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DEPUTY LABOR SECRETARY VISITS DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS

Deputy Labor Secretary Seth Harris (left) speaks with DMACC President Rob Denson and U.S. Congressman Tom Latham of Iowa prior to a tour of the DMACC Welding lab on the Ankeny Campus.

DMACC President Rob Denson (left to right), Deputy Labor Secretary Seth Harris and DMACC Welding Professor Mike Rahn (right) visit with DMACC first-year welding student Matthew Ware of Glidden during a tour of the DMACC Ankeny Campus Welding labs. Harris later announced a nearly $13 million federal grant to the Iowa-Advanced Manufacturing (I-AM) consortium consisting of all 15 community colleges in Iowa. The grant will help train and certify students in several manufacturing disciplines, including welding, industrial automation and robotics.

Deputy Labor Secretary Seth Harris (left) receives a tour of the DMACC Ankeny Campus Welding lab from Welding professor Mike Rahn.
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Upcoming Events
Oct. 12
PTK Induction Ceremony,
4:30 p.m.,
Bldg. #1, Room 124-126,
Urban Campus.
Oct. 12
DMACC Concert,
7:30 p.m.,
Bldg. #6 Auditorium,
Ankeny Campus.
Oct. 16
The Buried Life presentation,
9:40 a.m.,
Bldg. #6 Auditorium,
Ankeny Campus.
Oct. 16
Ankeny Campus Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony,
7 p.m.,
FFA Enrichment Center.
Oct. 16
DMACC Newton Campus hosts IPTV's Congressional debate between Dave Loebsack and John Archer,
7 p.m.,
Newton Conference Center Auditorium.
Oct. 17
Automotive Skills Contest (written portion),
9:30 a.m.
Bldg. #13,
Ankeny Campus.
Oct. 19
DMACC President’s Day,
8:30 a.m. registration,
9 a.m. welcome,
FFA Enrichment Center,
Ankeny Campus.
Oct. 23
PTK Induction Ceremony,
7 p.m.,

DEPUTY LABOR SECRETARY VISITS DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS, CONT.

DMACC Welding instructor Bill Morgan (right) visits with U.S. Congressman Tom Latham of Iowa and U.S. Deputy Labor Secretary Seth Harris during a tour of the DMACC Ankeny Campus Welding lab.

DMACC Welding student Gabe Lanz of Des Moines and an active duty member of the Iowa National Guard speaks at a news conference on the Ankeny Campus celebrating the awarding of a nearly $13 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to all 15 of Iowa's community colleges. Lanz served a tour of duty in Iraq between 2008 and 2009 and a tour of duty in Afghanistan between 2010 and 2011, where he was injured. He is currently going through the process of a medical discharge due to his injury in Afghanistan.

CAMPUS CHRONICLE OPEN HOUSE

Nevin Cornwell (left), editor-in-chief of the Campus Chronicle, the DMACC Ankeny Campus student newspaper, visits with DMACC first-year Nursing student Celeste Moeller of Story City at an open house sponsored by the Campus Chronicle. Cornwell, a first-year Liberal Arts student from Adel, was showing the latest copy of the campus newspaper and showing the new location of the paper office. The Campus Chronicle is now located in the Student Center in Bldg. #5.
DENSON PRESENTS DMACC MEDALLIONS TO MIDWEST GOVERNORS

DMACC President Rob Denson holds up a DMACC Medallion made by DMACC Tool and Die Professor John Neumayer and his students and presented to the governors attending the 50th Anniversary of the Midwest Governors Association. The event was held at the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Hall of Laureates.

DMACC President Rob Denson (right) presented the DMACC Medallions to (left to right) former Illinois Governor James Thompson, former Missouri Governor Bob Holden, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton.

CAREER FAIR HELD AT DMACC NEWTON CAMPUS

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Newton Campus student Amy Bush (right) of Mitchellville visits with Jo Rossler at Skiff Medical Center in Newton at a Career Fair held Sept. 27 on the DMACC Newton Campus. Bush is a first-year student enrolled in DMACC’s Nursing program.
DMACC President Rob Denson speaks at a news conference announcing an agreement between DMACC and Drake University to infuse STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) into Iowa classrooms. The agreement creates a STEM certificate for Elementary Education students who start at DMACC and pursue their four-year degree at Drake. The STEM certificate is the first STEM agreement between a four-year institution and a community college in Iowa.

Drake President Dr. David Maxwell speaks about the importance of an agreement between DMACC and Drake University to infuse STEM into Iowa classrooms. He said as a result of this agreement creating a STEM certificate for Elementary Education students, elementary age students will be better prepared for success in areas of critical national need.

DMACC Education Professor Patsy Steffen (left) and Janet McMahill, Drake Dean of the School of Education, outline the specifics of an agreement between DMACC and Drake University to infuse STEM into Iowa classrooms. Participating students in the STEM Certificate initiative must take additional math and science credits and attend two STEM seminars on infusing math and science activities into classroom instruction. Both Steffen and McMahill said the special certification will make the Elementary Education graduates more marketable and effective elementary teachers.

DMACC President Rob Denson (left to right), DMACC Education Professor Patsy Steffen and DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Kim Linduska hold a mock-up of a STEM certificate that will be presented to Elementary Education students who complete the DMACC and Drake University requirements in this new initiative.
“CHALK IT UP” EVENT HELD ON ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC Visual Communications students (left to right) Lauren Gleba of Des Moines, Misael Cooper of Des Moines and Sophia Hull of Ankeny pose by their chalk-drawn artwork that received the “Best of Show” award in the first-ever Chalk It Up event held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Students were asked to use chalk to draw a United Kingdom-related piece on the sidewalks between Buildings 15 and 20. Awards were given to the winners and hundreds of students and staff enjoyed a free lunch of fish and chips during one of the first events celebrating the International Year of the United Kingdom.

Here’s a close-up of the “Best of Show” winning chalk art.

JOB OPENINGS

**Academic Advisor**, Urban Campus  
Application Deadline: Oct. 12, 2012

**Bookstore Specialist 2**, Boone Campus  

**Accounting Instructor**, Ankeny Campus  
(9 months-per-year position)  

If interested in any of the above positions, please visit the DMACC website at [http://jobs.dmacc.edu](http://jobs.dmacc.edu).
DMACC HOSTS ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE

DMACC President Rob Denson delivers a welcome to the nearly 500 people attending the Iowa 2012 Advanced Manufacturing Conference held Oct. 4 in the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Iowa Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds was the opening speaker at the Iowa 2012 Advanced Manufacturing Conference. She stressed the importance of incorporating more STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) courses into the curriculums of Iowa’s schools.

Leadership expert, coach and author John Maxwell talked about the five levels of leadership—position, permission, production, people development and pinnacle—at the Iowa 2012 Advanced Manufacturing Conference. Maxwell has sold more than 21 million books and speaks to FORTUNE 100 companies and organizations such as the United Nations and the National Football League.

Jim Clifton, CEO of Gallup, creator of The Gallup Path and author of the book, The Coming Jobs War, delivered the keynote address at the Iowa 2012 Advanced Manufacturing Conference. Clifton said his polling showed nearly half of the world lives on less than $2 per day, but until recent technological changes, most didn’t know they were in bad financial shape. He said today the will of the whole world is to have a good job.
DMACC EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following employee who has received a DMACC Employee Award:

Danessa Williams, Custodian, Urban Campus.

For notifying Urban Communications when a student was suffering a medical condition. Because of her prompt actions and calmness in handling this emergency, the student's life was saved.

Nominations can be submitted at any time for employees who make exceptional contributions to DMACC. To receive a nomination form, click on http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/documents/daward.pdf.

Additional nomination forms are available in each department office or may be requested from Kim Cady, 515-964-6301, kscady@dmacc.edu.

THE BURIED LIFE COMES TO DMACC

The authors of the NY Times #1 Bestseller, “What Do You Want to Do Before You Die,” are coming to DMACC Oct. 16. The four guys famously known as The Buried Life will give presentations on the Ankeny Campus in Bldg. 6 at 9:40 a.m. and in the Boone Campus Theatre at 11:45 a.m. There will be a book signing after the Boone presentation only. Their book is being used in college courses all over the country, including at DMACC.

In 2006, Jonnie Penn, Dave Lingwood, Duncan Penn and Ben Nemtin were college students in Canada when they made a bucket list, calling it “100 Things to Do Before You Die.” They hit the road to live out the list. So far they've completed nearly 80 items, including playing basketball with President Obama, making a toast at a stranger's wedding and surviving on a deserted island. They also had their own reality series on MTV.
DEPUTY LABOR SECRETARY VISITS DMACC WELDING LAB

U.S. Deputy Labor Secretary Seth Harris spoke at a news conference on the DMACC Ankeny Campus about the Labor Department’s awarded of a nearly 13-million dollar grant to the Iowa-Advanced Manufacturing consortium consisting of all 15 community colleges in Iowa. Harris also toured the DMACC Ankeny Campus Welding lab.
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NExt MeetInG thurSDay, Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m., oAk rM. , blDg. #7
Heifer International is a global nonprofit with the goal of ending poverty and hunger in a sustainable fashion. Established in 1944, Heifer International gives out gifts of livestock, seeds and trees and extensive training to those in need. Based in Little Rock, Arkansas, Heifer International has helped more than 15.5 million families (79 million people) in more than 125 countries.

“Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; you have fed him for a lifetime.” Join us for lunch and learn all about the wonderful gifts provided by Heifer International. The board meeting begins at 10 a.m. Call 515-964-6868 for reservations by 4 p.m. Mon., Nov. 5, or email djohnsonathome@aol.com. If, after that time, you need to cancel, please leave a message.

PamelA’s PAntry iS BaRe
Most of you know the history of our food pantry for needy students, which was started by Pamela Parker who saw a real need for helping our needy students. Mary Ocker, Room 10, Bldg. #6 on the Ankeny Campus, has carried on the service since Pamela moved to the Urban Campus. The Pioneers support this mission by providing nonperishable snack items and $5 meal tickets that are good in the DMACC cafe. Mike Perry has been gracious enough to take donated goods to Mary and also some to the Urban Campus. Mike sent out the following request:

“Mary Ocker reports that the cupboard for Pamela’s Pantry is bare. They are in dire need of the boxed juices, granola cereal bars and microwave soups/pasta cups. If you want to send a monetary donation, please send a check to DMACC Pioneers—
Foundation Office, Bldg. #22
2006 Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50023

Be sure to indicate on your envelope that this donation is for Pamela’s Pantry. THANKS.”
You can also drop off any food donations to Mary Ocker or Gretchen Spencer in Bldg.#6, Room 10.

Travel to IrishL and with Mike & Dell
Mike Delaney and his wife, Dell Radcliffe, will be taking a group to Ireland over spring break in March. The group will leave Des Moines by bus for Chicago on March 14 where they will board an Aer Lingus flight to Dublin. They will visit The Book of Kells and the National Museum in Dublin, Kilkenny, Jerpoint Abby, Killorglin, Dingle, Killarney, Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle and Ennis. They will be in Kerry on St. Patrick’s Day. There are a few seats left if you are interested. Delaney Travel is an LLC. Contact Mike Delaney, mikedelaney1@mac.com, 515-277-3279.

Dear Colleague Bev Drinnin Passes
Beverly Ann Drinnin, 63, passed away Oct. 1. She was our “rock” and will be missed by many. Beverly poured her heart and soul into everything she did, including teaching psychology at Des Moines Area Community College for more than 30 years.

In addition to her children, grandchildren, family members, friends and colleagues, Bev is survived by her husband Lloyd Miller, who taught Anthropology at DMACC for many years. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Children and Families of Iowa Domestic Violence Services, 1111 University Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50314 or www.cfiowa.org.

If you want to send Lloyd a card or message, you can write to him at: 650 48th Street, Des Moines, IA 50312-1955 or lloyd.miller@mchsi.com.

What Have you Been up to SINce leavinG DMACC?
Send any news to me at djohnsonathome@aol.com.
I promise to include you in the next Pioneer Connection. We welcome stories, trip reviews, and anything of interest to other retirees who would like to know what you have been doing since leaving DMACC.

Thanks!
Dee Johnson for PIONEERS PRESIDENT, Dr. Lyla Maynard