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AUTO SKILLS CONTEST

Fairfield High School students take part in the 18th annual DMACC Automotive Skills Contest recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The Fairfield students competed against nearly 300 other students representing 18 high schools from across the state in the written portion of the contest. Eight two-member teams of Iowa high school automotive students qualified for the hands-on portion of the Automotive Skills Contest by having the highest average scores on the written test. The teams, which will take part in the hands-on portion on Dec. 16, include Clarke Community Schools, Creston High School, Des Moines Central Campus, Fairfield High School, Nodaway Valley High School, Perry High School, Story County Consortium and West Delaware High School.

Des Moines Central Campus won the Automotive Skills Contest last year. DMACC Automotive Technology Program Chairperson Jeff Calkin said the winning teams will receive tools and equipment donated by the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association, and their respective schools will receive automotive components to be used for training. The DMACC Foundation also will be providing scholarships for each member of the winning team.

DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS PLAY

DMACC Ankeny Campus students Lacy Williams (left) of Des Moines and Jacqueline Sherrard of Ankeny rehearse a scene for the upcoming DMACC Ankeny Campus Drama Department production of *Shouting is Funny*. The play will be performed at 10:10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 1:25 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Fri., Nov. 20, and at 3 and 7:30 p.m., Sat., Nov. 21, in the DMACC Ankeny Campus Huff Theatre in Bldg. #6. Tickets cost $1 per person and may be purchased at the door.

The play is directed by DMACC Ankeny Campus Drama Associate Professor William Johnson.
### SAFE PROGRAM ON DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC Criminal Justice students Natalie McDonald (left to right) of Newton, Mandy Wieser of Des Moines and Beth Swanson of Ankeny take part in a Self-Defense Awareness & Familiarization Exchange (SAFE) Program for Women recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

The program, taught by DMACC Safety Officer Ned Miller, was designed to heighten awareness, teach participants to trust themselves and turn their fears into power. The two-hour program was sponsored by the DMACC Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council.

### WHO’S VAN HARDEN SPEAKS AT URBAN CAMPUS

WHO Radio Programming Director and Drive-Time Cohost Van Harden speaks at an Urban Campus Business class taught by Professor Dan Hilgers. Harden talked about his radio career, a lawnmower accident that nearly cost him his life and his entrepreneurial efforts. Harden has developed a Day Teller clock that shows the time and the day of the week in prominent lettering. He also is marketing a gluten-free pizza that is not made of bread. Nearly 100 Urban Campus students attended the presentation.

### COAT DRIVE SUCCESS

DMACC Community Relations Outreach Coordinator Ciel Friess (left) and Iowa Homeless Youth Centers Street Outreach Coordinator Phil Werner move some of the more than 1,500 clothing items donated to the “Giving Warmth” Coat Drive, cosponsored by DMACC, KCWI, Gold’s Gym, Iowa Health-Des Moines and Community Choice Credit Union. DMACC’s Phi Theta Kappa chapters assisted in the distribution of the donated items.
AUTHOR ANDREW BRIDGE TO VISIT DMACC

Children’s rights advocate and foster care expert and author Andrew Bridge will speak at three DMACC campuses on Thur., Nov. 12.

Bridge, who is author of Hope’s Boy, will speak at the three following DMACC campuses:

- **DMACC Boone Campus**, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Boone Campus Auditorium: book signing prior to the presentation at 10:30 a.m.
- **DMACC West Campus**, 2 to 3 p.m., West Campus Auditorium
- **DMACC Ankeny Campus**, 7 to 8 p.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium; book signing following presentation

*Hope’s Boy* is the single book used in an innovative program at all DMACC campuses to foster creativity, critical thinking and fellowship among numerous academic disciplines. The DMACC program is called *One Book, One Campus, One Community*. The book is being used in 44 classrooms this semester by more than 900 students and their instructors.

Bridge spent 11 years in the Los Angeles County foster care system and later went on to graduate from Harvard Law School. His memoir, *Hope’s Boy*, is the true account of Bridge’s life with his mother, a young mentally ill woman; of her efforts to keep and care for him, and of his life in foster care without her from the age of 7 until 18.

Bridge has spent the majority of his legal career representing impoverished children and is a devoted advocate and pioneer for children in foster care. *Hope’s Boy* became a *New York Times* best-seller and was named one of the best books of 2008 by the *Washington Post*. All events are free and open to the public. Copies of *Hope’s Boy* will be available for purchase at the Boone and Ankeny presentations.

DMACC BLANKET DRIVE

The DMACC Ankeny Campus Financial Aid Department is again having a blanket drive for the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers in Des Moines. The DMACC Financial Aid Department is collecting new twin blankets, twin sheet sets, crib blankets, crib sheets, hats and mittens, nonperishable food items, general hygiene items, soaps, lotions and toiletries. Donated items can be dropped off in Bldg. #1.

All items will be delivered by Dec. 18.

If you have questions, please contact Natalie Coulson-Larmore at 965-6016.
DMACC BOONE CAMPUS HOSTS “PINK OUT” FOR BREAST CANCER

Four-month-old Rowdy Campfield, being held by Dick Christensen, meets the DMACC Bear following the DMACC Bears Volleyball victory over North Iowa Area Community College. DMACC second-year volleyball standout Darcy Christensen is the aunt of Rowdy. DMACC defeated NIACC 25–11, 25–17 and 25–15 in the last game of the season before the start of tournament action. The DMACC Bear is wearing a “pink” T-shirt during the “pink out” night as part of the DMACC Athletic Department’s support for breast cancer awareness and the efforts of the Susan G. Komen Foundation fight against breast cancer. Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts go to support the Komen Foundation.

POVERTY SIMULATION—BOONE CAMPUS

DMACC and the Boone County Homeless Prevention Board are working together to provide a poverty simulation on Sat., Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Student Center at DMACC Boone Campus. This three-hour experience will submerge participants into the life of a homeless individual or family. Each participant will be asked to take a scenario and figure out how to survive, using resources provided by the simulated community. The simulation will teach what it means to live in poverty and will demonstrate the effects poverty can have on the community. The poverty simulation will be offered free of cost to all participants with a free-will donation lunch to follow. The simulation will include a presentation about efforts currently underway for the homeless and hungry in Boone. Participants also will have the chance to sign up for a variety of volunteer opportunities.

To participate in the poverty simulation, contact Theresa Angle today at TAngle@yss.ames.ia.us or at (515) 432-7983, extension 5510. The simulation is limited to the first 75 participants, and spots are expected to fill quickly. Twenty volunteers also are needed to assist at the different community service tables during the simulation. This includes a two-hour training session the evening of Fri., Nov. 20. To volunteer, contact Julie Nash at jnash@co.boone.ia.us or at (515) 433-4892.

DMACC DIVERSITY FESTIVAL—URBAN CAMPUS

The DMACC Urban Campus will host their annual Diversity Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wed., Nov. 11, in the Urban Campus Bldg. #1 Student Lounge. There will be ethnic fashion shows, exhibits and performances. Food from dozens of countries will be for sale beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Ewa Pratt at 248-7231.
MATH/SCIENCE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

More than 15 DMACC students attended the Math/Science Education Partnership Conference for current community college math and science instructors and those interested in teaching these disciplines at a community college. Former NASA Astronaut Captain Robert Gibson, a graduate of Suffolk Community College, was the keynote speaker at the Oct. 27 conference held at the Science Center of Iowa. Astronaut Gibson (right) talks with DMACC student Tia Morrow during a break in the conference.

Boone Campus Math and Physics Professor Nancy Woods (left) and Urban Campus instructor Dr. Mark Young, as well as West Campus Math Professor Dan Petrak, were panelists who shared their perspectives about teaching at a community college.

DMACC PRESIDENT PART OF MIDWEST DELEGATION TRIP TO GERMANY

DMACC President Rob Denson is joining 10 other delegates from the Midwestern Governors Association as they travel to Berlin, Germany, Nov. 8-14, to discuss energy policies and new Green industry initiatives. Denson is the only educator and Iowan in the delegation. His trip is being fully paid for by the German government as part of the “Transatlantic Climate Bridge,” an initiative launched by the German government in 2008 to foster greater cooperation on energy and climate between stakeholders in the U.S. and Germany.

The tour, called “Green Jobs—Green Growth: Opportunities through Reindustrialization,” will include stops at the German Foreign Office, various German Federal Ministries, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and Siemens Wind Power Training Center among others during the week. The invitation to President Denson from the German Minister of Economics, Matthias Sonn, said that the delegation will see firsthand how Germany’s “progressive energy and climate policies” have led to the creation of more than 280,000 jobs and the transformation of industries.
DMACC IS RANKED TOP COMPUTER TRAINING COMPANY IN CENTRAL IOWA

Business Publications Corporation Chair Connie Wimer (left) presents a plaque to DMACC President Rob Denson for DMACC being ranked the number-one computer trainer by local employees in Central Iowa, according to a survey by the Des Moines Business Record. Sharon Baltes of the Business Record said the rankings are based on the number of local full-time employees at each computer training company. DMACC offers Microsoft Office, security training, SQL (Oracle), CISCO, Linux, JAVA, MCSE, Computer Programming, Net and Web development classes through college credit courses, continuing education and business training. On the credit side, DMACC offers degrees in Management Information Systems, Business Information Systems, Networking Administration and certificates in Computer Programming, MCSE, Linux and CISCO technologies.

DES MOINES BUSINESSWOMAN GIVES DMACC $10,000 SCHOLARSHIP GIFT

Des Moines businesswoman and chair of Business Publications Corporation Connie Wimer recently donated $10,000 to the DMACC Foundation. Wimer’s contribution will go toward scholarships for women who are returning to college to advance their current careers or pursue a new profession. Wimer started the Des Moines Business Record, and the company publishes another 10 publications including dsm, See Des Moines, Daily Business Record online and the Book of Lists. In addition, she has been involved with a number of business events in the greater Des Moines community including creating Women of Influence and Forty under 40, which recognize women and younger people who contribute to the community.
BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

DMACC Psychology instructor Dr. Roseanna Bakari talks to participants of the Business and Technology Conference for Business Administration students on the DMACC Ankeny Campus on Oct. 28. The third annual conference attracted more than 100 students to the daylong program.

Tom Coates of Consumer Credit of Des Moines talked with Business and Technology Conference students about debt and the warning signs and habits that can lead to credit trouble.

This year’s conference was especially rewarding for Liberal Arts student Lisa Zenor, who had her name drawn for the grand prize—a new laptop computer. Presenting the grand prize are Instructors Connie Sanderson and Christina Turner.
DUELING PIANOS AT THE ANKENY CAMPUS

Dueling Pianos players Noel Leaman (left) and Frank Turner entertain Ankeny Campus students, faculty and staff members with their oldies renditions during a recent noon-hour performance. The Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council sponsored the concert by the musicians from Michigan, who also performed at the West Campus in 2008.

Leaman plays to the audience during his version of Billy Joel’s “Piano Man.”

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ON THE ANKENY AND CARROLL CAMPUSES

HALLOWEEN ‘WELCOMING’

Visitors to the Ankeny Campus Registration Department received a welcome on Oct. 30 when they were greeted by the department’s Halloween “Zombie Welcoming Committee.” The Halloween revelers included Kris Keller, (left to right), Charity Watson, Julie Emehiser, Carol Bethards and June Weltha.
HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ON THE ANKENY AND CARROLL CAMPUSES cont.

DMACC first-year Management Information Systems student Justin Henson from Des Moines swallows the last of his pumpkin pie enroute to a first-place finish in the annual DMACC Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council-sponsored pumpkin pie-eating contest. In the second race, Dian Cam, a first-year Business Administration student from Ankeny, captured the top pie-eating honors. Each winner received a $50 gas card.

Medical Assistant student Tonja Lorentzen (right) of Boone showed her Halloween spirit with her zombie medical student costume as she is being interviewed by SAC President Ria Thompson. Lorentzen was the costume winner among all the other student ghoulish contestants. In the faculty costume contest, Geisha Girl Sally Schroeder (below), dean of Health and Public Services, captured the first-place award for the third consecutive year. Music Instructor Jim Loos (left) was second with Counselor Vern Ostrander taking third-place honors.

At the DMACC Carroll Campus, student Nicholas Gradoville (pictured) and Rachel Simmons won the student division of the Halloween costume contest, while Math Instructor Tim Rial captured the faculty/staff division.
JOB OPENINGS

Electronics Instructor
(Temporary One-Semester Position),
Ankeny Campus
Salary: Per Faculty Salary Schedule
Review Date: Nov. 13, 2009

Health Careers (High School) Instructor,
Ankeny Campus, 9 months per year position
Salary: Per Faculty Salary Schedule
Review Date: Nov. 13, 2009

If interested in either of 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.

DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The deadline for donating nonperishable food items for the Holiday Gift Baskets is Fri., Nov. 13. Please drop off your items at the Pioneers Office in Bldg. #22. If you have questions regarding the types of items to be donated, please contact Linda Fernandez at 965-3372. The Pioneers also will be placing grocery gift cards in the baskets to be used to purchase perishable items.

The DMACC Pioneers Christmas Party/Silent Auction will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 10, in Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. All Pioneers and DMACC employees are invited to attend.

If you have donations for the silent auction, please contact Sharon Eckstrom or Carolyn Rudisil.

THANK YOU

The written portion of the 18th annual DMACC High School Automotive Skills Contest was held on the Ankeny Campus Oct. 23. Almost 300 high school students from across Iowa came to Bldg. #13 to take the 100-question test. The eight highest-scoring schools will be invited back to compete in a two-person, hands-on competition that will be held later this year.

On behalf of the Automotive Department, I would like to thank DMACC Staff, Dan Ivis; Ciel Friess; Hedy Ewing; Mark Baldwin; Lisa Carlson; Angie Neville; Daron Harris; Vern Ostrander; and DMACC Pioneers Marcia Johnson and her husband, Daryl; Gladys Calhoun; Sharon Van Tuyll and Ken Clark who assisted us with administering the test, taking pictures, serving pizza and giving tours of Bldgs. #10, 13 and 14; and Nathan Voshell for helping us clean and set up. We could not pull off this major recruiting effort without all of your help!

I would also like to thank Scott Ocken, Dean of Industry & Technology programs, for his continued support of our programs, and a huge thank you to the Iowa Auto Dealers Association for their generous donation toward this contest.

Thanks again,
Jeff Calkin
Auto Mechanics Programs District Chairperson