DMACC’S CELEBRATION OF THE LITERARY ARTS

DMACC’s tenth annual Celebration of the Literary Arts will be held April 2–4 as area writers and literary instructors visit classrooms on all six DMACC campuses. Here’s where and when these poets and prose writers will read from their works:

ANKENY CAMPUS
Danielle Evans, American University of Washington, D.C. Literature and Creative Writing Instructor and fiction author; Joseph Millar, core faculty member at Pacific University’s Low Residency MFA Program and poet; Dorianne Laux, North Carolina State University Poetry Instructor and author; and Charles D’Ambrosio, Portland State University Associate Professor of English and fiction author, will read from their works in the Bldg. #5 Student Lounge from 9 a.m. to noon, Wed., April 4.

BOONE CAMPUS
D’Ambrosio and Laux will also read from their works from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Mon., April 2 in the DMACC Boone Campus Auditorium.

CARROLL CAMPUS
Iowa State University Assistant Professor of English David Zimmerman and Iowa State University Distinguished Professor of English Dr. Neal Bowers will read from their works on the DMACC Carroll Campus from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Tues., April 3.

NEWTON CAMPUS
Drake University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Jennifer Perrine and Drake University Assistant Professor of Fiction and New Media Amy Letter will read from their works on the DMACC Newton Campus from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Mon., April 2.

URBAN CAMPUS
Evans and Millar will read from their works from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tues., April 3 in the Urban Campus Bldg. #1, Room 124.

WEST CAMPUS
University of Northern Iowa English Professor Dr. Grant Tracey and University of Northern Iowa English Professor Vince Gotera will read from their works on the DMACC West Campus from 9:40 to 11:15 a.m., Tues., April 3.

All Celebration of Literary Arts events are free and open to the public.
PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY AT THE BOONE CAMPUS

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Tau Phi Chapter President and DMACC Boone Campus student Anthony Ames of Boone (left) lights the candles held by new PTK inductees during the recent Boone Campus PTK induction ceremony. A total of 26 DMACC Boone Campus students attended the ceremony. PTK has recognized academic excellence in two-year colleges since 1918. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a two-year college, have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program, and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Ames has been selected to the 2012 All-Iowa Academic Team.

DMACC STUDENT SELECTED FOR NASA EVENT

DMACC student Sarah Woods of Boone has been selected to work at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. May 1–3. Woods is enrolled in Aerospace Engineering and was selected to the 2012 All-Iowa Academic Team. Woods has been inducted into the DMACC Boone Campus chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society, and is vice president of the organization’s Tau Phi chapter. Woods is among 92 community and junior college students selected from across the nation to be part of the National Community College Aerospace Scholars program.

The program is a three-day on-site event at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory or the Johnson Space Center in Houston and offers students from across the nation the opportunity to interact with each other as they learn more about careers in science and engineering. Woods will be a member of a team that will establish fictional companies pursuing Mars exploration. Each team will develop, design and build a prototype rover, then use their prototypes to navigate a course, collect rocks and water and return to a home base.

JOB OPENINGS

Administrative Assistant 2, Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline: April 3, 2012

If interested in the above position, please visit this DMACC website: http://jobs.dmacc.edu
DMACC TO HOST IOWA VETERANS CAREER RETREAT

DMACC will host the first-ever Iowa Veterans Career Retreat, “Life After Military Service: Achieve Your Education & Career Goals,” on Wednesday, April 4 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The event is free; however, seating is limited so participants are asked to pre-register.
PIONEERS CONNECTION

APRIL MEETING

Join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 12 and meet Jennifer Brandon of Caring Transitions, who will discuss moving, downsizing, and estate sales for seniors. This meeting will be held in the Oak Room of Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus and will be preceded by a board meeting at 10 a.m. Please call in your reservations at 515-964-6868.

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.

FINAL NOTES

Most of the “Winter Texans” and “Snow Birds” are returning to their home places, and we will be as well. Looking forward to spending our second Spring in Iowa where the temperatures have been even higher than here 1200 miles to the south. We are returning to mow grass instead of shoveling snow. Can’t wait to be back.

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