AG FORUM HELD ON DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC’s Ankeny Campus was at the “center of the agriculture industry” on March 12 when the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Justice held the first of five federal workshops to address competition in the industry. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, (left to right), U.S. Agriculture Secretary and former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack and U.S. Senator Charles Grassley from Iowa were among the panelists who addressed several issues during the daylong, fact-finding session.

Following the opening panel discussion, Senator Grassley (right) talks with Assistant U.S. Attorney General Christine Varney. Varney is overseeing the work of the Department of Justice’s antitrust division related to agriculture industry issues. Nearly 800 people packed into the new FFA Enrichment Center to hear discussion from industry officials, government experts, Iowa farmers and producers and local agriculture leaders about competition in agriculture.

Attorney General Eric Holder (left) answers a reporter’s question during a news conference at the USDA/Department of Justice workshop as Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack looks on.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Christine Varney responds to a reporter’s question during the news conference.
Upcoming Events

March 24
Wellness Lunch and Learn,
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
Bldg. #7, Oak Room.

March 27
Cybercrime Awareness
Conference, FFA Bldg.,
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

April 2 and 3
DMACC Boone Campus Play,
This Must be the Place,
7:30 p.m., Boone
Campus Theater.

April 7
Diversity Festival,
Urban Campus,
Student Lounge,
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

April 8
Spring Information
Speech Contest,
Bldg. #2, Room 25B,
2:30 p.m.,
Ankeny Campus

April 12, 14, 15, 16
Know Your Numbers
Blood Screening,
7:30 to 9:45 a.m., Bldg. #24,
Ankeny Campus.

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ASTRONAUT BEAN SPEAKS AT DMACC WEST CAMPUS

Former astronaut Captain Alan Bean speaks at the DMACC West Campus as part of the West Campus inaugural Innovation Week. Bean was the fourth person to walk on the moon during his Apollo 12 mission. He also was on Skylab 3. Bean delivered an hour-long presentation to DMACC West Campus students in the afternoon of Fri., March 5, and a second hour-long presentation later that evening to invited guests. He also signed autographs and posed for photographs.

POISING WITH AN ASTRONAUT

Twelve-year-old Ryan Rosenquist (right) of Kellogg and his dad, Joe Dehart (left), DMACC Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Assistant to the President, pose for a photo with former astronaut Captain Alan Bean. Bean was the featured speaker as part of the DMACC West Campus inaugural Innovation Week. The special week featured interactive workshops, seminars and activities focusing on innovation and the value it adds to our lives.
DMACC WEST CAMPUS
INNOVATION WEEK EVENTS

DMACC West Campus student Derek Smith of Indianola poses with his “Spaceport Passport” issued to all DMACC West Campus students who attended Innovation Week 2010 events. Innovation Week 2010 was a focused week of activities to inspire DMACC students, faculty and staff to become immersed in innovation and transformed by the experience. A variety of workshops, seminars, presentations and competitions were held throughout the week, designed to help students begin thinking differently and be innovative in their approach to problem-solving.

For every event that DMACC West Campus students attended, they received a stamp in their “Spaceport Passport.” The highlight of the week was a presentation by former astronaut Alan Bean, who was the fourth person to walk on the moon as the Apollo 12 Lunar Module pilot.

DMACC West Campus student Austin Mitchell (above right) of Waukee tests his lunar lander under the watchful eye of NASA Aerospace Education Services Project (AESP) Education Specialist John Weis during an Innovation Week 2010 event recently held on the DMACC West Campus. Samples of actual lunar rocks and meteorites were also on display.

DMACC West Campus student Jony Walker (right) of St. Charles works on a virtual bridge-building competition during an Innovation Week 2010 event. Walker is enrolled in DMACC’s Liberal Arts program.

DMACC West Campus Provost Dr. Tony Paustian delivers an Innovation Week 2010 presentation on the history of manned spaceflight titled, “Fly Me to the Moon: The History and Current Relevance of the Apollo Program.”
ALL-IOWA ACADEMIC TEAM

Ten DMACC students were named to the 47-person 2010 All-Iowa Academic Team, honored at a recent recognition banquet held in Des Moines. The DMACC team includes (front row, left to right) Thomas Olmstead of Granger from the DMACC Ankeny Campus, Joanna Rentschler of Boone from the Boone Campus, Stephanie Brincks of Carroll from the Carroll Campus, Sherry Greteman of Carroll from the Carroll Campus, Jaylene Leahy (back row left to right) of Urbandale from the Urban Campus, Janet Jansma of Newton from the Newton Campus, Tarra Snyder of Panora from the West Campus and Daniel Socarras of West Des Moines from the West Campus. Miguel Contreras (not in photo) of Perry from the Ankeny Campus and Jeremy Barsness (not in photo) of Clive from the Urban Campus were also named to the All-Iowa Academic Team. In addition, Greteman was named the 2010 All-Iowa Academic Team New Century Scholar.

TERRY SALLIS PRESENTATION

Terry Sallis, Executive Director of Integrated Treatment Services, L.L.C., speaks at the DMACC Urban Campus on Thur., March 4. Sallis, who also spoke at the DMACC Ankeny and Boone Campuses, said he mentally “quit” school on the day his third grade math teacher did not give him an “A” despite not missing a single math problem all semester. When he asked her why he didn’t get the “A,” the teacher told him, “I don’t give ‘A’s’ to niggers.”

Sallis later became addicted to drugs and spent 12 years in prison. After getting out of prison in 2001, he enrolled at DMACC, graduated, then attended Grand View University, and most recently received his Master’s degree in Social Work from the University of Iowa. He is currently working on his Ph.D. His presentations were sponsored by DMACC’s Diversity Commission.
DMACC SEMINAR FEATURES CYBER BULLYING

The mother of a cyber bullying victim that ended in the teenager’s suicide will headline the day-long Cybercrime Awareness Conference at the DMACC Ankeny Campus on Saturday, March 27. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the FFA Enrichment Center on the north side of the Ankeny Campus. The program is free and open to the public.

Tina Meier will deliver the keynote address at the conference about her experience with cyber bullying and her daughter’s death. Meier is the mother of Megan Meier, a 13-year-old middle-schooler from St. Charles, Mo., who committed suicide after a fictitious person befriended her but then posted untrue online bulletins about the teen. A neighbor was put on trial for the incident and the case drew nationwide exposure in 2006 to the issue of cyber bullying. Tina Meier has since formed the Megan Meier Foundation to raise awareness and educate parents and community members about cyber bullying, and is now a national spokesperson about the dangers of these Internet crimes.

Attendees are encouraged to register in advance at http://eci.dmacc.edu/cybercrime2010.asp. For more information, contact the Electronic Crime Institute at DMACC at (515) 965-7096.

ANKENY POLICE TRAIN FOR HOSTAGE SITUATIONS AT DMACC

Ankeny Police Lieutenant Ed Hamilton (right) hands a weapon with special bullets to Ankeny Officer Josh Moore during a two-day training session to deal with shooting and hostage situations. The training was held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus in Bldg. #2 during two days over spring break. Other officers taking part in the training session included Robert Kovacs, Trisha Orness and Todd Webb, as well as Sergeant Brian Huggins (far right). Hamilton said the officers were using plastic bullets that shoot a colored liquid soap material. Each officer is using bullets with a different colored material so that, following the training, it will be easier to determine who fired which shots.

Ankeny Police and other departments around the nation conduct simulations so they can be prepared and better respond should a college shooting or hostage situation ever occur.
DMACC ANKENY AND BOONE CHOIRS PERFORM AT CONCERT

The DMACC Boone Campus Concert Choir, under the direction of Choral Conductor Steve Hoifeldt, performs at the recent DMACC Winter Concert II held at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. This is the first time the DMACC Boone Campus Concert Choir has performed at the same venue as the DMACC Ankeny Concert Choir. The DMACC Ankeny Campus Chamber Ensemble and Concert Choir performed under the direction of DMACC Music Program Chair and Choral Conductor Jim Loos.

Erica Weeks (right) of Kelley sings “Over the Rainbow” during the potpourri section of the recent DMACC Winter Concert II.

Lindsey Tosch (left) of Ankeny sings Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Think of Me” from Phantom of the Opera during the potpourri section of the recent DMACC Winter Concert.

DMACC BOONE CAMPUS PLAY

DMACC Boone Campus students, under the direction of Kay Mueller, will perform the play, This Must be the Place, at 7:30 p.m., Fri., April 2, and Sat., April 3, in the DMACC Boone Campus Theater.

DMACC INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENT JUDGE SCIENCE FAIR

Newton Campus Biology Instructor Matt Abbott (second from left) and DMACC students, including Jacob Jackson (far left) were judges at the recent Colfax-Mingo School Science Fair. Eighth-grader Breawna Schroder (second from right) was one of 87 seventh and eighth-graders who presented their projects on Feb. 18. Colfax-Mingo Middle School Science Instructor Tim McCloud (right) was also kept busy on that day.
DMACC WOMEN DEFEAT NIACC

DMACC sophomore Dani Lang (left) of Ankeny and freshman Carli Bunning of Boone put some defensive pressure on a North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) player in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Region XI Tournament. The DMACC Bears rebounded from a 14-point first-half deficit to win 67 to 53 over the Trojans. DMACC was defeated by four-time national champion Kirkwood Community College in the second round of the tournament.

DMACC MEN LOSE TO IOWA LAKES

DMACC sophomore Mike Schindel of Cedar Falls scores against Iowa Lakes Community College in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XI Division II Basketball Tournament held at the DMACC Boone Campus Gymnasium. Iowa Lakes defeated DMACC 70 to 64. DMACC was led by Kannon Burrage’s game-high 22 points on 5 of 10 three-point shooting. DMACC concluded the season with a 22–7 record.
DMACC BASKETBALL PLAYERS MAKE ALL-REGION TEAMS

Three DMACC Bears’ Men’s Basketball players have made the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Division II Men’s All-Region Team. Sophomore Brad Burton of Toledo, OH, and freshman Hal Bateman of Davenport were named to the All-Region Second Team. Freshman Kannon Burrage of East Moline, IL, was named to the All-Region Third Team.

The 6’3” Burton connected on 55 percent of his field goal attempts this season while averaging 7.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per contest. The 5’8” Bateman averaged 11.3 points and 4.5 rebounds per game for the Bears. He also led the team in assists and steals. The 6’2” Burrage averaged 10.5 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. The DMACC Bears finished 22–7 under first-year Head Men’s Basketball Coach B.J. McGinn.
WOMEN BASKETBALL PLAYERS MAKE ALL REGION TEAMS

Three DMACC Bears Womens Basketball players were named to the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Division II All-Region Team. Tia Mays of Des Moines, Marni Jacobsen of Spencer and Katlyn Wood of Monroe were named to the First Team All-Region.

The 6’3” freshman Mays led the DMACC Bears in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.9 points per game and 10.9 rebounds per game. She also led the team with 105 blocked shots.

Jacobsen, who was an All-Region Second Team selection last year, averaged 11.0 points per game and 3.8 rebounds per contest for the Bears. Wood averaged 12.0 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. The Bears finished the season with a 20-10 record under Head Coach Steve Krafcisin.
DMACC FOUNDATION RECEIVES PRAIRIE MEADOWS GRANT

DMACC President Rob Denson (center) holds an oversized check for $35,000 from the Prairie Meadows 2009 Community Betterment Grant Program that was given to the DMACC Foundation. The grant funds will support two programs—Adult Literary and Emergency Grants for DMACC students. Others taking part in the ceremony included (left to right) Dr. Mary Chapman, DMACC Vice President of Community and Workforce Partnerships; DMACC Foundation Executive Director Ganesh Ganpat; Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program Advisory Committee member Dr. Jerry Deegan; DMACC Program Development Director Michael Hoffman; Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program Advisory Committee member Martha Willits; DMACC President Rob Denson; Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program Advisory Committee member Dr. Andrea McGuire; DMACC West Campus Provost Dr. Tony Paustian; Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program Advisory Committee member Mike Mathews; DMACC Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas and Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program Advisory Committee member Karrie Weinhardt.

JOB OPENINGS

Custodian
Part-time, Ankeny Campus, Mon.–Fri.: 4 to 9 p.m.
Salary: $12.05 to $12.72 per hour based on experience, plus $.60 per hour shift differential for eligible hours. Review Date: March 23, 2010
If interested in the above position, please visit the DMACC Human Resources web page, www.dmacc.edu/hr. A review of completed application materials will begin on the review date.

PIONEERS CONNECTION

It will soon be the time of the year for the “Changing of the Guard” for the Pioneers Leadership Team. The Nominating Committee will be calling soon for officer candidates for Vice President and Members-at-Large positions. Please give their request serious consideration so the team can continue to grow and help the Pioneers organization continue to be a vital part of the DMACC organization.

Just a note of clarification regarding Pamela’s Pantry. The needed food items are “grab and go” so the students can eat the items on the run and/or microwave the food in the student center. The pantry keeps plastic silverware to give out. Many canned items have been received, which are not easily consumed quickly and on the go. These items have been passed on for the Holiday Gift Baskets but now that is finished for this year and the Pioneers don’t have storage space. Thanks for your consideration.

The August Scholarship Fund Raiser Garage Sale is in the planning stages. It will be held Aug. 19, 20 and 21. The Pioneers already have one storage unit full and have secured a second one. When you are doing your Spring cleaning, just call the Pioneers number of 964-6868 and leave a message to arrange for delivery to the storage unit or a pickup time.