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DIVERSITY FESTIVAL AT THE URBAN CAMPUS

DMACC President Rob Denson (right) purchases some Vietnamese food from DMACC first-year student Uyen Chau of Des Moines at the annual Diversity Festival held on the DMACC Urban Campus. The event was sponsored by the Urban Campus International Club.

DMACC Urban Campus student Ana Popescu, who originally lived in Moldova, serves food from her native country to DMACC Urban Campus Math Professor Daria Huang at the Diversity Festival.

DMACC Urban Campus Student Services Specialist Adriana Munoz-Espinosa (left) serves Urban Campus Academic Achievement Center Professor Tyrone Hunt a spoonful of rice at the annual Diversity Festival. The food was prepared by DMACC's international students.

DMACC Urban Campus student Margaret Charles (right) of Des Moines serves a delicacy from her native country of Liberia to Urban Campus Business Administration student Mike White of Des Moines at the annual Diversity Festival.
DMACC Urban Campus students (left to right) Honey Omar of Somalia, Rose Roberts of Sudan, Isatu Kamara of Sierra Leone and Fathelrahman Abubakar of Sudan model apparel from their native countries at a fashion show during the Diversity Festival. All four are now living in Des Moines.

DMACC Urban Campus student Jean Alm, originally from China, performs a traditional Chinese dance at the Urban Campus Diversity Festival.

DMACC Urban Campus Student Activities Council President Janus Dcjavu sings a song at the festival.

DMACC Urban Campus Instructor Barb Harrington displays some of her colorful dolls she has collected from scores of countries. The dolls were on display at the Urban Campus Diversity Festival.
**Upcoming Events**

**April 22**  
A Village Called Versailles, Ankeny Campus, 12:50 p.m., Bldg #2, Rm 25B; Boone Campus, Auditorium, 1:20 p.m.; and Urban Campus, 1:30 p.m., Bldg #1, Rm 124.

**April 22**  
Graphic Design Program Portfolio Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., FFA Enrichment Center.

**April 25**  
GED Graduation, Roosevelt High School, 3 p.m.

**April 27**  
Entrepreneurship Day, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. #6, Auditorium, Ankeny Campus.

**April 27**  
Digital Shredding Day, 2 to 7 p.m., Bldg. #3W, Room 49, Ankeny Campus.

**May 1**  
DMACC Spring Concert 2010, 7:30 p.m., Bldg. #6, Auditorium, Ankeny Campus.

**May 6**  
Commencement for Ankeny, Newton, Urban and West Campuses, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

**May 7**  
Boone Commencement, 10 a.m., Boone Campus Gym.

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**NEW STUDENT HOUSING ON ANKENY CAMPUS**

Tony Baxter, President and CEO of Baxter Construction, talks about the project to transform student housing on the DMACC Ankeny Campus as dirt is being moved from the site in the background. The $6.5 million project, which will increase the capacity of Campus View Apartments from the present 140 students to 231 students, will dramatically improve the on-campus living experience with luxury-style amenities. The furnished two- to four-bedroom apartments will be equipped with granite counter tops, laundry facilities in some units, high-speed internet and new appliances. Construction is to be completed by the start of the 2010–2011 academic year.

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**PRESIDENT DENSON RECEIVES A. ARTHUR DAVIS AWARD**

DMACC President and CEO Rob Denson (third from left) receives a plaque on being named the recipient of the A. Arthur Davis Community Leadership Award. Others taking part in the award ceremony are (left to right) Tracey Abbas, Chair, Board of Governors, Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (GDMLI); Judy McCoy Davis, wife of the late Mayor A. Arthur Davis; Denson; and Sara Herman, Chair, GDMLI Alumni Committee. The award is named after civic leader and former mayor Arthur Davis, who passed away in 1997.
CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS—ANKENY CAMPUS

Musicians Don Myers (left) and Carey Crowson entertained between readings at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Celebration of Literary Arts event.

Bradley University Writing Program Director and poet Kevin Stein, Marquette University English Professor and novelist C.J. Hribal and San Francisco State University Associate Professor in the Creative Writing Department and poet Camille Dungy (pictured) read from their works at DMACC’s eighth annual Celebration of Literary Arts event.

CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS—BOONE CAMPUS

Bradley University Writing Program Director and poet Kevin Stein reads from his recently published collection of poems and writings titled Sufficiency of the Actual during his presentation at the DMACC Boone Campus Celebration of Literary Arts event. Since 2003, Stein has been poet laureate for the state of Illinois.

Local musician Rob Lumbard entertained students, faculty and staff in the Courter Center as a kickoff to the Celebration of Literary Arts events at the DMACC Boone Campus.
April 20, 2010

CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS—NEWTON CAMPUS

Poet Barbara Lau (photo on left) from Kirkwood Community College and poet Jody Swilky from Drake University read from their works on the DMACC Newton Campus as part of the College’s eighth annual Celebration of the Literary Arts events.

Barbara Lau

Jody Swilky

CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS—URBAN CAMPUS

DMACC Urban Campus English Professor and musician Sam Miller performed prior to and between readings at the DMACC Urban Campus Celebration of Literary Arts event.

C.J. Hribal

San Francisco State University Associate Professor in the Creative Writing Department Camille Dungy and Marquette University English Professor C.J. Hribal (pictured) read from their works at the Urban Campus.
CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS—WEST & CARROLL CAMPUSES

Wartburg College Professor and poet Paul Hedeen (photo on left) and prose writer Benjamin Percy read from their works at the DMACC West Campus during the Celebration of Literary Arts event. Poet Jennifer Perrine and prose writer Fred Arroyo read at the DMACC Carroll Campus.

DMACC OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

DMACC 2010 Outstanding Alumni Awards were bestowed on four former DMACC students in a recent ceremony sponsored by the DMACC Alumni Association. DMACC President Rob Denson (left) congratulated the following recipients: San Wong, representing Hong Willer, Liberal Arts & Sciences Department, Ankeny Campus, who was unable to attend; Christine Keenan, Business Management/Information Technology Department, Ankeny Campus; Erica Rasmussen, Health and Public Services Department, Ankeny Campus; and Martin Kenworthy, Boone Campus.
DMACC STUDENTS HONORED AT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CEREMONY

DMACC students who received scholarships from the DMACC Alumni Association and were honored at a recent Alumni Association ceremony include: (front row, left to right) Megan Knight of Bondurant, Danielle Boeke of Coon Rapids, Victoria Crook of Newton and Sonnet Relph of Pleasant Hill; (second row, left to right) DMACC President Rob Denson, Amanda Sieve of Carroll, Jessica Drake of Van Meter, Katrina Schmidt of Des Moines, Katherine Harris of Newton and Greg Van Der Hart of Monroe.

ECI HOSTING DIGITAL SHREDDING DAY

If you are getting rid of your old computer that contains personal or financial information, there are things that you should do to protect your identity and your information before donating, reselling or recycling your system. The Electronic Crime Institute at DMACC has a great way to help with the process.

On Tues., April 27, from 2 to 7 p.m. in Bldg. #3W on the Ankeny Campus, ECI staff members will host a free computer file cleaning day. Individuals can bring in their computer hard drive to have the drive wiped clean of data using specialized computer software to purge digital information.

Before people have their hard drive cleaned, they should save the files that are important to them to an external storage device such as a CD-ROM or an external hard drive or transfer them to a new computer. All information, including any installed operating system, will be gone.

DMACC SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

The finals of the DMACC annual informative speech contest were recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The winners include: (left to right) Scot Stodola of Johnston, fifth place; John Whiteman of Des Moines, fourth place; David Wiley of Waukee, third place; Tyler Weber of Des Moines, second place, and Janice Haag of Johnston, first place. All of the finalists received a certificate and a gift certificate from the DMACC Foundation for use in the DMACC bookstore.
PARADE ON ANKENY CAMPUS

As part of DMACC’s celebration of the Week of the Young Child, the children in DMACC’s Early Childhood Education Program and Child Development Lab School held a parade on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Three-year-old Miles Mudd, son of DMACC Academic Advisor Megan Mudd and Megan’s husband, Rod, rides a tricycle while handing out candy during the parade from Bldg. #9 to Bldg. #5 and around the mall area.

ICE COLD LEMONADE

Four-year-old Kalven Owen (left to right), five-year-old Kaylie Rodrick and four-year-old Mallory Grove pose for a photo while running the “cash register” during the children’s lemonade stand held during the Week of the Young Child celebration. Owen is the son of Julie and Rob Owen of Ankeny. Rodrick is the daughter of Josh and Chris Rodrick of Elkhart. Grove is the daughter of Steve and Christa Grove of Ankeny.

Three-year-old Faith Watson, daughter of Charity and Tom Watson of Ankeny, concentrates on filling a glass of lemonade for a customer.
“BERT” READS TO CHILDREN AT BOONE & ANKENY CAMPUSES

Sesame Street’s “Bert,” also known by many as DMACC President Rob Denson, reads to Trinity Lutheran Elementary School kindergartners and DMACC Boone Campus students in the DMACC Boone Campus library. Janet Kazwell (left) and her dog, Nemo, and Lorrie Robinson and her dog, Faith, listen. The “reading dogs” are from the Cyclone Pet Partners.

Bert, sans the “reading dogs,” reads to the youngsters at the Child Development Lab School on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT DMACC WEST CAMPUS

Max and Jack McFarland of Maryville, MO, pose with the Easter Bunny at the annual Easter Egg hunt at the DMACC West Campus. The event is sponsored by the West Des Moines Fire Fighters Association and DMACC. There were separate egg hunt areas for children ages three and under, four-to six-years-old and seven years and older, as well as other fun activities for the entire family.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

DMACC will host the Sixth Annual Entrepreneurship Day on Tues., April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Bldg. #6 Auditorium on the Ankeny Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Rowena Crosbie, CEO of Tero International, is the conference’s keynote speaker. Tero International is a trainer for many top corporate executives, business owners and professionals about presentation skills, helping to mold their public image and hone their leadership skills. Crosbie has been honored as the Woman of Influence Business Owner of the Year and received Executive of the Year by Executive Women International. She also has authored several articles in international journals and magazines.

JOB OPENINGS

Lead Cook
Boone Campus, Mon.–Fri.: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Student contact days plus five additional days to be determined.
Salary: $12.58 to $13.28 per hour based on experience.
Review Date: April 26, 2010

Continuing Education Coordinator
Ankeny Campus
Salary: $65,562
Review Date: April 30, 2010

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.

HEALTH SCREENING

DMACC Program Development Director Sharon Bittner (left) has her blood drawn by first-year DMACC Medical Assisting student Stephanie Waddell of Des Moines during the “Know Your Numbers” health screening held recently on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. DMACC President Rob Denson and Vice President Doug Williams were the first two DMACC employees to take the Personal Health Assessment. A total of 112 people took the screening over four days in mid-April.
DMACC STUDENTS SELECTED FOR NASA EVENT

DMACC student Thomas Olmstead of Granger has been selected to travel to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA’s) Johnson Space Center in Houston May 20–22 to participate in a three-day, on-site event. Olmstead is enrolled in the Liberal Arts program at DMACC’s Ankeny Campus. Earlier this spring, he was named to the All-Iowa Community College Academic Team.

In addition, DMACC student Zachary Foltz of Des Moines was selected as an alternate for the NASA event.

Olmstead is one of 60 community and junior college students from across the nation selected to be part of the pilot National Community College Aerospace Scholars Program. Students completed four web-based assignments during the school year, maintaining a 96 average to qualify for the experience. They will apply what they have learned during the year to work with NASA engineers.

A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES SCREENING

“**Their homes destroyed. Their voice discovered.**” In a New Orleans neighborhood called Versailles, a tight-knit group of Vietnamese Americans overcame obstacles to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, only to have their homes threatened by a new, government-imposed toxic landfill. **A Village Called Versailles** is the empowering story of how the Versailles people, who had already suffered so much in their lifetime, turned a devastating disaster into a catalyst for change and a chance for a better future. **A Village Called Versailles** is an Iowa Public Television film that is part of the Independent Lens series and will be shown on three DMACC campuses on **Thur., April 22**.

- Ankeny Campus, Bldg, #2, Room 25B at 12:50 p.m.
- Urban Campus, Bldg, #1, Room 124 at 1:30 p.m.
- Boone Campus, Auditorium, at 1:20 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. This viewing is sponsored by the DMACC Diversity Commission and statewide Iowa Public Television.

TI units are available for faculty who attend the screening of **A Village Called Versailles**, or any other IPTV film shown in the future.
DMACC RECEIVES A DUMP TRUCK

DMACC President Rob Denson (center) receives the keys to the 2003 Sterling LT9500 dump truck from Rasmussen Group President Kurt Rasmussen (left) and JMT Trucking President Jeff Wangsness. The Rasmussen Group donated the dump truck with the Caterpillar engine, cheater axle and low reduction transmission to DMACC's Diesel Technology program so that students enrolled in DMACC's Diesel program can learn about the technology of an off-road/construction-type truck.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKS AT URBAN CAMPUS

Holocaust survivor Linda Fishman talks to students, faculty and staff in a standing-room-only presentation April 5 at the DMACC Urban Campus. Fishman told of her experiences of being taken from her home in Poland and surviving the ordeal at six German concentration camps, including Dachau, during World War II.

THANK YOU

The family of Katherine Pyle acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you for thinking of us during this difficult time. Our DMACC friends are the greatest.

Sincerely,
Barb & Mike Aubrey
DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The Pioneers May Meeting will be held on Thur., May 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the new FFA Enrichment Center, Rooms 14 and 15 on the second floor. Please enter the east entrance for elevator access. The program will feature Capt. Paul Skarda and his wife Pauline (retired Administrative Assistant to DMACC’s first president, Paul Lowery). They will share their experience about the Honor Flight they participated in this past fall. Please check the website for the flyer, a map and more details. Reservations are due by 4 p.m. on Mon., May 10. Please call 964-6868 for reservations.

The Pioneers will hold their election of officers for the Pioneers Leadership Team for 2010–2011. The Nominating Committee is still looking for candidates for Vice President, and the board needs members for several committees. Please give their requests serious consideration so the team can continue to grow and help the Pioneers organization continue to be a vital part of the DMACC Team.

Don’t forget your donations of “Grab and Go” Snacks for Pamela’s Pantry.

Watch your mail for the annual solicitation for the Scholarships Fund Raiser. The Board decided last fall to do this mailing in the spring so it does not conflict with the DMACC Foundation mailing which caused some confusion among donors. Remember, you may designate your gift for the Pioneers Scholarship or Endowment Funds or you may split it in any percentage you wish. The scholarship fund is used for annual student support while the Endowment is invested and only the interest is used for scholarships.

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—so they have plenty of room for good quality merchandise in GOOD WORKING condition. When you are doing your spring cleaning, just call the Pioneers at 964-6868 and leave a message to arrange for delivery to the storage unit or a pickup time.