Bagpipe player Sue Frambach gives a demonstration on her Great Highland bagpipes during a United Kingdom Year event recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. She later performed on the DMACC West Campus. Frambach said most bagpipes are commonly associated with Scotland. Her bagpipe uses four reeds and makes a constant sound while using only nine notes. Frambach is a member of the Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums, which is made up of nine pipers and seven drummers.

Isobel Chowanec, a native of Scotland, spoke on growing up in Scotland and being part of the United Kingdom during a United Kingdom Year event on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
DMACC Music Professor Jim Loos serves some free fish and chips to first-year DMACC Culinary Arts student Lloyd Belt of Des Moines outside Bldg. #5 on the Ankeny Campus.

DMACC Ankeny Campus Liberal Arts students Brianna Levandowski (left) of Des Moines and Caitlyn Flanagan of Mount Pleasant take advantage of the free fish and chips as part of a United Kingdom Year activity.
UNITED KINGDOM YEAR T-SHIRT DESIGN WINNER

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Caleb Kucera of Des Moines displays the United Kingdom Year T-shirt he designed for the College's annual international focus. Kucera, who is enrolled in DMACC’s Graphic Design program, received $300 for winning the T-shirt design contest. DMACC’s United Kingdom Year activities continue at all six DMACC campuses this semester with a look at the history, economy, politics and culture of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom—England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

UNITED KINGDOM YEAR POSTER DESIGN WINNER

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Eric Brown of Ankeny displays the United Kingdom Year poster he designed for the College's annual international focus. Brown, who is enrolled in DMACC’s Graphic Design program, received $300 for winning the poster design contest.
John Pritchard (right) from the Iowa State University (ISU) College of Engineering demonstrates electrical current in an experiment with Waukee High School student Andy Reynolds (left) and Pleasantville High School student Ryan Dursky. The high school students were at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus during Discover Engineering Days. DMACC and ISU cosponsor Discover Engineering Days, where students can learn about many engineering careers, take part in hands-on interactive engineering activities and competitions, and meet engineering professionals and college students.

Des Moines East High School student Andrea Salgado (left) and Ankeny High School student Cassandra Sardeson team up to work on a project using LEGO. They were taking part in another Discover Engineering Day event.
DMACC HOSTS OPPORTUNITY IOWA INITIATIVE

DMACC President Rob Denson delivered the host welcome at a recent daylong conference held at the FFA Enrichment Center entitled Opportunity in Iowa: Closing the Gaps Between Youth and Economic Success. The event was cohosted by Opportunity Nation, a national campaign dedicated to expanding economic mobility and jumpstarting the American Dream, and its local affiliate, Opportunity Iowa.

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad presented welcoming remarks at the conference, saying Iowa received a strong showing in the latest Opportunity Index, which is a quantitative measure of educational, economic and civic health at the state and county levels. Branstad said despite ranking seventh highest in the country on the Index, the state is struggling with high rates of youth unemployment.
DMACC HOSTS OPPORTUNITY IOWA INITIATIVE, CONT.

Opportunity Nation Executive Director Mark Edwards said the American Dream needs a jump start. He said the national goal for Opportunity Nation is to see a 10 percent increase in the Opportunity Index in all 50 states within 10 years.

DMACC students Mireya Flores and her sister, Karina Flores, both of Des Moines, delivered an Opportunity Story during the conference. They spoke of overcoming challenges such as seeing their father deported to Mexico when they were in elementary school and being raised by a single mother who knew very little English. They said, thanks to the help of people like DMACC Education Outreach Advisor Karen Webb and others, they are now taking classes on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
DMACC’s 11th annual Celebration of Literary Arts was held April 1–3 with classroom visits to all six DMACC campuses by writers and literary instructors. Poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil reads some of her poems, including Fishbone, Swear Words, The Pig Hell, The Woman Who Turned Down A Date with A Cherry Farmer and Why I Crave Ribs at the DMACC Urban Campus.

Ron Carlson, University of California, Irvine, Director of the Graduate Program in Fiction, also read from some of his works at the Urban Campus. Carlson and Nezhukumatathil read at both the Urban and Ankeny Campuses.

_Tin House Magazine_ Poetry Editor and author Matthew Dickman entertained students, faculty and staff in the Bldg. #2, Auditorium as he read from some of his works. He is the author of _All-American Poem_ (American Poetry Review/ Copper Canyon Press, 2008), _50 American Plays_ (cowritten with his twin brother, Michael Dickman, Copper Canyon Press, 2012) and _Mayakovsky’s Revolver_ (WW. Norton & Co., 2012).

Grand Valley State University Assistant Professor of Writing and fiction author Caitlin Horrocks called DMACC a leader among community colleges for hosting the Celebration of Literary Arts before reading from some of her works. Both Horrocks and Dickman also traveled to Boone to read to and answer questions from Boone Campus students, faculty and staff.
TRANSFER FAIR ON ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC first-year Early Childhood Education student Gordona Stankovic (center) of Waterloo and Ashley Smith of Ankeny visit with Iowa State University Enrollment Services Advisor Eric Merten during a transfer fair recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Representatives from 14 midwestern colleges and universities were on hand to answer questions from DMACC students considering transferring to their institutions.

(L to R) Eric Merten, Gordona Stankovic and Ashley Smith

COMMIT TO GRADUATE

Second-year DMACC Ankeny Campus Liberal Arts student Cheryl Lundgren signs the Commit to Graduate banner on the Ankeny Campus. As part of a Phi Theta Kappa campaign, community college students nationwide are encouraged to sign a pledge to complete their degree. PTK chapters and the College’s Marketing and Public Relations Office have banners available for students to sign on all DMACC campuses and centers. There were free cookies and giveaways at the Ankeny Campus Commit To Graduate Festival held April 3 and 4.

Cheryl Lundgren

ONLINE SPANISH GED TESTING AT SUCCESS CENTER

Liliana Gutierrez of Des Moines receives instruction from DMACC Success Center Test Examiner Diana Elrod-Sarnecki before taking an online Spanish GED (General Educational Development) test. DMACC is one of the first-in-the-nation colleges to offer an online Spanish version of the GED tests.

Lelith Pinedo of Des Moines also successfully completed her GED through an online Spanish version of the test at the Success Center. Pinedo was born and raised in Peru and came to the U.S. 10 years ago.

SEX TRAFFICKING IN IOWA—WEST CAMPUS

Please join us for a Lunch-and-Learn on Monday, April 15, in Room 2012W at 12:15 p.m. on the DMACC West Campus. There will be a speaker discussing the imminent need to stop Human Sex Trafficking, as well as the effects this has on the young people involved.
KITE FESTIVAL—CARROLL CAMPUS

DMACC Carroll Campus student Joe Schrunk and his grandson, Collin, of Jefferson get their kite airborne during the Kite Festival held Saturday, April 6, on the DMACC Carroll Campus.

JOB OPENINGS

Student and Community Resources Coordinator, Boone Campus
Application Deadline: April 12, 2013

Instructor, Academic Achievement Center—English, Southridge, (9 month-per-year position)
Application Deadline: April 14, 2013

Business Administration Instructor, Urban Campus (9 month-per-year position)
Application Deadline: April 14, 2013

English Instructor, Boone Campus, (9 month-per-year position)
Application Deadline: April 19, 2013

ESL Instructor, Urban Campus, (9 month-per-year position)
Application Deadline: April 21, 2013

If interested in any of the above positions, please visit the DMACC website at http://jobs.dmacc.edu.