DMACC President Rob Denson (photo on left) delivered his State of the College Address at the 2012 DMACC President’s Day activities held Feb. 17. Kim Linduska (photo on right), Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, gave an update on student engagement projects, including improving student/faculty interaction, expanding professional development for faculty and creating required points of engagement with each student.

Linduska (left) and Denson (right) congratulated DMACC Marketing Professor Karen Heuer for her 35 years of service at DMACC.

They also congratulated Ankeny Campus Academic Advisor Sheri Husak (center) for her 35 years at DMACC.
PRESIDENT’S DAY ACTIVITIES, CONT.

Other 35-year award recipients include: Ankeny Campus Academic Achievement Center Professor Sue Wickham (center, photo on left) and Ankeny Campus Nursing Professor Chris Wood (center, photo on right). Cynthia McCall (not shown), Urban Campus Accounting Professor, also received a 35-year service award.

BOONE CAMPUS PLAY

Rachel Davis (left) of Boone points an umbrella at Rachel Baldus of Ames as they rehearse a scene for the upcoming production of The Importance of Being Earnest. The play, written by Oscar Wilde and adapted by Ken Womble, will be performed Fri., March 9 and Sat., March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theatre.

Sean Hanlin (left) of Ames and Kodie Butterfield of Boone hold hands while gazing into each other’s eyes during a scene for the Boone Campus spring play, which is being directed by Boone Campus Drama Professor Kay Mueller. Tickets cost $5 per person and may be purchased at the door. DMACC students receive free admission.
TALKING TREES

DMACC Ankeny Campus Psychology Associate Professor Dr. Rosenna Bakari, author of Talking Trees: Breaking the Silence to Restore the Spirit, spoke about adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse during a presentation recently held on the DMACC Urban Campus. Bakari, who was sexually abused starting at the age of seven, spoke about the Talking Trees Project. Talking Trees: Breaking the Silence is an organization dedicated to supporting the healing process of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and incest. Bakari said Talking Trees offers support and encouragement to survivors who are ready to live openly. She said survivors who once silently suffered are encouraged to let go of their guilt and shame and stand with other survivors to move humanity forward by shedding light on an ugly issue that plagues our society. She said the shame of incest and abuse must be redirected back at the perpetrators rather than remain lodged within survivors. She cited sobering statistics:

- There are well over 50 million adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse in America today
- One in four girls and one in six boys will experience some level of sexual abuse before the age of 18
- The average age of onset for childhood sexual abuse is nine years old
- Ninety percent of children who are sexually abused will know their violators
- Fifty percent will be abused by a close family member, such as a parent or sibling or relative living in the same household
- Only ten percent of victims of childhood sexual abuse will be violated by a complete stranger
- Over 50 percent of childhood sexual abuse survivors will never tell anyone about the abuse

Bakari’s presentation will be repeated on the Ankeny Campus on April 16 and the Newton Campus on April 18. Initial counseling services are available for DMACC community members who are affected by childhood sexual abuse. For more information, contact Dr. Barkari at rbakari@dmacc.edu. To visit the Talking Trees website, go to http://talkingtreessurvivors.com.

SAC SPONSORS DIVERSITY SPEAKER

Stan Pearson II of Chicago spoke on “How to Survive Change, Create Culture and Unite the Divide” in a Diversity workshop recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Pearson used the acronym D.I.V.E.R.S.I.T.Y. to describe direction, information, victory, education, rhythm, silence, integrity, time and you in everyday life and experiences. His presentation was sponsored by the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council. He later spoke at the DMACC West Campus.
DENSON PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY NATION MEDALLION

DMACC President Rob Denson (left) presents an Opportunity Nation medallion to U.S. Congressman Leonard Boswell (right), an Iowa Democrat, during Boswell’s recent tour of the Electronic Crime Institute (ECI) on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

ECI Director Bryan Burkhardt (fourth from left) conducts a tour for Congressman Leonard Boswell as Arts and Sciences Academic Dean Jim Stick (right) and Information Technology/Network Administration student Ben Christensen (left to right) of Ankeny, ECI Instructor Joe Lane and ECI student Benjamin Gordon of Des Moines listen.

Burkhardt (center) explains to Congressman Boswell (left) and Academic Dean Stick how a “Faraday cage” aids in the preservation of evidence on a phone. The device allows the investigation of mobile phones while isolating the device from incoming and outgoing radio frequency (rf) signals.

JOB OPENINGS

Academic Advisor (4 positions), Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline: March 9, 2012

If interested in the above position, please visit this DMACC website: http://jobs.dmacc.edu.
ZIEGLER CAT MAKES DONATION TO DMACC

DMACC Caterpillar Technology Chair Bill Gorman (left) receives a $14,000 check from Shane Maglothin, Ziegler Cat Product Support Manager of Iowa Operations, as Ziegler Cat Technical Training and Development Manager Paul Anderson looks on. The donation to DMACC’s Caterpillar Technology program will be used for student scholarships. The Ziegler Cat Altoona store frequently has at least 10 DMACC Caterpillar Technology interns and numerous DMACC graduates employed at any one time.

PEDAL CARS TO ZIEGLAR CAT AND IOWA HEALTH DES MOINES

DMACC Auto Collision Repair students made this custom-designed pedal car for Ziegler Cat. Ziegler Cat has been supportive of DMACC by providing scholarships for students and by signing Accelerated Career Education (ACE) contracts with DMACC’s Caterpillar Technology program. The ACE program, created in 1999 by the Iowa legislature, provides a funding mechanism to increase capacity and offer new programs to meet the anticipated skill force needs of Iowa businesses. DMACC Program Development Director Michael Hoffman (left) and DMACC Caterpillar Technology Chair Bill Gorman (third from left) present the pedal car to Ziegler Cat Technical Training and Development Manager Paul Anderson and Ziegler Cat Product Support Manager of Iowa Operations Shane Maglothin (right).

DMACC Auto Collision Repair students also made this custom-designed pedal car for Iowa Health of Des Moines. Iowa Health of Des Moines has been supportive of DMACC by providing scholarships for students and by signing Accelerated Career Education (ACE) contracts with DMACC’s Health programs. DMACC Program Development Director Michael Hoffman (left), Child Development Coordinator Amanda Magie (second from left) and Sally Schroeder (right), Dean of Health and Public Services, present the pedal car to Joyce McDanel, Vice President of Human Resources at Iowa Health of Des Moines.
CIVIL WAR MEDICINE PRESENTATION

Dr. Kendall Reed, Des Moines University Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Professor of Surgical Oncology, spoke on “Civil War Medicine” in a presentation on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
PIONEERS CONNECTION

MARCH MEETING
Please join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thurs., March 8 for an informal lunch and some "March Madness" as we celebrate our luck in being able to get together and share our memories. A board meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., and after lunch there will be a planning session for future meetings. Please join us in the Oak Room of Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. Please call in your reservations at 515-964-6868, and for more information, click http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/Documents/PioneersMeeting-March2012.pdf.

APRIL MEETING
Our April meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thur., April 12, also in the Oak Room of Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. Please join us for lunch and meet Jennifer Brandon of Caring Transitions to learn more about moving, downsizing and estate sales for seniors. For more information, click http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/Documents/PioneersMeeting-April2012.pdf.

MAY MEETING
In May, we will tour the Hunziker Center in Ames and enjoy lunch catered from Hickory Park. After the tour and lunch, we will be able to view the new exhibit at Reiman Gardens. This will be a wonderful Spring meeting. For more information, click http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/Documents/PioneersMeeting-May2012.pdf.

FINAL NOTES
HAPPY LEAP DAY! I HOPE YOU TOOK TIME TO DO SOMETHING MEMORABLE. As for me, I am heading back to Texas to finish out the winter and looking forward to viewing the blue bonnets on the trip home. Will see you all again soon.

Pioneer President, Dee Johnson—Only a phone call or email away.
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