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RAY AND SHIRLEY GUMTAU ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Elaine Ilvess (center), sister of the late Shirley Gumtau, presents a check in the amount of $320,000 to the DMACC Foundation for an endowed scholarship in the name of Ray and Shirley Gumtau. Accepting the check are DMACC President Rob Denson (left) and DMACC Foundation Executive Director Ganesh Ganpat. Ray Gumtau, who died in 1999, was DMACC’s Mechanical/Electrical Department Supervisor. This donation is the second-largest endowed gift ever given to the DMACC Foundation.

DMACC SHOWS HUGE SUPPORT FOR TROOPS

Hundreds of Iowa service men and women will have extra holiday packages to open on Christmas morning thanks to tremendous efforts by DMACC’s Phi Theta Kappa members, students, faculty and staff members along with many generous central Iowans, the support of 11 central Iowa Walmart stores and Mediacom. Ankeny Campus Finance Department members (from left) Delores Hawkins, Melissa Karns, Doreen Jamison, Nancy Wille, Joni Moore-Daugherty and Natalie Coulson-Larmore pack “Support the Troops” boxes with food, magazines, candy and other items as part of the department’s annual holiday project. Every year, the 25-member team picks a community agency or special project to support. This year the team filled 11 boxes with the special care items.

Finance Department team member Doreen Jamison, left, takes a box from Megan Armstrong to load into the DMACC Marketing and Public Relations truck.
DMACC SHOWS HUGE SUPPORT FOR TROOPS, CONT.

Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa member and fashion design major Qi Qin of Ames packs a box full of items to be shipped to United States troops overseas for the “Support the Troops” campaign.

Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa member and Psychology major Emma Denning of Ames fills out mailing slips to be put on the “Support the Troops” boxes for shipping.

DMACC HOSTS MARROW DONOR REGISTRY DRIVE

Cathy Jones (left) of Waukee and DMACC Evening and Weekend College Director Jeff Kelly (right) do a cheek swab as part of the marrow donor registry drive recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The event was held Dec. 7 in support of DMACC employee Rick Carpenter and others like him who are in need of a matching donor. More than 110 people volunteered to take four self-administered cheek swabs, which are then sent to the University of Iowa to be analyzed in the hopes that a marrow match can be found.
Grace Obata Amemiya, an American-born citizen of Japanese descent, speaks to a Modern Western Civilization history class at the Urban Campus about her experiences in an internment camp during World War II. During World War II, more than 100,000 Japanese-American individuals, the vast majority of whom were actually American citizens, were rounded up and shipped eventually to internment camps. These consisted of poorly-constructed barracks surrounded by barbed wire, sentry posts and armed guards.

They were put in these camps, not because they had been tried and found guilty of something, but because they, their parents or ancestors were from Japan and they were considered a “threat” to national security. They also were easily identifiable due to their race. There were no similar large-scale round-ups of German or Italian-Americans, even though the United States was at war with those countries during World War II.

At the time of the war Amemiya and her family lived in California and were transported to a camp in Yuma, Arizona where they spent time. She moved to Ames many years ago when her husband became a faculty member at the Iowa State University Agronomy Department.

DMACC students Chuck Rolek (left to right) of Waukee, Taylor Cooper of Carlisle and Morgan Newman of Greenfield have each received two speech awards. They received the Recognition of Achievement in Speech Communication Award from the Iowa Communication Association and also the Recognition of Achievement Award from the National Communication Association, Sigma Chi Eta-Alpha Epsilon Chapter. To receive these honors, students must have taken nine credits of speech or approved speech-related courses, earned a 3.25 grade point average in those courses, and earned a 3.0 GPA overall.
STUDENTS, FACULTY ROLL UP SLEEVES TO DONATE

Joanna Laugerman, a DMACC nursing student from Grimes, watches closely as Blood Center of Iowa nurse Nicole Olmstead prepares Laugerman’s arm for the blood donation during the annual December blood drive sponsored by the Ankeny Campus Student Health Services Office.

Jordan Manus, a music performance major from Klemme, was one of 51 people to donate a pint of blood during the six-and-a-half-hour blood drive. Twenty-two donors gave blood for the first time. Monitoring Manus is Jeff Bulock of the Blood Center.

Ankeny Campus Liberal Arts major Rachel Scieszinski was a first-time blood donor at the blood drive.

RETIREMENT RECEPTIONS

There are several upcoming retirement receptions:

- Dec. 10, 2 to 4 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 124–126, for Linda Berglund, C. Kathy Brown and Betty Lambert.
- Dec. 14, 3 p.m., Bldg. #7, Bistro for Larry Grubisich, Faye Johnson, Pat Butin, Lisa Ethington and Carolyn Buehler.
- Dec. 15, 4 p.m., Carroll Campus for John Brockelsby.
BOOKSTORE FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT

DMACC Iowa Culinary Institute™ students Amanda Riordan (left) of Des Moines and Kenna Stenback of Ankeny serve DMACC Ankeny Campus Student Activities Coordinator Erin Wheat at the recent Ankeny Campus Bookstore annual faculty/staff appreciation event. Riordan and Stenback prepared the hot appetizers enjoyed by faculty and staff members at the event. The bookstore also offered discounts on selected merchandise to all faculty and staff who attended the annual event.

FREE SOUP AT ANKENY CAMPUS

Iowa Communications Network Specialist Janelle Archer (left) and Administrative Assistant Tracie Cameron serve a bowl of free chili to DMACC Ankeny Campus Liberal Arts student Corey Beckendorf of Grimes. The Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council sponsored the free tomato soup and chili feed. President Rob Denson and his wife, Pat, along with Joe DeHart, executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, served the free soup for the first hour.

CHOIR SINGS CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON ANKENY CAMPUS

Aaron Powell leads the DMACC Concert Choir in a medley of popular Christmas carols during the lunch hour on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Santa Claus handed out free candy canes to students, faculty and staff who were enjoying the festive event.
MUSIC AT NOON AT URBAN CAMPUS

DMACC student Nate Grove of West Des Moines sings “This Nearly Was Mine” from South Pacific during a “Music At Noon” concert recently held at the DMACC Urban Campus. Nine soloists performed at the concert. The students were under the direction of Urban Campus Instructor Alayna Perry.

DMACC student Tyler Seay of Des Moines plays an original musical score on the piano during a “Music At Noon” concert recently held at the DMACC Urban Campus.

FAYE JOHNSON RECEIVES AWARD

DMACC Student Development Director Faye Johnson (third from left) was recognized with a special award and gift certificate at the Iowa Community College Student Services Association (ICCSSA) Member’s Meeting which was held on October 6 at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. Faye has been a long-time member and supporter of ICCSSA and served in various capacities in past years within the organization. More recently, Faye has shown her support of ICCSSA by encouraging new student services professionals in her department to become involved in ICCSSA. Three of the ICCSSA Executive Board Members, who are also DMACC employees, were on hand to present the award. Pictured left to right are: Rita Davenport, Penny Schempp, Faye Johnson and Ahmed Agyeman.
CHRISTIE VILSACK SPEAKS AT ANKENY CAMPUS

Christie Vilsack, executive director of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies, spoke to DMACC Ankeny Campus students and staff on Nov. 30. The former Iowa first lady and wife of current U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, cited statistics showing that almost half of all pregnancies in Iowa and across the U.S. are unintended. She noted that women who have unintended pregnancies are more likely to live in poverty, less likely to finish high school or attend college and more likely to engage in risky behavior that threatens their health or the health of the baby. Christie Vilsack is leading the Iowa Initiative, which encourages young men and women to “start the conversation about birth control.”

JOB OPENINGS

Employability Services Specialist, Iowa Employment Solutions Application Deadline: Dec. 17, 2010

If interested in the above position, please visit this DMACC website: http://jobs.dmacc.edu

FOR SALE

The following items are for sale. If interested, contact Renee at 964-6491 or 965-2345.

► Frigidaire Upright Commercial Freezer (white), (LIKE NEW), $165, 17.1 cu. ft. Three wire shelves/slide-out storage basket, five full-width door bins, 27" deep, 65" tall, 32" wide.

► Delta 10" Band Saw with open stand and 2 blades, $125, 5.6 amp, ½ horsepower, 120 volt.

► Rigid Heavy-Duty 10" Portable Table Saw with folding two-wheel work stand and dust bag, (LIKE NEW), $700. Also includes Precision Incra miter gauge with telescopic fence (accuracy 1/10 degree), Flip-top portable work support, Freud Dado blade set, multiple blades, multiple table inserts and feather boards (have the manuals).
The DMACC Pioneers are again having their annual Holiday Party and everyone is invited. It will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tues., Dec. 14 in the Bistro in Bldg. #7. The Pioneers are providing the food and fun. Take a break from finals week and join the Pioneers. The Pioneers will be accepting non-perishable snack items for needy DMACC students. No carry-outs, please.

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for all DMACC staff

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UPCOMING PIONEER MEETINGS

In January and February, the Pioneers are trying out a new concept. For fun we are calling the meetings “SENIOR MOMENTS.” We are asking all of the members to dig into their memories and to share hobbies, skills and special fun topics at our informal “Senior Show & Tell.” So far we have volunteers for Travel To Norway, Special Valentine Collection, How To Use Your Computer, Revitalize Your Creative Spirit and are looking for more from our members. (How to keep your walker from squeaking, how to organize your pills, walking on ice—okay you’ve got the idea)

There will be no formal speakers or field trips planned but we will have fun just getting together. Many of our “snow birds” have flown south and more will be leaving us after the holidays. Those of us left behind still need the Pioneer group to continue with our monthly get together.

Have a Warm & Wonderful Holiday with your family and friends.

PIioneer President, Dee Johnson

THANK YOU

Rick and Tina Carpenter and DMACC Campus Health want to thank the DMACC community, faculty, staff and students for helping make the December 6th Marrow Donor Drive a success by the generous donation of their time, money and registering themselves for the Iowa Marrow Donor Program. We collected 112 packets for evaluation of tissue typing and donations were collected which went toward tissue typing donors who will be registered from our drive. I want to specially thank our Ankeny area Hy-Vee for their generous donation of cookies to serve to our participants that day. We also want to thank the Medical Assistant program and their students for donating their time setting up and volunteering at the drive, our nursing faculty and staff, security for their help with parking, our sign shop for making the signage for the event, Marketing for their coverage before and after the event as well as WHO radio, WHO TV and WOI TV all who helped raise awareness of this important process. Finally I want to thank Sheri, Connie, Marla, Deb, Krystal, Jackie, Faye and Helene for all of their help and support and the University of Iowa Marrow program for their continued guidance through the drive process. If you were unable to attend the event you can call 1-800-944-8220 or log on to BeTheMatch.org and you can register online for the registry or give a monetary donation which helps to tissue type all eligible donors. Thanks again! Sandy Foster