Parents of Elizabeth White Attend Memorial Unveiling

Kim and Kirby White, parents of DMACC student Elizabeth White, who was tragically killed by an intoxicated driver in 2007, stand in front of a Victims of Crimes Memorial that features their daughter. DMACC Photography Professor Curt Stahr and his students, in conjunction with DMACC’s Criminal Justice Club, developed the memorial to crime victims. Kirby White contributed funds in Elizabeth’s memory to the DMACC Criminal Justice Club for any kind of project the club might envision. The crime victims memorial features Elizabeth White, but also makes a strong statement about the trauma that crime victims endure in today’s society.

Kim White (left) and her husband, Kirby (right) visit with DMACC Photography Professor Curt Stahr and DMACC Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Kari Hensen during the unveiling ceremony of the Victims of Crimes Memorial.

Jennifer Bertagnoli (left), whose father was murdered in the home when she was actually present; Jan Wright (right), a victim of domestic abuse, and Kirby White were the three crime-victim panelists who discussed their experiences with a group of criminal justice students and the general public.
DMACC President Rob Denson delivers a State of the College address at the 2011 DMACC President’s Day event held Feb. 18 in the FFA Enrichment Center and broadcast to all DMACC campuses.

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Gerard Meyers gives a cyber crime/identity theft presentation at the DMACC President’s Day.

Kent Stock, who coached the 1991 Norway, Iowa baseball team to a state championship in their last year as a school district, delivers a motivational speech during DMACC President’s Day. The 2007 film called The Final Season depicted the first-year head baseball coach and his successful efforts in leading Norway to its 20th state baseball championship.
ASSISTING MOTHER NATURE

DMACC baseball player Dylan Thomas of Lakeville, Minn., removes snow from the infield on the DMACC baseball diamond during one of the recent warm days. The players were attempting to remove as much snow as possible to help the field dry out quickly so the team can practice on their home field. The Bears first home game is March 31 against Grand View Junior Varsity. Thomas is a pitcher for the nationally ranked DMACC Bears.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

DMACC Fitness and Sports Management student Drew Saforek (right) of Wayland serves a plate of spaghetti to DMACC Boone Campus student Sarah Woods of Boone in between the women’s and men’s DMACC basketball games against Kirkwood Community College. Boone High School students Makenna Slight and Brian Williams and DMACC Liberal Arts student Rachel Davis of Boone were also on hand to serve cookies, breadsticks, and salad. The students were members of Jane Martino’s Development Psychology class. A free will offering was taken, with all donations going towards the food pantry for the Boone Campus.

GUEST CHOIR TO PERFORM AT DMACC

The Briar Cliff University Choir, under the direction of Sean Burton, will be performing on the DMACC Ankeny Campus on Fri., Feb. 25. The concert is one of several stops on their spring tour. The performance will be unique in that the DMACC Concert Choir will join forces with them to perform the “Hallelujah Chorus” by G.F. Handel.

The concert, to be performed in the Bldg. #6 Auditorium, begins at 7:30 p.m. and will last roughly 90 minutes. The concert is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact Aaron Powell at 515-965-6022 or via email at apowell3@dmacc.edu.
DMACC WINTER CONCERT II

The DMACC Winter Concert II will be held at 7:30 p.m., Fri., March 4 in the DMACC Ankeny Campus Bldg. #6 Auditorium. The theme for this concert is Celtic music. The DMACC Concert Choir, Chamber Ensemble and Ambassadors will perform at the concert. In addition, a potpourri section will be held in which students work up material on their own to perform.

The concert is free and open to the public. There will also be a free reception immediately following the concert in the Lakeview Inn in Bldg. #7.

PEP BAND PERFORMS AT DMACC BASKETBALL GAMES

The DMACC Boone Campus Pep Band, under the direction of Maggie Stone on saxophone, performs during the recent DMACC women’s and men’s basketball games against Kirkwood Community College. The pep band members were encouraged to wear their favorite hats that evening.

Boone Campus Biology Instructor Mary Beth Hanlin demonstrated her team spirit throughout the women’s and men’s basketball games.
DMACC MEN LOSE TO KIRKWOOD

Sophomore Kannon Burrage of East Moline, Ill., drives for two of his game-high 31 points as the DMACC men’s basketball team dropped a 75-69 decision to Kirkwood Community College (KCC) Feb. 16 at the DMACC gymnasium. Burrage was just 7-of-19 from the field, but made five of his ten 3-point attempts and was 12-of-15 from the free throw line.

The Bears, ranked 13th in this week’s Division II poll from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), rallied from a 69-57 deficit with a minute to play and got to within 73-69 with 12 seconds remaining, but two free throws by KCC’s Brennan Cougill with 11 seconds to play iced the game for the seventh-ranked Eagles.

LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT FOR DMACC WOMEN

The DMACC women’s basketball team rallied from a 17-point deficit in the final five minutes to tie the game, but came up short as sixth-ranked Kirkwood Community College (KCC) defeated the Bears 67-64 Feb. 16 at the DMACC gymnasium. Whitney Rohrbach’s three-pointer with seven seconds to play provided the win for the Eagles, who improved to 21-6 overall and 13-1 in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC). DMACC fell to 20-8 and 8-6.

Freshman Sam Thrapp (pictured) of Davenport led the Bears with 15 points and freshman Karlie Warehime of Gowrie added 13 points. The Bears trailed 62-45 with 4 minutes, 52 seconds to play, but scored nine unanswered points to draw to within 62-54 with 2:15 remaining. Katlyn Wood of Monroe keyed the rally with a regular basket and a three-pointer, and Warehime and Thrapp added two free throws apiece.

After KCC went ahead 64-54 on a basket by Diamon Beckford, the Bears responded with ten unanswered points to draw even at 64-64 with 29 seconds remaining. Hagedorn ignited the rally with a three-pointer and Thrapp added a traditional three-point play to make it 64-60 with 1:04 to play. The Bears then got a steal and basket from Hagedorn and Warehime hit a pair of free throws off another KCC turnover to tie the score and set the stage for Rohrbach’s three-pointer.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT BOONE CAMPUS

Poet Ge’ylah Jones performs “The Power of the Tongue,” a presentation about black history and black literature. Her performance was part of the DMACC Boone Campus Black History month activities.

BLACK WOMEN IN NURSING PRESENTATION

A social historian will speak at three DMACC Campuses on the topic of Black Women in Nursing. Dr. Mary Dillard, an Associate Professor of African History at Sarah Lawrence College in New York City, will speak on “Stony the Road We Trod: A History of Black Women in Nursing” at the following campuses:

- 9:40 a.m., Thur., March 3, Boone Campus Theatre
- 1 p.m., Thur., March 3, Carroll Campus
- 10:10 a.m., Fri., March 4, Ankeny Campus Bldg. #5 Quiet Lounge

Dr. Dillard, who has published articles on the history of education in West Africa and the impact of globalization on African education, began her career as a Fulbright scholar to Ghana. She is a past fellow of the Columbia University Society of Fellows. She currently serves on the editorial board of Jenda: A Journal of African Women’s Studies and is the guest editor of Jenda’s next issue, a special edition of gender and education in Africa.

Dr. Dillard’s most recent research focuses on the migration of Ghanaian nurses and hair braiders to the United States.
INSIGHTS ABOUT JEFFERSON, HEMINGS—BLACK HISTORY MONTH

West Campus History Professor Chuck Lauritsen explains details of the relationship that President Thomas Jefferson had with Sally Hemings and presented facts about whether her children were related to Jefferson during a Black History Month discussion at the West Campus Auditorium. Lauritsen has studied Jefferson extensively during his career and presented facts about the controversy and results of research by other historians and experts on Jeffersonian history during a noontime presentation for students and faculty members.

PIONEERS CONNECTION

PIONEER WINTER EVENTS

Forty-five Pioneers turned out for Lisa Ossian’s interesting and historical presentation on The Home Fronts of Iowa on Feb. 10.

The next meeting will be on Thur., March 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Oak Room—Conference Center on the Ankeny Campus. DMACC Professor Jim Halischak will be presenting the fascinating subject of American Sign Language. His presentation had to be canceled in January 2010 due to inclement weather. Please call in your reservations by Mon., March 7 to 964-6868.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• IPTV is having a Festival week and the DMACC night is Wed., March 9 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. They need 15 volunteers to take donor phone calls. You will be provided with a T-shirt and supper. Contact David Hauser at (515) 964-6540 or dwhauser@dmacc.edu to volunteer.

• The Tax Institute in Ankeny is looking for greeters to help during their free tax service season. If you have a little time on your hands and are looking to volunteer for this important service, contact Cheri Hernandez at 964-7018. No tax experience is necessary.

• The Ronald McDonald House near Methodist Hospital at 1441 Pleasant Street is always needing volunteers to help out. They currently have a large campaign to collect pop top can tabs and can use any and all you have to give them. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Smith at (515) 267-0206 or Brenda Miller at Ronald McDonald House, (515) 243-2311, to volunteer.

Many of you are already volunteering to the max but may have room in your busy schedules for one more hour or one more day to help out where needed.

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PIONEERS CONNECTION, CONT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The History Committee has been making progress by meeting with key people at the Urban, Boone and Carroll campuses. We will be starting branch Pioneer groups on all campuses; the histories are being written and will be posted for your reading pleasure on the DMACC Pioneer web site: www.dmacc.edu/pioneers. Thanks to Jon Robinson for putting together a list of the Urban Campus Pioneers. We are looking forward to meeting them as we tour the Urban Campus in April.

The Membership Committee, headed up by Gloria Trager, has finished their phone calls to the 218 non-listed email Pioneer members and the results will be completed so that some of the members can begin receiving the bulletin and other DMACC Pioneers notices electronically. Others will be getting monthly mailings of upcoming meetings and have been notified of the February and March meetings.

As for me, I am in South Rio Grande Valley, Texas. The day I arrived, some of our Park friends stopped by with the McBee's to say “hello.” We had a Des Moines Tech high school lunch and there are many reunion groups down here for the winter. I would guess we could get a DMACC Pioneer group going down here as well. The temps in Iowa seem to be improving but you can’t beat highs in the 70s and lows in the 60s for ideal winter weather. I promise to soak up a little sunshine and vitamin D for all of you. We are enjoying the walks along the beach and seeing sea birds and palm trees right outside our window. OK, enough already. Call Mike Perry at 238-8279 if you have any pressing questions. He is your Pioneer Connection in Iowa. I can be reached at (515) 710-2298 if you don’t mind the call of birds in the background.

PIONEER PRESIDENT, Dee Johnson (A Real Snow Bird)