TRIBUTE TO VETERANS HELD ON ANKENY CAMPUS

National Guard Veterans and DMACC Ankeny Campus Fire Science Technology students Justin Little (left) and Douglas Lasher raise the American flag during the recent Tribute to Veterans held by the lake on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Army Veteran and DMACC Ankeny Campus Anthropology Professor Dennis Kellogg (below, left) and Army Veteran and DMACC student Johnell Gordon of Newton raise the Prisoner of War—Missing in Action flag. The “Lest They Be Forgotten” flag was also raised by National Guard Veterans and DMACC students Justin Riley and Quentin Lee.

Dunlap resident Nora Losh, a veteran’s mother representing all families with veterans, led the crowd of nearly 150 people, including Kellogg (background, left to right), Gordon, Riley and Lee, in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. DMACC’s Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Music Professor Jim Loos, sang the National Anthem and “America the Beautiful” during the ceremony. DMACC student Cory Billings of Albia also played taps for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
Upcoming Events

Nov. 26 & 27
Thanksgiving Holiday, all campuses closed.

Dec. 5
DMACC Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium.

Dec. 7
Boone Campus Fall Graduation reception, 3 p.m.

Dec. 7
Newton Campus Fall Graduation reception, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 8
Ankeny Campus Fall Graduation reception, 6 p.m., Bldg. #7 Bistro.

Dec. 9
Carroll Campus Fall Graduation reception, 5 p.m.

Dec. 10
Urban Campus Fall Graduation reception, 5 p.m., Bldg. #1 Room 124–126.

Dec. 14
President/Board Holiday Retreat, Bistro, Bldg. #7, Ankeny Campus, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 14
DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 5 p.m., Eldon Leonard Boardroom.

Dec. 15
West Campus Fall Graduation reception, 5 p.m., West Campus Auditorium.

All campuses closed for the holidays.

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National Guard Veteran and DMACC student Matthew Bartels removes the linen covering the rock with the attached plaque honoring all DMACC veterans. At the right is a close-up of the inscription on the rock.

DMACC Ankeny Campus Speech Communications Professor Judy Vogel (below, right) puts a patriotic lapel pin on DMACC Mail Dispatcher Don Martin at the Tribute to Veterans held on Veterans Day on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

An unidentified veteran (below) salutes “Old Glory” during the Tribute to Veterans. Following the ceremony, emceed by Air Force Veteran and DMACC Culinary Arts Chef Phil Carey, the five flags wave on the sun-kissed fall afternoon. Funding for the Tribute for Veterans was provided by the DMACC Foundation, the DMACC Diversity Commission, Dennis Kellogg and the DMACC Trail Walk Committee.
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKS AT DMACC URBAN CAMPUS

Holocaust survivor Peter Pintus speaks to DMACC Urban Campus students in History Instructor Matt Walsh’s class. Pintus told of living through Kristallnacht as Nazi troops invaded his apartment, breaking plates and glassware and taking knives to the furniture. The troops then went to his neighbor, a 50-year-old widow who collected ceramic figurines. Pintus said the troops destroyed all of the figurines and then beat her. Pintus said the widow was found dying from an intentional overdose of sleeping pills. Pintus said his mother later died of a similar overdose of sleeping pills. Pintus described to the students how he was arrested, put in a freight car and transported across Germany for two days without food, water or a bathroom. He was taken to a salt mine where he worked long hours totally cut off from the world with hunger as his constant companion. Pintus said as the American forces closed in on the salt mine in April of 1945, he escaped. Many months later, he returned to war-ravaged Berlin to find his apartment building windowless, but still standing. There, in a soup line, he was reunited with his father who had survived a concentration camp. Pintus said the ordeal his father experienced in the concentration camp was so severe that the elder Pintus never told his son of the details of life in the camp. Pintus said his dad died shortly after their reunification. Peter Pintus lives with his wife of 61-years in the Des Moines area.

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Nick Mathern, Gateway to College New Program Development Director, speaks at a news conference announcing a partnership between DMACC and the Des Moines Public Schools that will offer out-of-school youth a second chance to earn a high school diploma and college credits. Gateway to College is a nationally recognized education model, funded by the Walmart Foundation, to help high school dropouts return to school. Others taking part in the announcement include: Des Moines Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Nancy Sebring (left), DMACC President Rob Denson and DMACC Vice President of Community and Workforce Partnership Dr. Mary Chapman. The announcement was made at the DMACC Urban Campus. DMACC is one of only 25 community colleges nationwide that offer Gateway to College, and one of only two community colleges this year to receive the grant.
URBAN CAMPUS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY AT FESTIVAL

DMACC English as a Second Language (ESL) Chair Ewa Pratt (left) and Katarzyna Kutwin, president of the DMACC Urban Campus International Club and a marketing and international studies student from Poland, begin introducing contestants of the Urban Campus Diversity Festival fashion pageant during the event Nov. 11. Nearly 25 students dressed in their native attire to participate in the colorful pageant.

Lucy Li, a Math and ESL student from China, listens intently to a student as she does Chinese writings at the Diversity Festival at the DMACC Urban Campus. The annual event featured ethnic foods, displays, dances, music and exhibits that showcased some of the 65 nationalities represented by students at the Urban Campus. The DMACC Urban Campus is the most diverse college campus in the state of Iowa.

Nasrin Ghorbani, (below, right) a first-year English student from Iran, shows her belly dancing skills to a packed crowd in the Student Lounge during the DMACC Urban Campus Diversity Festival.

Martha Majak (below) explains details of her native culture during the fashion pageant of the Diversity Festival. At left is Ewa Pratt, DMACC faculty member.
LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Iowa College Student Aid Commission Marketing and Communications Associate Director Heather Doe speaks at a news conference in Bldg. #24 on the Ankeny Campus on how some DMACC employees may qualify to have their student loans forgiven through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on their eligible federal student loans after they have made 120 payments on those loans under certain repayment plans while employed full-time by certain public service employers.

Any nondefaulted loan made under the Direct Loan Program is eligible for loan forgiveness. In addition, loans made under other federal student loan programs may qualify for forgiveness if they are consolidated into a Direct Consolidation Loan.

What types of public service jobs will qualify a borrower for loan forgiveness under this program?

The borrower must be employed full-time (in any position) by a public service organization or must be serving in a full-time AmericaCorps or Peace Corps position. For purposes of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, the term “public service organization” means:

- A federal, state, local or Tribal government organization, agency or entity (includes most public schools, college and universities)
- A public child or family service agency
- A nonprofit organization
- A Tribal college or university
- A private organization that is not a for-profit business, a labor union, a partisan political organization, or an organization engaged in religious activities and provides the following public services: emergency management, military service, public safety, law enforcement, public interest law services, early childhood education, public service for individuals with disabilities and the elderly, public health, public education, public library services and school library or other school-based services.

For more detailed information on this loan forgiveness program, as well as specifics on Nursing Loan Forgiveness and Teacher Loan Forgiveness, go to the following website: www.dmacc.edu/news/20091116.asp.

For more information, contact Heather Doe at the Iowa College Student Aid Commission, (515) 725-3417 or heather.doe@iowa.gov.
COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Two DMACC Ankeny Campus Commercial Horticulture students each received $500 scholarships from the Federated Evening Star Garden Club of Johnston. Brent Dunn (left) of Cherokee and Carmen Wolf of Ankeny are the scholarship recipients. Every spring, the Garden Club awards an annual scholarship to a second-year DMACC Commercial Horticulture student who maintains a 3.5 grade point average or better and is in need of financial support. The Garden Club has awarded scholarships to DMACC students for the past nine years.

HUNZIKER CENTER STUDENTS CONSTRUCT HOUSE IN AMES

DMACC Hunziker Center students Trevor Jackson (clockwise starting from the top), Jared Eslinger [on ladder], Nate Lubinus, Jake Ball and Building Trades Professor Joe Brend install roofing on the solar house being built at 620 12th St. in Ames. The roof has a 16-foot rise with a 42-degree angle that is designed for next spring’s solar panel installation and an almost 2K watt electric system to support the house.
ANDREW BRIDGE SPEAKS ON THREE DMACC CAMPUSES

Children’s Rights Advocate, Foster Care Expert and Author Andrew Bridge speaks at the DMACC Boone Campus on Nov. 12. The author of Hope’s Boy also spoke at the DMACC West and Ankeny Campuses. 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 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 graduated 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 seven until 18.

Bridge signs a copy of Hope’s Boy for DMACC Urban Campus Human Services student Holly Houk of Leon at the DMACC West Campus Auditorium. Hope’s Boy became a New York Times best-seller and was named one of the best books of 2008 by the Washington Post.

BAYER SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL AT UAB

DMACC Boone Campus student Bobbi Bayer of Albia signs a national letter of intent to play Division I volleyball for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers in the fall. DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison takes part in the signing ceremony. Bayer was a First Team All-American last year and has been nominated for the prestigious team again this year. That team will be announced in two weeks.
JOB OPENINGS

Desktop and Media Services Specialist, Ankeny Campus
Salary: $16.37 to $17.13 per hour based on experience
Review Date: Nov. 24, 2009

Academic Advisor, Newton Campus
Salary: $42,364 to $63,546
Review Date: Dec. 1, 2009

Gateway to College Program Director, Community and Workforce Partnerships, Des Moines
Salary: $69,301 to $110,301
Review Date: Dec. 1, 2009

Gateway to College Resource Specialist, Community and Workforce Partnerships, Des Moines
Salary: $42,364 to $63,546
Review Date: Dec. 1, 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.

DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The DMACC Pioneer December Holiday Reception will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thur., Dec. 10 in the Lakeview Bistro in Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. All faculty and staff are invited to stop by for appetizers and sweets. All Pioneers are asked to bring a treat to share. There will be live musical entertainment and a Silent Auction Scholarship fundraiser. If you have item(s) to donate, please contact Sandi Wurster, 984-6495. Don’t forget to call in your reservation by 4 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 7. If, after that time you need to cancel, please call and let the Pioneers know.

Don’t forget your snack food donations for Pamela’s Pantry.

Also, please mark your calendars for the January Meeting. Due to space constraints, the meeting will on the FIRST Thursday of the month on Thur., Jan. 7, in the Oak Room In Bldg. #7. Jim Halischak, DMACC Associate Professor, American Sign Language, is the speaker. Reservations are due by 4 p.m., Mon., Jan. 4. Call 964-6868 to make your reservations.
THANK YOU

Thank you to those who attended the Tribute to Veterans Ceremony on Veterans Day. Your presence showed our vets that our gratitude for their service is more than empty words on a piece of paper or a cold statue. Thank you to the Tribute to Veterans Committee whose members' hard work made this project possible. A big thank you goes to Ganesh Ganpat for securing major funding for the project and to Ryan Miller and his physical plant crew for construction of the project. But most important, THANK YOU VETERANS for your sacrifice for this great country of ours. Without you, we could not enjoy all the freedoms that we have. —Darwin Schmig