyndee—both cats. She also enjoys boating, reading, knitting and shopping.

Patricia Carey (right) is the new Nursing Assistant Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 965-7095.

She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from DMACC and has more than 20 years of vocational experience. She was a R.N. at Lifecenter in Des Moines for 12 years. She has also been an adjunct instructor at DMACC.

Pat is married with four children and five grandchildren. She enjoys reading, gardening, bike riding and traveling.
Tony Guerra (right) is the new Chair/Instructor of DMACC’s Pharmacy Technician program. His phone number is 965-7192.

He earned a Doctor of Pharmacy in 1997 from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Tony previously was an adjunct Chemistry and Biochemistry instructor at the DMACC Urban Campus, a Kaplan Test Prep Teacher, a math and science teacher in the Baltimore Public School System and a retail pharmacist from 1997 through 2009.

Tony and his wife, Mindy, live in Ankeny. Tony is an avid runner who competes in marathons including the Des Moines Marathon. He served as a volunteer assistant coach to the Iowa Hawkeyes Cross Country Team in 2008 and as a high school track and field coach at Seton-Keough High School in Baltimore from 2006-2008. He also sits on the board of Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute, the charitable arm of the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity, and presents seminars regularly on Work-Life Balance using the Rubik’s Cube.

Matt Murken (right) is the new Student Services Assistant/Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach on the Boone Campus. His phone number is 433-5213.

Matt earned a B.A. from Concordia University in 2000 and an M.S.E. from Wayne State College in 2006. He was previously employed at Wayne State College and prior to that at Trinity Lutheran School.

Matt is single and enjoys traveling.

Rose Oyamot (right) is the new Library Assistant at the Ankeny Campus Library. Her phone number is 965-7128.

Rose attended the Community College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas and the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul.

She was an Office Specialist III at the Hennepin County Public Library in Minneapolis.

Rose is engaged and is a singer/songwriter, who for the last five years, was the vocalist for a jazz/hot club band called “Honeysuckle Rose” in Minneapolis. She is currently looking into the Des Moines music scene. She also enjoys reading and traveling.
NEW EMPLOYEES cont.

Brad Spielman (right) is the new Academic Advisor in the Urban Campus TRiO/Student Support Services program. His phone number is 697-7803.

He earned an Associate’s degree from Sauk Valley Community College in Illinois, a B.S. in Education from Drake University and recently completed a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Brad has six years of higher education student affairs experience, including two prior years with TRiO programming. He previously served at Buena Vista University, Kansas State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Brad and his wife, Jade, resides in Ankeny. He enjoys cycling, kayaking and following their favorite Chicago sports teams. He is also an active member of several professional education policy organizations, including NACADA, ACPA and NASPA.

Mary Wakefield (right) is the new Administrative Assistant I in Continuing Education. She can be reached at 964-6648.

She earned an A.A. from DMACC and a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from Iowa State University.

Mary previously worked in the ISU Department of Residence. She enjoys reading, writing, listening to music and going to movies.

Jaime Wheelock (right) is the new Health Occupations Coordinator in Continuing Education. She can be reached at 964-6353.

She earned a B.S.N. from Grand View University and an M.S.N. with a specialty in Health Care Education from the University of Phoenix.

Jaime previously worked at Iowa Lutheran Hospital as a Unit Based Educator/Critical Care Staff Nurse.

She and her husband, Dave, have four children. She enjoys walking her dog, reading and watching college football.
CORRECTION

A photo of DMACC Industry and Technology Dean Scott Ocken was omitted from the September 29 issue of the DMACC Bulletin, resulting in the misidentification of Scott and Manufacturing Technology Professor Dean Hoffman. Here are the photos of Scott Ocken and Dean Hoffman enjoying their time overlooking the Iowa countryside from the top of a wind turbine.

DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The Pioneers November meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., Thur., Nov. 12 in the Oak Room of Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. Carroll and Mary Jo Bennett will share their adventures of their world travels. Don’t forget to call in your reservation by 4 p.m., Mon., Nov. 9. If, after that time, you need to cancel, please call and let the Pioneers know.

The need is still great so don’t forget your snack food donations for Pamela’s Pantry AND your nonperishable food items for the Holiday Gift Baskets given annually to DMACC students in need. The gift baskets will be delivered in approximately six weeks. There will only be one more meeting before that time.

There will be a committee planning the Pioneers Holiday Reception to be held on Dec. 10. The Pioneers will bring their favorite treats to share. All faculty and staff are invited to join the Pioneers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lakeview Bistro for light lunch/refreshments and enjoy reconnecting with the Pioneer retirees.