LEMONADE FOR SALE

Four-year-old Nadia Powell (left) and her dad, DMACC Music Instructor Aaron Powell, enjoyed a glass of lemonade at the lemonade stand staffed by the children in DMACC’s Child Development Center. Nadia is the daughter of Aaron and Kim Powell of Des Moines.

DMACC’s Child Development Center lemonade stand volunteers (left to right) three-year-old Ann Cerfogli, two-year-old Savannah Hunemueller, four-year-old Syndee Schaben (in background), three-year-old Sophia Cerfogli and two-year-old Jase Jaworski are ready to serve lemonade and sweet treats near Bldg. #9 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The lemonade stand is an annual event during the Week of the Young Child.

PRESIDENT DENSON READS TO CHILDREN

DMACC President Rob Denson reads to the children at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Child Development Center during the “Week of the Young Child” activities. Health and Public Services Dean Sally Schroeder also took time out of her day to read to the children.
PARADE ON ANKENY CAMPUS

Mallory Grove (left), daughter of Christa and Steve Grove of Ankeny, and Faith Watson, daughter of Charity and Tom Watson of Ankeny, carry the “Week of the Young Child” banner and lead the parade of Child Development Center children around the mall area on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Four-year-old cheerleader Grace Condon (left), daughter of Martha and James Condon of Ankeny, and four-year-old princess Josie Gooder, daughter of Staci and Jeff Gooder of Carlisle, take part in the Young Child Penny Parade held on the Ankeny Campus in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child activities.

Four-year-old ninja turtle Wyatt Gibson, son of Alexis and Josh Gibson of Elkhart, holds a bag of pennies he had collected during the Young Child Penny Parade. Spectators were encouraged to drop pennies into the buckets and bags carried by the children in the parade.
DMACC’s ninth annual Celebration of Literary Arts was held April 4–6 with classroom visits to all six DMACC campuses by area writers and literary instructors. Poet C. Dale Young read some of his works at the Boone Campus, including “Blood,” “In the Cutting Room” and “Paying Attention.” Young practices medicine full-time, edits poetry for *New England Review* and teaches in the Warren Wilson College Master’s of Fine Arts program for writers.

Local musician Rob Lumbard played his guitar and sang in the Courter Center prior to the readings by C. Dale Young at the Celebration of Literary Arts event at the DMACC Boone Campus.

Steven Schwartz, who teaches in the Master’s of Fine Arts Writing Program at Colorado State University, reads some of his works at the DMACC Urban Campus. He is the author of *Therapy and A Good Doctor’s Son*, and the story collections *Lives of the Fathers* and *To Leningrad in Winter.*
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.

Iowa State University English Professor Benjamin Percy (photo on left) and University of Northern Iowa English Professor Dr. Grant Tracy read from their works at the DMACC West Campus Celebration of Literary Arts event. Drake University English Professor Dr. Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Drake University Visiting English Professor Yasmina Madden read from their works at the DMACC Carroll Campus. Iowa State University English Professor Dr. Deb Marquart and B.J. Love, Master of Fine Arts candidate at the Iowa Writer’s Workshop at the University of Iowa, also read their works at the DMACC Newton Campus.
CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS—ANKENY CAMPUS

Florida International University Professor and poet Denise Duhamel (photo on left) reads some of her works at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Celebration of Literary Arts event.

University of Houston Creative Writing Instructor and fiction author Antonya Nelson is the author of four novels. She reads from *Bound* (Bloomsbury, 2010) at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Celebration of Literary Arts event.

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

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The DMACC Alumni Association presented awards to former DMACC students in a recent ceremony. DMACC President Rob Denson (left) congratulated the following recipients: David Hade of Ames, Outstanding Alumni Award; Holly Hunter of Ankeny, Early Achievement Award; Mitchel Sellers of Urbandale, Outstanding Alumni Award; Lorene Harris of Ankeny, Outstanding Alumni Award; Todd Razor of Des Moines, Early Achievement Award; and Chris Mann of Melcher, Impact Award.
CHINA YEAR EVENTS

DMACC Photography Professor Curt Stahr delivers a China Year presentation on “Two Decades of China in the Eyes of a Professional Photographer” at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Stahr gave similar presentations on other DMACC campuses as part of the College’s China Year activities. As a professional photographer, Stahr has traveled to China nine times between 1991 and 2009, first as a photographer with friends and then at the invitation of the Chinese government. He has taken more than 4,000 photos of the Chinese people and country, including many of the terra-cotta soldiers and warriors found near Xi’an. So far, excavations have found 1,800 terra-cotta warriors with an estimated 6,000 more still buried. Several of Stahr’s photos are displayed in Bldg. #2 on the Ankeny Campus.

DMACC English Professor Dr. Will Zhang speaks on the Three Gorges Dam project in China during a China Year event held on the Ankeny Campus. Zhang also spoke on this topic at other DMACC campuses. The dam regulates the flow of the 3,563-mile-long Yangtze River from Shanghai to Chongqing, China. Zhang said the dam, completed in 2006 and estimated to have cost $25 billion, is five times larger than Hoover Dam. Zhang said construction of the dam and the subsequent pooling of the water behind the dam displaced millions of people. However, the dam is credited with reducing flooding on the Yangtze River. Zhang said an estimated 300,000 people died in 20th-century flooding on the Yangtze. The 26-turbines at the dam are providing three percent of all of the energy produced in China.

ITALIAN CHEF VISITS DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS

Visiting chef Diego Critelli (left) from Padua, Italy, shows DMACC Iowa Culinary Institute (ICI) students Jessica Lovig of Story City and Deb Johnson of Roland how to make pasta during a demonstration on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Critelli and sausage maker Frederico Squezato spent a week teaching Italian cuisine to the DMACC students, culminating in an Italian gourmet dinner.
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL AT THE URBAN CAMPUS

DMACC Urban Campus first-year English as a Second Language (ESL) student Maria Cobzaru (left) of Des Moines and formerly of Moldova, serves food to Dustin Whited of Ames at the Multicultural Festival recently held at the DMACC Urban Campus.

DMACC Urban Campus ESL Professor Ewa Pratt (right) chooses food items from Vinh Nguyen of Des Moines at the Multicultural Festival.

Anastasia Addington, formerly of Russia and now living in Johnston, displays some of the wares from her native country at the Multicultural Festival. Addington is a first-year student enrolled in the Translation program at the Urban Campus.
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL AT THE URBAN CAMPUS, CONT.

Markendy Estimphil, formerly of Haiti and now living in West Des Moines, sings during the talent contest at the Multicultural Festival.

DMACC second-year student Hien Hoang (left) of Des Moines and formerly of Vietnam, paints the fingernails of DMACC first-year Liberal Arts student Shabana Basha of West Des Moines. Basha is originally from India.

Vo Lo and Lam Nguyen, both originally from Vietnam and now living in Des Moines, perform a traditional lion dance at the Multicultural Festival.
DMACC Ankeny Campus Iowa Culinary Institute students (left to right) Ryan Skinner of West Des Moines, Zack Young of West Des Moines, Jacob Wegman of Cedar Rapids, Katie Frazee of Ankeny, Josh Van Ryswyk of Carlisle and ICI Instructor Michael Leonard pose with checks for $2,000 they received for capturing first place in the Iowa Beef Industry Council’s Intercollegiate Beef Culinary Contest. The DMACC students received first place in the Best Overall Beef Presentation, Best Beef Dinner Entrée, Best Beef LunchEntrée and Best Beef Breakfast Entrée categories in the contest sponsored by Reinhart Food Services and the Iowa Beef Council and held in Iowa City. The DMACC students prepared Deconstructed Barbacoa beef breakfast burrito for breakfast; a peanut butter, roast beef and jelly sandwich for lunch; and a maple brulee’d steak with grilled asparagus and poutine for dinner. For winning the competition, each of the five DMACC students received $100 with the remaining $1,500 going to DMACC to be used for student scholarships.

CYBER CRIME AWARENESS CONFERENCE

Former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent and current DMACC Criminal Justice Instructor Traci Dow-Wyatt (photo on left) gives a presentation on “Identity Theft” at the third annual Electronic Crime Institute (ECI) Cyber Crime Awareness Day. The free event was held Sat., April 9, in the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

DMACC ECI Instructor Kyle Hess speaks on “Wireless Network Security” during his presentation at the Cyber Crime Awareness Day. Prior to coming to DMACC, Hess was a security analyst for Chicago Bridge & Iron and an IT analyst at the William Wrigley, Jr. Company. Other topics discussed at the conference included “Sexting—It’s No Joke,” “Cyber Threats—Don’t Fall Victim” and “Navigating the Dangerous Waters of the Internet.”
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) Ann Street of West Des Moines, first place; Nikki Eggert of Ankeny, second place; Anthony Devick of Woodward, third place; Cody Darr of Altoona, sixth place; Jake Eggleston of Windsor Heights, fourth place and Jessica Galvin of Knoxville, fifth place. All of the finalists received a certificate and a gift certificate from the DMACC Foundation for use in the DMACC bookstores. Street is enrolled on the DMACC West Campus and talked about bees. She received a $100 gift certificate for finishing in first place in the competition.

CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE

DMACC Psychology Instructor Rosenna Bakari speaks in front of a 4’ x 6’ art photography portrait titled “the Faces of Childhood Sexual Abuse” during an event held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Victims of childhood sexual abuse spoke during the hour-long event. This year, DMACC is continuing to raise awareness of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse issues, particularly the emotional trauma that follows into adulthood, by collaborating with Iowa colleges and universities.

The portrait will travel to each campus involved in the project during the 2011–2012 school year.
TWO MORE GRADUATES ADDED TO WALL OF FAME

More than a dozen area employers and 60 DMACC students attended an Employer Breakfast recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. DMACC’s Business and Technology Department has been holding the annual event for more than 10 years. The breakfast is a venue in which students can openly ask employment-related questions in a business-social environment. Likewise, each employer gives words of advice to students on such topics as the job search, making a good first impression, soft skills, how to earn promotions and other insights. The Employer Breakfast is also a networking opportunity for students seeking internships.

The Employer Breakfast is also where outstanding Business and Technology graduates are recognized and presented with a framed poster bearing their picture and words of inspiration to students looking forward to graduation. Jolene Druivenga (left) of Ira and Elizabeth Souers of Des Moines stand next to their posters, which will be permanently displayed in the hallways of Bldg. #8. This marks the second year for doing the “Wall of Fame” program.

DOCUMENTARY ON ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

Filmmakers Kelly Rundle (left) and Tammy Rundle answer questions following the showing of their documentary, “Country School: One Room—One Nation.” The free screening of the documentary was held in the DMACC Bldg. #6 Auditorium and sponsored by DMACC and the Kirkendall Public Library. The documentary tells the dramatic story of the life, death and rebirth of one-room schools in the Upper Midwest.
DISCOVER ENGINEERING DAY

Kyle Riley, a professional engineer with Snyder and Associates, makes a point during his conference-opening presentation during Discover Engineering Day at the FFA Enrichment Center April 5. More than 240 prospective engineering students and parents took part in the morning conference that featured separate information breakout programming sessions for parents and students that covered education curriculum guidance, an overview of engineering and career opportunities. The conference is sponsored by DMACC and the Iowa State University College of Engineering.

DMACC VOLUNTEERS AT IPTV TELETHON

Former DMACC Geography Professor Dick Wagner (front row, left) and other DMACC employees and their spouses work the phones at the recent Iowa Public Television (IPTV) telethon. The 21-member DMACC team answered phones to support IPTV’s “Festival” fund-raising drive in March.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you and appreciation for all the kind words, food and memorial contributions during the recent illness and death of my mother. Even though she loved her alma mater, Kansas State University and college football, she wanted all memorials to be sent to KSU’s Debate Team. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.—Barb Schmidt
PIONEERS CONNECTION

APRIL MEETING
The April meeting was held at the Urban Campus on Thur., April 14. Thirty Pioneers from the Ankeny branch and the newly formed Urban group met for lunch and a tour of the newly remodeled building. Barb Moses shared stories about the ways in which donations to Pamela’s Pantry at the Urban Campus can help the needy students who visit her every day in her counseling office. Thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the Pamela’s Pantry at Urban. A very nice lunch was prepared by Brenda Todd’s food service group at Urban and everyone enjoyed the tour by the student ambassadors. We look forward to making this an annual event and welcome all Pioneer members to attend future meetings.

MAY MEETING
Please join us for lunch in the Oak Room in Bldg. #7 at 11:30 a.m., May 12, on the Ankeny Campus to welcome DMACC Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly and Nancy Stefani, gift planning consultant with the Renaissance Group, Inc., in learning the consequences of a state-made will, the benefits of a legal will and tax-effective ways to make gifts from your IRA and pension accounts. They will be answering these questions and more:

- Why do I need a will?
- When do I need to review or change my will?
- Who should I assign power of attorney?
- What are the different types of personal legal responsibilities that can be assigned to another trustworthy family member or friend? Example: power of attorney, trustee, living will, healthcare proxy?
- What provisions can I make in my will to benefit my favorite charity?
- What’s the best way to give money now?
- How do I go about setting up a tax-free donation from my estate?
- My IRA/pension accounts are now requiring me to make annual withdrawals. Is there a way I can prevent being taxed on the income?

Call (515) 964-6868 by Mon., May 9, to reserve your lunch. There will be a Board meeting at 10 a.m.

CALLING ALL PIONEERS
The Pioneer Board is made up entirely of the willing volunteers who serve our team selflessly every year in various capacities. The election of board members and officers is coming in May and we will be losing three of our current board members and still hoping that someone will step up to take on the role of Vice President. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this important group.
PIONEERS CONNECTION, CONT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
The History Committee has been making progress. Thanks to Mike Perry for working with George Silberhorn and Sandy Johnson at the Boone Campus to complete the campus history. They did a great job.

The committee is also focusing on gathering Program histories and will meet on Tues., May 17, in the conference room of Bldg. #22 at 2 p.m. to continue efforts on this important project.

2011 GARAGE SALE—AUGUST 18–20
2011 Garage Sale changes include pricing, delivery and setup moving to an earlier time period in the Automotive Lab, where we can more efficiently prepare for the sale. Harlan Giese will generously head up the Pioneer Trucking Company service but is looking for more people with trucks to help out when necessary. You can contact him directly at home: (515) 965-8647, cell: (515) 240-3162 or harlanbarbara6@msn.com to arrange for a pickup of your generous donations.

FINAL NOTES
It has been a genuine pleasure to serve the Pioneers this past year. We support each other in so many ways that are important to us in our “Golden Years.” Our meetings are so varied that you can certainly find one to meet your expectations and add to your knowledge and experience base.

Our hearts go out to the families of our former colleagues and DMACC friends who have passed in these early months of 2011. We can only assume they are sharing a laugh or a hug in a better place. We will remember them always and thank them for their contribution to DMACC and for enriching the lives of so many people.

Since the first of the year we have had to bid farewell to Janet Ashby, Char Stewart, Dick Steen, Ed Keefe, Charlie Smart and recently Leonard Bengston. All of them were an important part of our DMACC family and they will be missed by us all.

We will be sending out our annual request for scholarship donations and you can make a donation in the honor of anyone you would like to be remembered. We are grateful for your support.

If you have anything to add to the Pioneer Connection, please send to me at deejohnsonathome@aol.com or call me at (515) 265-2140.

Looking forward to serving the Pioneers for another year.

PIONEER PRESIDENT, Dee Johnson