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DMACC Hosts Mid-American Wine Competition

DMACC hosted the Fourth Annual Mid-American Wine Competition July 9-11 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. A judging panel of seasoned professionals and a select group of local wine aficionados, led by Chief Judge Doug Frost (shown) of Kansas City, awarded 323 medals. Frost is one of only three persons in the world to earn both the coveted Master of Wine degree and the Master Sommelier title.

More than 570 wines were entered by 96 different wineries representing 15 states. Professional wine judges from throughout the United States awarded 40 gold medals, 98 silver medals and 185 bronze medals. Dr. Murli Dharmadhikari, extension enologist and director of the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute at Iowa State University, samples a wine during the competition.

Master sommelier Wayne Belding (left) and certified sommelier Ellen Landis, served as judges.

The judges awarded the Dr. Dick Peterson Award to Prairie Moon Winery’s Winter Moon ice wine. Prairie Moon is located in Ames. The Peterson Award is bestowed on the wine judged as the best wine in the state of Iowa.

DMACC Technical Training Coordinator Nola Hanson pours wine for another wine flight during the Mid-American Wine Competition.
DMACC STUDENTS COMPLETE CERTIFIED SOMMELIER EXAM

Two former DMACC students successfully completed the Certified Sommelier examination in St. Louis. Laura Swan, who is an Iowa Culinary Institute graduate and now works at Bistro Montage, and Jeff Yaneck, who works at Baru-66, have successfully completed the Certified Sommelier exam. Swan is from Ames and Yaneck from North Liberty. This is the second examination (of four steps) in the process to become a Master Sommelier. There are now six Certified Sommeliers in the Des Moines area and three of them, including DMACC Enology Instructor Paul Gospodarczyk, are from DMACC.

BOONE CAMPUS ADULT TECH CAMP

Rose Abbey (right) of Boone receives assistance from DMACC Instructor Mary Jane Green at the recent DMACC Boone Campus Adult Tech Camp. The camp involved a series of learning sessions covering technology topics such as internet security, wireless networks, file management, flash drives, digital cameras and cell phones. In addition, attendees learned how to print labels for Christmas Card lists and upload photos to a photo sharing site.

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT WEST CAMPUS

There’s still time to signup to play in the Sixth Annual Wild Wild West 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The event will be held Sat., July 24, at the West Campus. The online registration deadline is midnight, July 20.

To register, go to www.wildwest3on3.com/onlineregistration.asp.

Former University of Iowa and NBA star Bobby Hansen will share details of his career at the University of Iowa and his nine seasons in the NBA starting at 6:45 p.m., Fri., July 23, in the West Campus Ellipse. Early registration takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. that evening with the first 100 players who register receiving an autographed Bobby Hansen basketball.

If interested in volunteering on Sat., July 24, at the 3-on-3 tournament, contact Rick Dawson at 633-2443.
BOONE CAMPUS
KIDS TECH CAMP

Karli Graham (left to right), Ian Lester and Max Hyatt, all from Boone, work on an assignment at the DMACC Kids Tech Camp recently held on the DMACC Boone Campus.

Boone Campus Business Technology Professor Linda Plueger assists Dre’ Davis of Boone at the Kids Tech Camp. The three-day camp featured a scavenger hunt, meeting and working with robots, participating in a global positioning system treasure hunt and playing computer games.

DMACC STUDENT WINS GOLD MEDAL IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Recent DMACC graduate My Bach (left) of Des Moines was awarded the college/postsecondary gold medal in the Advertising Design category at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Bach shows one of her design projects at the recent DMACC Portfolio Day for DMACC graduating design students held at the DMACC FFA Enrichment Center.
DMACC PRESIDENT, STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATE 4TH OF JULY

DMACC was well represented all across central Iowa during the Fourth of July weekend. President Rob Denson drove the College’s semi-trailer truck in parades in Urbandale (see photos to right), Ames, Newton, Windsor Heights and Pella. In Newton, DMACC employees Angie Neville, left, her daughter, Abbie (in the wagon) and Jody Stiles led President Denson and his semi along the parade route as they carried the DMACC banner. President Denson will make appearances with the DMACC semi in 22 summer events this year.

AMERICAN LEGION DONATION

DMACC Foundation Executive Director Ganesh Ganpat (left) receives a donation from Louis Kirk, board member of the American Legion of Iowa Foundation. The donation will fund four $500 scholarships and be given to DMACC students who are veterans, to be used for tuition fees and books.
BRANSTAD-REYNOLDS VISIT DMACC NEWTON CAMPUS

Iowa gubernatorial candidate Terry Branstad (right) and his running mate, Kim Reynolds, speak at a recent question-and-answer session held at the DMACC Newton Campus. About 50 people attended the event.

YOUTHBUILD TRAINEES AID HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

YouthBuild trainees Alex Finn, DeMarco Rushing and Troy Stanley help Green Building Instructor Matt Connelly (in hat) move supplies at the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity headquarters and Habitat ReStore so that the items would not be ruined by threatening flood waters. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore accepts donations of building materials, appliances and other home accessories, and then sells them to the public at a fraction of the cost. The proceeds from the sales go to support the building of Habitat for Humanity homes in and around the Des Moines area. The YouthBuild trainees do a considerable amount of on-site work with Habitat, helping to create low-income housing while learning the skills necessary for construction and home building.
DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The next Pioneers meeting is Thur., Aug. 12, at the FFA Enrichment Center, Rooms 208 and 209. Bob and Jan Mitchell, who were instrumental in the completion of the Miracle Baseball Field for special needs children, will speak. The board meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Former DMACC Pioneers President Sharon Eckstrom arranges items during last year’s Pioneers garage sale. The 2010 DMACC Pioneers Annual Garage Sale will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thur., Aug. 19, and Fri., Aug. 20, and from 7 to 11 a.m., Sat., Aug. 21, in Bldg. #13 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. There will be motorcycles, books, furniture, records, toys, glassware, computers, games, collectibles and more on sale. All proceeds will go to DMACC students for scholarships and assistance.

Items are still being accepted for the garage sale. If you have items to donate, please call 964-6868 to arrange for a pickup or delivery. Please note that no items will be accepted after Aug. 6.

The Pioneers will be helping DMACC students in the major traffic buildings during the first days of class on August 26 and 27. All you have to do is show up, wear a lovely eye catching shirt that says “Ask Me” and the students will appreciate your help. Call John Arbuckle at H: (515) 964-1283 or cell: (515) 249-0130 to volunteer. Each volunteer receives a lunch ticket to be used at your convenience in the Bldg. #5 café.

The September 9th “Kick-Off” meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the FFA Enrichment Center Conference room on the first floor will feature President Denson’s “State of the College” presentation and a special interactive review of DMACC History by Carroll Bennett and the History committee. If you haven’t yet submitted your history—please make it your goal to complete it by no later than August.