DMACC CENTER FOR CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHRIDGE

DMACC President Rob Denson speaks at the grand opening ceremony for the DMACC Center for Career and Professional Development at Southridge. Besides offering classes for high school and college students, the Center includes the Warren County Career Academy, DMACC Business Resources, DMACC Continuing Education and the DMACC Success Center.

More than 250 people attended the grand opening ceremony.

DMACC President Rob Denson presented a DMACC medallion to Macerich Chairman and CEO Arthur Coppola at the event. The medallion was made by DMACC’s Tool and Die students under the direction of Professor John Neumayer.

A group of dignitaries joined Denson and Coppola in the cutting of the ribbon at the new Southridge Center.
ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF EVELYN K. DAVIS CENTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Marvin DeJear, director of the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families, speaks at the one-year anniversary celebration of the Center. The Center, which is a partnership between the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, United Way of Central Iowa and DMACC, served nearly 5,000 individuals over the past year.

ONE OF INITIAL DMACC GRADUATES AUTOGRAPHS STATE FAIR SIGN

Don Russell signs the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) sign in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair asking, “When Did You Attend DMACC?” Russell, of Baxter, attended DMACC from 1967 through 1969 when the College was located at an old skating rink in West Des Moines. He graduated from DMACC’s Diesel Technology program.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

Six-year-old Jaymes Metzger of State Center tries his luck at the bean bag toss in the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) booth in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair.
DENSON SHOWS RESERVE CHAMPION AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

DMACC President Rob Denson leads “Affordably Smart” in the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion at the 2013 Governor’s Charity Steer Show at the Iowa State Fair as “Affordably Smart” owner Cody Fausch of Cambridge trails. The black cross bred was named the Reserve Champion. The 1,374-pound steer was crowned Grand Champion Market Animal at the Story County Fair held in Nevada in late July. Immediately after the Governor’s Charity Steer Show, "Affordably Smart" was auctioned off at Penningroth Sales Arena located in the cattle barn and sold for $9,350. All proceeds from the sale of the 25 Governor’s Steers entered from around the state are donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa.

DMACC COACHES INTERVIEWED AT IOWA STATE FAIR

DMACC Men’s Head Basketball Coach B.J. McGinn (left) is interviewed by Andy Garman and Larry Cotlar of 1700 The Champ radio station during a live remote in the DMACC booth in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair. Besides McGinn, Women’s Basketball Coach Steve Krafcisin, Baseball Coach Kyle Hanna, Softball Coach Bob Ligouri and Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison were interviewed during the two-hour live radio show.
DMACC TAKES SECOND PLACE IN THE STATE FAIR OUTHOUSE RACES

The DMACC Urban Campus team, seeking to defend its title in the Iowa State Fair Outhouse races, finished in second place to KCCI-TV this year. The team consisted of (left to right) Keith Wersinger, Melody Riley, Jay Tiefenthaler and Matt Walsh. The team received the silver plunger and a trophy for the runner-up finish. DMACC also won the best costume category for wearing the colorful T-shirts.

DMACC Urban Campus Administrative Assistant 2 Melody Riley uses her back-side to wipe a toilet seat smeared with chocolate syrup while being recorded by area media and witnessed by thousands on the Grand Concourse of the state fairgrounds.

In the first heat, Melody found the single corn cob submerged in this cattle trough filled with vegetables in record time. In the finale against KCCI-TV, the elusive corn cob was not as easily found.
PIONEERS GARAGE SALE

Barbara Agan of Ankeny examines an electric carving knife at the annual Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Pioneers Garage Sale. The garage sale, located at the DMACC Ankeny Campus, is put on by retired DMACC employees. All money raised during the three-day sale is used for DMACC student scholarships.

ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE CLASS AT NEWTON CAMPUS

Ten people have successfully completed a seven-week Electrical Maintenance class held on the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Newton Campus. This was a collaboration among the Central Iowa Works Advanced Manufacturing Partnership, area businesses and DMACC to fulfill a shortage of workers in the area of Industrial Maintenance. In response to a documented shortage of skilled workers in Iowa’s advanced manufacturing sector, Iowa’s 15 community colleges have formed the Iowa-Advanced Manufacturing (I-AM) Consortium to build the training capacity necessary to meet industry demand. DMACC was able to utilize resources from the I-AM Consortium grant to assist in curriculum development and ensure successful training outcomes.

The graduates were recognized in a special ceremony held August 22 on the Newton Campus. The graduates and their instructors. These graduates are already employed at the following central Iowa businesses: TPI, Trinity, Rock Communications, Vermeer and Sauer-Danfoss. For more information on careers in advanced manufacturing, go to www.elevateiowa.com.
DIVE INTO DMACC

DMACC second-year Commercial Horticulture student Mitchell Weinberg (right) of Des Moines visits with fellow Commercial Horticulture student Justin Davis of Knoxville at the Commercial Horticulture club table during Dive into DMACC on the Ankeny Campus.

DMACC Culinary Arts student Vivienne Cooper (right) of Des Moines visits with DMACC Honors Program Director Sarah Waddle at a Dive into DMACC booth.

DMACC Ankeny Campus students Vilaphonh Lo (left) of Urbandale and Tyra Nickell of Allerton check out the Campus Recreation booth manned by Andy Nelson during the Dive into DMACC event held Aug. 27 and 28 on the Ankeny Campus.
DMACC EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following employees who have received DMACC Employee Awards:

John Card—Ankeny. John went above and beyond his job duties during the DMACC August Academy by making sure every work station was ready for the day. He personally solved 10 issues before the start of the academy which could have potentially shut down some of the sessions. John did this all with a smile, a calm disposition and a clear mission of accommodating all who needed his services. He is truly an asset to DMACC!

Constantine Craft—Ankeny. Constantine helped the Security Department with a new police and fire scanner that monitors the Ankeny Police and the Fire Department. He worked on this for two days and went above and beyond his regular duties having the tenacity and resolve to get the job done!

Sandy Foster—Ankeny. For going above and beyond expectations for all her assistance with the DMACC Wellness initiatives during FY13. Great job!

Kristy Hilchen—Urban. Although Kristy has been with DMACC for a short time, she has gone above and beyond her job duties. She supports her co-workers daily, always with a smile on her face. When no instruction was available, she learned how to do it herself. Congratulations, Kristy!

Andrea Jensen—Ankeny. For going above and beyond expectations for all her assistance with the DMACC Wellness initiatives during FY13. Way to go!

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Pioneer Events

August Garage Sale—Another Great Year
The biggest fund raising event of our Pioneer Group is the garage sale. Thanks to the many volunteers who turned out again this year to make this another success for our students.

Special Thanks to:

- Harlan Giese who personally made countless trips to the Ankeny Storage on hot summer days to store all of the generous donations from our DMACC family.

- Linda Fernandez who organized the team of volunteers who came in to help price each item with loving care.

- Marcia Johnson who unselfishly gave over 70 hours of time to manage the sale.

- Breck Danner who was our chief organizer and mentor.

And of course all of you who donated, worked and supported the sale.

Our grand total was over $7,500 all for student assistance.
FALL KICK-OFF
Our next meeting will be the Fall Kick-Off on Tuesday, September 17, in the FFA Enrichment Center at 4:30 p.m. Join us to celebrate our group and to reconnect with your Pioneer friends. Call 515-964-6868 for reservations. Guests are welcome.

FINAL NOTES

Thanks to everyone for helping with the Garage Sale. It took an Army of Pioneers to make this event successful. It is a lot of work for our aging bodies but it renews our spirit and we look forward to helping our students with scholarships and assistance again this year.

As we kick off our 19th year as Pioneers of DMACC, we can be proud to have been a part of this great college and its history. Please join us to celebrate.

PIONEER PAST PRESIDENT, Dee Johnson