DMACC Carroll Campus Speech Communications Associate Professor John Pea delivers the commencement address at the DMACC Carroll Campus Commencement Ceremony held May 6 at Carroll Senior High School.

DMACC President Rob Denson presents a diploma posthumously to Carroll Campus Industrial Electro Mechanical Technology student Joseph Rowley, who passed away days before the commencement ceremony. Accepting the diploma are Rowley’s grandchildren, Michael Eberly and Michaela Eberly.
CARROLL COMMENCEMENT, CONT.

DMACC Carroll Campus student Katie Sievers of Lake City holds her five-day-old son, Jase Sievers, prior to the DMACC Carroll Campus Commencement Ceremony. Sievers was one of 36 DMACC Carroll Campus students who attended the ceremony.

DMACC Carroll Campus student Cody Thompson of Carroll poses in his cap and gown with his dad, DMACC Carroll Campus Industrial Electro Mechanical Technology Professor Jack Thompson, at the DMACC Carroll Campus Commencement Ceremony.
BOONE COMMENCEMENT

DMACC Boone Campus Liberal Arts student Joshua Stevens of Sioux City delivers the commencement welcome at the 47th annual DMACC Boone Campus Commencement. Earlier this year, Stevens was named to the All-Iowa Academic Team and was selected as a Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship recipient. That scholarship will pay all of his remaining undergraduate and graduate school expenses and is worth in excess of $100,000.

Fareway President and Chief Operating Officer Fred Greiner of Boone delivers the commencement address at the DMACC Boone Campus Commencement held May 3 in the DMACC Boone Campus Gym.
BOONE COMMENCEMENT, CONT.

DMACC Boone Campus Business Administration student Shelby Kramer of Creston poses in her cap and gown while holding her diploma at the DMACC Boone Campus Commencement. More than 125 graduating students attended the commencement ceremony.

DMACC Boone Campus Criminal Justice student Jennifer Higgins of Boone celebrates her graduation from DMACC’s Boone Campus with her six-year-old daughter, Alaina, and her husband, Nick Higgins.

BOONE NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

DMACC Boone Campus student Christopher Koch (right) of Boone receives his nursing pin from his mother, Boone Campus Academic Achievement Center Professor Mary Ann Koch, at the pinning ceremony recently held on the DMACC Boone Campus. Christopher Koch graduated from DMACC’s Associate Degree Nursing program.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY—WELLS FARGO ARENA

DMACC Newton Campus Licensed Practical Nursing student Caitlin Hainley (photo on left) of Mingo delivers the welcome while former DMACC Culinary Arts student Shelley Young delivers the commencement address at the DMACC Ankeny/Newton/Urban/West Commencement Ceremony held May 1 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Young created the Chopping Block Cooking School.
DMACC Ankeny Campus student Cassie Wittenbaugh of Des Moines poses in her cap and gown at the DMACC Ankeny/Newton/Urban/West Commencement Ceremony held May 1 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Wittenbaugh graduated from DMACC’s Liberal Arts program.

DMACC Urban Campus student Eleanor Welch of Windsor Heights poses in her cap and gown at the commencement ceremonies at Wells Fargo Arena. Welch graduated from DMACC’s Human Services program.
DMACC Ankeny Campus student Michelle Sullivan of Bondurant makes a quick phone call prior to the DMACC Ankeny/Newton/Urban/West Commencement Ceremony. Sullivan graduated from DMACC's Optometric/Ophthalmic Technician program.

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Nihada Batalevic of Urbandale holds her ten-month-old son, Armin, while wearing her cap and gown at the DMACC Ankeny/Newton/Urban/West Commencement Ceremony. Batalevic graduated from DMACC's Dental Hygiene program.
DMACC Ankeny Campus students Matt Andorf (left) of Des Moines and Grant Ogle of West Des Moines took first place in the student division of the “Battle for the Paddle” canoe races held April 25 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus lake.

DMACC Campus Safety and Emergency Management Director Ned Miller (left) and Physical Plant Director Mark Baethke paddle their way to first place in the faculty/staff division. Miller and Baethke also won in a canoe race against Andorf, Ogle and other students in one final competition.
BATTLE FOR THE PADDLE, CONT.

Andorf and Ogle capsized their canoe and spent several minutes in the chilly water until Ankeny Fire Department personnel, who were on the scene in the event of such a mishap, were able to get the two out of the water. Andorf and Ogle were okay. And the name of the canoe they were in—"the Titantic."
LEMONADE AND RICE KRISPIE TREATS

Three-year-old Norah Mudd, daughter of Megan and Rob Mudd of Ankeny, makes change for a customer at the DMACC Child Development Center’s annual lemonade stand and bake sale held April 25 outside Bldg. #9 on the Ankeny Campus.

Three-year-old Charlie Boldt, son of Jacki and Nate Boldt of Des Moines, passes a cup of lemonade to a customer at the DMACC Child Development Center’s annual lemonade stand and bake sale. The children took orders, made change and poured lemonade. The goal is to build confidence and skills working with people. Money earned is used in the classrooms for education tools and toys.

Two-year-old Zaden Slemp, son of Justin Slemp and Kristen Soli-Castile and grandson of DMACC’s Jennifer Wardyn, enjoys a frosted cupcake purchased from the Child Development Center’s lemonade stand bake sale.
ANKENY CAMPUS PARADE

Two-year-old Tilly Napier, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Napier of Des Moines, walks in the “Week of the Young Child” penny parade held April 26 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Three-year-old Norah Mudd (left), daughter of Megan and Rod Mudd of Ankeny, and three-year-old Lydia Lacey, daughter of Kim and Scott Lacey of Ankeny, hitch a ride in a wagon during the parade.
ANKENY CAMPUS PARADE, CONT.

Super heroes Charlie Boldt (left), 3, son of Jacki and Nate Boldt of Des Moines, and three-year old Ethan Agyeman, son of Ahmed and Rhoderline Onwona-Ageyman of Polk City, walk hand-in-hand during the parade route that started near Bldg. #9 and continued around the mall area on the Ankeny Campus.

TANA GOERTZ SPEAKS AT DMACC’S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

DMACC Entrepreneurship Chair Vada Grantham presents keynote speaker Tana Goertz with a "thank you" award for speaking at the 9th annual Entrepreneurship Day at DMACC. This year’s theme was “Making a World Of Difference.” Goertz talked about her time on the TV show, “The Apprentice,” her children’s book I am Bigger Than This and becoming an entrepreneur at age 9 when she convinced her parents to loan her the money to buy a struggling neighbor’s entire inventory of “soft talks,” pads that attached to phones for more comfortable hands-free talking. Goertz said she went door to door and sold the entire inventory. She paid her parents back the $4,000 and had what she called a “chunk of change” for the bank.
DMACC ACCOUNTING STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD

DMACC Urban Campus Accounting student Marlene Speedling of Johnston received the Institute of Managerial Accountants (IMA) Outstanding Accounting Student Award for her academic achievement and leadership abilities. The award was presented at the recent Des Moines (IMA) Spring 2013 seminar held April 19 at the AIB Conference Center.

SPEECH COMMUNICATION AWARDS

DMACC Ankeny Campus students (left to right) Daniel Coats of Des Moines, Jessica Kuhlmann of Algona and Barbara Battin of Des Moines have each received two speech communication honors awards. They received the Recognition of Achievement in Speech Communication Award from the Iowa Communication Association and also the Sigma Chi Eta Speech Communication Honors Award from the National Communication Association. DMACC’s chapter of Sigma Chi Eta is Alpha Epsilon. To receive these honors, students must have taken nine credits of speech or approved speech-related courses, earned a 3.25 grade point average in those courses, and earned a 3.0 G.P.A. overall.
DMACC APRIL CONCERT

DMACC Jazz Ensemble
Director Scott Davis directs the Jazz Ensemble through “All of Me,” “I Can Love You Like That,” “On Green Dolphin Street” and “Soul Bossa Nova” during the DMACC April Concert recently held in the Bldg. #6 Auditorium.

Ricardo Mendoza (left) of Belmond and Megan Schmitt of Ankeny sing “Stay” during the potpourri section of the recent DMACC Ankeny Campus April Concert.

Claire Nichols of Johnston sings “Skyscraper” at the DMACC April Concert.
DMACC APRIL CONCERT, CONT.

The DMACC Ankeny Campus Chamber Ensemble performed under the direction of DMACC Choral Conductor Aaron Powell. The Concert Choir and Combined Choirs also performed.

GM ASEP GRADUATES

DMACC student Quang Nguyen (left) of Indianola receives an award from DMACC Automotive Technology Professor Randy Peters for being the first international Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP) student at DMACC. Nguyen, who is from Vietnam, will be returning to his native country to run an automotive service company he owns. Besides Nguyen, other DMACC ASEP students who graduated this spring include: Anthony Adams of Breda, Michael Avila of Corning, Donald Carolus of Des Moines, Steve Dreier of West Des Moines, Jon Houpt of Johnston, Kirk Jamison of Perry, Brett Polchow of Urbandale, Kolin Raub of Cambridge, Drew Torgerson of Hornick, Tanner Vonnahme of Carroll and Tyler Wisnousky of Pleasant Hill.
GED CEREMONY

Autumn Berry of Jefferson holds her seven-month-old daughter, Kadence Bradley, and her new diploma following the DMACC Iowa High School Equivalency Diploma and GED Graduation Ceremony held April 28 at Roosevelt High School. Alex Harris, state director of adult education at the Iowa Department of Education, was the keynote speaker.

Shaine Rucker of Des Moines holds his six-month-old daughter, Nevaeh Rucker, while still wearing his cap and gown, following the GED Graduation Ceremony. More than 100 students attended the ceremony.

DIESEL STUDENTS LEARN LATEST TECHNOLOGY ON BIG RIGS

DMACC Ankeny Campus Diesel Technology students check out a Peterbilt 579 semi-tractor brought to class by TMC Transportation of Des Moines. Students listened to a presentation and inspected the features of the new model. Diesel Technology instructor Bill Gorman said this type of demonstration allows students to learn about the latest industry technologies in brake systems, engine emissions and rear-end collision avoidance. TMC and DMACC have a partnership that includes scholarships, hands-on training and part-time paid positions at TMC.
MAURA NELSON RECEIVES PROMINENT FRENCH AWARD

DMACC French Professor and Coordinator of the DMACC French Exchange Program Maura Nelson (right) received the L’Ordre des Palmes Académiques (The French Academic Palms) award. The French Academic Palms recognizes those who have rendered eminent service to French education and have contributed actively to the prestige of French culture. For those who are named and promoted in the Order of the French Academic Palms, this esteemed distinction acknowledges their merits, talents and exemplary activities. Nelson and DMACC President Rob Denson display their awards following a special presentation recently made to Nelson.

President Denson is holding a medal, the Ordre du Mérite Agricole, he received from the French government in 2006 that recognizes DMACC’s promotion of French agriculture through DMACC’s culinary exchange with France.

For nearly three decades, Nelson has coordinated the Iowa Culinary Institute® French chefs exchange and served as an interpreter. Since 1986, DMACC has hosted a French Chef Exchange with Des Moines’ French sister city St. Etienne, France. Each January, two chefs from the Association des Cuisiniers de la Loire (the Chefs’ Association from the St-Etienne region) spend two weeks on the DMACC Ankeny Campus as guest lecturers and visiting chefs for the Iowa Culinary Institute, demonstrating their techniques of classical French cuisine to DMACC culinary arts students and faculty.

Each May, Professor Nelson leads students on a 12-day exchange trip to Paris and other French regions of France to visit open-air food markets, experience food and wine tastings, and attend a cooking class at the Cordon Bleu.

Nelson also plays an integral role in the activities of the Friends of the French Chefs, a volunteer organization that conducts fundraising efforts, including an annual silent auction, the Fleur de Lys Gala, to raise money to cover the students’ cost of their trip to France, plus travel and expenses of the visiting French chefs.

Nelson, who was also recognized as DMACC’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2003, was awarded the prestigious honor in a special ceremony held April 29 in the Iowa Culinary Institute on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

DMACC Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) student Kristi Spencer of Des Moines received the MLT Student of the Year Award at the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences—Iowa Chapter (ASCLS-IA) annual meeting recently held in La Vista, NE. This is the fourth year in a row that a DMACC MLT student has won the MLT Student of the Year Award.

DMACC MLT second-year student Jessica Scott of West Des Moines received the ASCLS-IA Student Member of the Year Award at the annual meeting.

DMACC MLT first-year student Cheryl Prazak of Boone was named an ASCLS-IA scholarship recipient. She also works at the Boone County Hospital.

FORD ASSET GRADUATES

A total of nine students graduated this spring from the Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training (ASSET) program at DMACC’s Ankeny Campus. The students include: (left to right) Jordan Gerling of Columbus Junction; Logan Clark of Monroe; Collin Schulz of Mitchell, SD; Matt Deviney of Des Moines; Donald Bryan of Grinnell; Brian Harlan of Des Moines; Tyler Lawrence of Dallas Center; Andrew Liggett of Des Moines and Steven Miles of Tipton.
PTK WEST CAMPUS INDUCTION CEREMONY

DMACC West Campus Provost Tony Paustian (left) congratulated the West Campus students who were recently inducted into the Beta Mu Tau Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. The inductees include: (left to right) Jordan Tobias of West Des Moines, Lincoln Eppard of Johnston, Alyssa Bedford of Urbandale, PTK Vice President Blake Schofield of West Des Moines, Victoria Conoan of Winterset, Jamin Hardenbrook of Earlham, Elizabeth Bossenberger of West Des Moines, PTK President Elaine Butler of West Des Moines, Abby Hart of Indianola, PTK Vice President Anne Socarras of West Des Moines, Rebecca Streeper of Norwalk and Richard Huff of Cedar Rapids.

JOB OPENINGS

Child Development Specialist (Part-time), Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline: May 10, 2013

Human Resources Specialist, Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline: May 17, 2013

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

PIONEERS CONNECTION

Please remember there will be a Garage Sale in August, so start saving your "stuff." We want to wish Lee Johnson "good speed" in his recovery from his recent illness.

Dr. Lyla Maynard, President