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Nearly 150 people attended the Second Annual Shrimp & Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser for students in the Water Environmental Technology (WET) program. President Rob Denson welcomed the attendees to the FFA Enrichment Center and thanked them for their support of the WET program. With the help and leadership of the Water and Wastewater industries, the DMACC WET program continues to grow and prepare students for important public service careers. Last year’s Shrimp & Bingo fundraiser generated more than $11,000 toward the scholarship fund. It is expected proceeds from this year’s event will surpass this amount.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

DMACC West Campus
Associate Provost Rick Dawson (left to right), Adjunct Instructor Robert Harding and English Professor Beth Baker-Brodersen prepare meals at Hy-Vee Hall for the Meals from the Heartland program.
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND, CONT.

DMACC West Campus Administrative Assistant 3 Marianne Brown (left to right), Sociology Professor Hazel Hull and Speech Associate Professor Yvonne Fielder also were part of the West Campus team who helped prepare tens of thousands of the more than 5.1 million meals prepared over four days at Hy-Vee Hall. Each prepared package feeds a family of six, with 36 packages placed in each box.

BOONE CAMPUS STUDENTS CONDUCT DNA EXPERIMENT

DMACC Boone Campus student Esdras Murillo of Des Moines examines a sample of his own DNA collected during an experiment conducted in one of Boone Campus Physics Professor Nancy Woods’ class. DMACC Ankeny Campus Biotechnology Professor Julie Gonzalez led the class through the DNA extraction and also talked about the rewarding careers in the biotechnology profession.
BOONE CAMPUS STUDENTS CONDUCT DNA EXPERIMENT, CONT.

DMACC Ankeny Campus Biotechnology Professor Julie Gonzalez (left) takes a close look at the DNA sample of Boone Campus student Winston Mulder of Marshalltown.

JOB OPENINGS

Library Specialist, Urban Campus
Application Deadline: Sept. 22, 2013

If interested in the above position, please visit the DMACC website at http://jobs.dmacc.edu.
DMACC Ankeny Campus
Child Development Specialist
Julie Maurer (seated) receives a marriage proposal from her boyfriend, Zac Clark of Ankeny, in front of the children at the Child Development Center who entered the room each carrying a letter that spelled out “Will You Marry Me?” Clark then entered, dropped to one knee, retrieved a ring from his pocket and proposed to Maurer.

Maurer and Clark celebrated with the children, who now held signs reading, “She Said Yes.”

Maurer proudly shows off the ring.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Ashley Adams is the new Nursing Instructor on the Newton Campus. Her phone number is 641-791-1707.

Adams earned an A.A. in Sociology from Iowa Western Community College, an A.D.N. from Iowa Western Community College, a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Nebraska Wesleyan and a Master’s degree in Nursing from Liberty University.

She has worked in the emergency room at Skiff Medical Center in Newton, as an adjunct nursing instructor in critical care at Mercy Medical Center and as an E.R. nurse at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.

She and her husband, Brandon, are expecting their first child this fall.

Ashley enjoys camping, fishing and boating.

Beth Andersen joins DMACC has a Human Resources Specialist in the College’s Human Resources Department. Her phone number is 515-964-6620.

She graduated from Drake University and has worked in the Human Resources Department at Central College.

Beth and her husband, Scott, have two college-aged children, Paul and Jessica.

Beth enjoys all competitive sports, as well as reading and volunteering.

Curt Buhr is the new Continuing Education Coordinator. His phone number is 515-964-6829.

He earned a B.A. in Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education at the University of Northern Iowa.

Curt previously worked at Hawkeye Community College, Child Care Resource and Referral, as a first grade teacher at Excelsior Springs Elementary School and a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Wapsie Valley Elementary School.

Curt and his wife, Stacy, have a son, Parker, and a daughter, Avery.

Curt enjoys traveling, golfing and his kids’ activities.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Heather Caruthers is a Chemistry Instructor at the Boone Campus. Her phone number is 515-433-5063.
She earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Cedar Crest College, an M.S. in Organic Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemical Education from Iowa State University.
Heather previously worked as an adjunct instructor at the Urban and Boone Campuses and at Grand View University.
She is engaged to Sean Riley.
Heather enjoys knitting, reading and board games.

Julie Chasse is an Accounting Instructor at the Urban Campus. Her phone number is 515-248-7243.
She earned a B.A. in History from Brown University and a Master’s in Accounting from the University of Iowa.
She was previously employed as a Tax Manager at Ernst & Young.
Her husband, Steve, is a teacher at Ankeny High School. They have three boys—Jack, Will and Luke.
Her hobbies are yoga, bicycling, traveling, reading and watching movies.

Dale Collins is now a full-time Tool and Die Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. His phone number is 515-964-6845.
He received an Associate’s degree from DMACC in Tool and Die in 1975 and an A.A.S. in 2007. He also attended the University of Iowa.
He has been an adjunct instructor at DMACC since 2007 and has been a tool maker at Maytag.
Dale and his wife, Cynthia, have three sons—Aaron, Philip and Caleb.
Dale enjoys trains, railroading, photography, the outdoors and assisting the Boy Scouts.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Penny Doolin joins DMACC has a Nursing Instructor on the Boone Campus. Her phone number is 515-433-5075.

She earned an A.D.N. in 1982 from DMACC, a B.S.N. from Graceland University and an M.S.N. from Benedictine University in 2013.

She previously worked at Iowa Lutheran Hospital Behavioral Health since 1982.

She is married and enjoys bike riding, hiking, backpacking and sewing.

Kendra Ericson is the new Nursing Education Director. She is located in Bldg. #24 on the Ankeny Campus. Kendra can be reached at 515-964-6466.

She earned an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Trinity College of Nursing in Moline, Illinois, in 1998 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the same college in 2001. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

Previously, Kendra worked as Nursing Director at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, and Nursing Development Coordinator at McKinney Medical Center in McKinney, Texas.

Kendra has taught at Eastern Iowa Community College; Bryant & Stratton College in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Columbia College of Nursing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and as an Academic Coach at Higher Ed Holding in Dallas, Texas.

Her hospital experience consisted of being a Research Assistant at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, a Maternal Child Nurse at Genesis Medical Center in Davenport, a Birth/Family Care Nurse at Trinity North Medical Center in Davenport and a Mother/Baby Staff Nurse at Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island.

Kendra has been married to her husband, Jeremy, for the past 17 years. They have three boys—13-year-old Brendan, 11-year-old Lucas and nine-year-old Isaac.

She remains actively involved in the sports and music activities of her children. She also enjoys watching movies, being in the outdoors and has taken medical mission trips to Honduras.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Karen Fieg is the new Credentials and Graduation Specialist on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6647.
She earned a B.L.S. from Iowa State University.
Karen has worked in the Classification Office in the College of Engineering at ISU, as an Assistant Registrar at Des Moines University, as Registrar at Mercy College of Health Sciences and an Advisor at William Penn College for Working Adults.
She has two daughters, one son and three grandchildren.
Karen enjoys walking, hiking and being outdoors and observing nature. She also enjoys searching her family history and traveling.

Ashley Fletchall is the new Nursing Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6879.
She earned a B.S.N. from Grand View University. She has worked as an R.N. at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in maternity services for the past five years.
Ashley and her husband have two children, a three-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son.
Ashley enjoys going to church, outdoor activities, walking, painting, scrapbooking and spending time with her family.

Lori Hanze is the new Administrative Assistant in Continuing Education. Her number is 515-964-6686.
She graduated with an A.A. degree in Office Management from Northwestern College in Orange City.
She has worked part-time in DMACC’s Admissions area, at Balance First Chiropractic, Smitty’s Tenderloins, Hubbell Realty Company and EMC Insurance Company.
Lori and her husband, Dan, have two daughters—Katelyn and Alisha.
Lori enjoys spending time with her family and friends, spending time outside, tending flowers and enjoying a warm day near water.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Melinda Graham-Hinners joins DMACC as a Counselor on the Ankeny Campus. You can reach her at 515-964-6268. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Central College in Pella. She went on to earn a Master’s degree in Community Counseling from Drake University and later a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from West Virginia University (WVU).

She has worked as an Educational Talent Search Coordinator (TRIO), mainly in the Des Moines Middle Schools. She has also had practicums at a youth residential facility, a private practice, a community mental health center and a college counseling center. She also had an assistantship teaching classes in both the Master’s Counseling program and for the Center for Women and Gender Studies. For the past several years, Melinda has been a college professor, serving as a Visiting Professor at Central College and an Assistant Professor at William Penn University, along with adjunct work at DMACC.

She is married to her husband, Jason, and has a 12-year-old stepson, Max. Melinda has helped coach Max’s baseball and basketball teams and served on the Little League football board. Melinda enjoys traveling, reading, boating, camping, playing softball, exercising and running. She is an avid sports fan who especially enjoys watching track. She is a New York Yankees fan in baseball and San Francisco 49ers fan during the football season. When it comes to college sports, she’s a huge WVU Mountaineers fan.

Julie Hartzler is a new Math Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. She can be reached at 515-964-6863. She earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Iowa State University in 1990, a M.S.M. (Masters in School Mathematics) from ISU in 1994 and is completing her Ph.D. in Math Education from ISU.

Julie previously worked in the Ankeny Community Schools, as an adjunct at Upper Iowa and at DMACC and, most recently, at Grand View University.

She and her husband, Chris, have a daughter, Abbi, and a son, Andrew.

Julie enjoys traveling, walking, reading, spending time with family and friends and following trends in math education.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

**Jason Hills** is a new Philosophy Instructor at the Ankeny Campus. His phone number is 515-964-6521.

He earned a B.S. from Rochester Institute of Technology in Computational Mathematics, an M.A. in Philosophy and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University.

Jason previously worked at Lone Star College.

His hobbies include running, soccer, reading and building computers.

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**Marlys Keller** is the new Developmental English Instructor on the Urban Campus. Her phone number is 515-697-7794.

She earned a B.A. in English from the University of Northern Iowa and an M.A. in Education, also from UNI.

Marlys previously worked at the College of the Siskiyous in Weed, CA.

She and her husband, Dan, have four dogs.

Marlys enjoys traveling, fishing and walking dogs.

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**Lynn LaGrone** is a new English Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6637.

She earned an Associate’s Degree from Charles Stewart Mott Community College in Flint, MI; a B.S. in Communications/Journalism from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI; and an M.F.A. in English/Creative Writing from Southampton College—Long Island University in New York.

Lynn has been an adjunct English Instructor at Grand View University, Lone Star Community College in Houston and at Houston Community College.

She and her husband, Roger, have a daughter, Carlyn, and a son, Connor.

Lynn enjoys reading, drawing, sketching, traveling and walking.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Mitch Lindquist is the new Business Instructor at the DMACC Urban Campus. His phone number is 515-697-7792.
He earned a B.A. in Business Administration from St. Ambrose University and a M.B.A. from Kaplan University.
He was previously an adjunct instructor at the Ankeny Campus and at Butler Community College in KS.
Mitch and his wife, Kathy, have two children and one grandson, Emmett.
Mitch enjoys fishing, running and traveling.

Laurie Linhart is the new Sociology Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. She can be found at 515-965-7320.
She earned a B.A. in Religion in 1983 from Drake University, an M.S. in Sociology in 1988 from Iowa State University and a Ph.D. in Sociology in 2013 from ISU.
Laurie previously worked at Drake University.
She and her husband, Curtis, have two Scottish terriers.
Laurie enjoys running, bike riding and reading.

Katherine Menec is an ESL Instructor at the Urban Campus. Her phone number is 515-248-7230.
She earned a B.A. in Teaching Language in Society and an M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages from the University of Findlay.
Katherine previously worked at the University of Findlay and Ohio Northern University.
She is married to Tomas Menec.
Katherine’s hobbies are cooking, traveling, biking, running and golfing.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Susan Metheny is the new Iowa Advanced Manufacturing Marketing and Workforce Specialist. She is located in Bldg. #18 on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6847.

She earned a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication from Drake University and an M.A. in Communication Leadership from Drake.

Susan previously worked as Vice President of Marketing for BettrLife in Urbandale and as marketing manager at Seneca Companies in Des Moines.

She and her husband, Jim, have a one-year-old son, Greyson, and two dogs—Hailey and Piper.

Susan enjoys going out for dinner and drinks with her family and friends; attending movies, musical productions and theater; watching and playing sports and traveling.

Chris Moon is the new Business Instructor on the Boone Campus. Her phone number is 515-433-5084.

She earned an A.A. in Liberal Arts from DMACC in 1995, a B.S. in Accounting from Iowa State University in 1997 and a J.D. in 2000 from Drake University’s Law School.

Chris has been a self-employed attorney since 2000.

She and her husband, Mike, have two sons—12-year-old David and nine-year-old Sam.

Chris enjoys golfing, running and triathlons.

Korrie Price is the new Financial Aid Advisor on the Urban Campus. She can be reached at (515) 248-7217.

She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Korrie previously was an Enrollment Specialist in the Financial Aid office at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

She enjoys gardening, reading, documentary films and traveling.

NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Allison Pugh is a Developmental Reading Instructor and an Academic Achievement Center Instructor at the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-965-7112.

She earned a B.A. from Lewis and Clark College and an M.A.T. from Drake University.

Allison and her husband, Jon, have two boys, Sam and Graham. Her hobbies include reading, hiking and yoga.

David Purdy is the new Photography Instructor and Department Chair at the Ankeny Campus. His phone number is 515-964-6839.

He earned an Associate's degree in Applied Art Photography from Hawkeye Community College.

David previously worked at The Des Moines Register, Meredith Corporation and The Sun Herald in Biloxi, MS. He received a Gold Medal Pulitzer Prize in 2005, awarded to the Sun Herald staff for coverage of Hurricane Katrina.

He and his wife, Heather, have twin sons, Finn and Jackson. They turn two years old on Sept. 29.

Kristi Rasmusson is the new Nursing Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6851.

She received an A.D.N. from Iowa Central Community College in 2006, a B.S.N. from the University of Iowa in 2009 and an M.S.N. from Chamberlain College of Nursing in 2012.

Kristi previously worked as a Registered Nurse at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in the Respiratory Specialty Care Unit and later in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. She has also worked at Iowa Methodist West in the Emergency Department.

She has been a DMACC adjunct instructor on the Boone, Ankeny and Urban Campuses.

Kristi and her husband, Josh, have a three-month-old daughter, Raena.

She is an avid Iowa Hawkeye sports fan and football season ticket holder. She enjoys golfing, slow pitch softball, spending time with her family and friends, walking her dog, Kinnick, and reading.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Amanda Rodenborn is the new Academic Achievement Center Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. She can be reached at 515-965-7000.
She earned a B.A. in Communication Studies: Rhetoric and Discourse in 2006 from the University of Calgary. She went on to earn an M.A. in English: Rhetoric, Composition and Professional Communication in 2010 from Iowa State University.
Amanda previously worked at Clinton Community College as an English Instructor and Academic Advisory Board Writing Workshop Instructor; at Maquoketa Art Experience as a Webmaster, Communication Specialist; at the DMACC Success Center as an English Instructor and at Grand View University as an English Instructor.
She is married to Patrick and has a stepson, Tyson.
Amanda enjoys hiking, biking, camping, yoga, web design, photography and studying communication in its various forms—written, oral, visual and electronic.

Elias Simpson joins DMACC as the Library Specialist on the Boone Campus. His phone number is 515-433-5041.
He earned Bachelor’s degrees in English and French from the University of Iowa and a Master’s in Creative Writing from Virginia Tech.
He is no stranger to the Boone Campus. He has been an adjunct English Instructor on that campus.
Elias is married to Lindsay Simpson, who is a new full-time English Instructor on the Carroll Campus.
Elias enjoys gardening, writing, bicycling and playing with his infant son and two-year-old daughter.

Landi Smith is a new Counselor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6442.
She received a B.A. in International Studies from DePaul University and a Master’s from Arizona State University.
Landi was a clinician who provided mental health counseling and therapy at the Poweshiek County Mental Health Center in Grinnell. Prior to that, Landi worked as a crisis clinician at a crisis center in Tucson, AZ.
She is married and has a five-year-old daughter.
Landi enjoys the sun and gardening. She also enjoys spending time with her daughter, friends and family, as well as cooking and crocheting.
NEW EMPLOYEES, CONT.

Uriah Tobey is a new Math/Engineering Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. He can be reached at 515-964-6489.

He earned an M.S. in Astronautical Engineering. He previously worked in the United States Air Force.

Uriah enjoys exercising and reading.

Amanda Tollari is the new Nursing Instructor at the Urban Campus. Her phone number is 515-697-7829.

She started her career path at DMACC as a 16-year-old, earned an A.S.N. from Mercy College, a B.S.N. from the University of Iowa and an M.S.N. from Kaplan University.

Amanda has worked as a C.N.A. at a long-term care facility and at a cardiac unit and later as a cardiac unit nurse. She also worked in a Neuro Trauma Medical Intensive Care Unit, as clinical instructor at Mercy College and later as an assistant professor.

She also has worked at S & K Mobile, immunizing and assisting with ECGs for National Guard members.

Amanda and her husband, Joe, have a one-year-old son.

Amanda enjoys going to the park and taking walks with her son.

Jill Whitson joins DMACC as a Continuing Education Coordinator. Her phone number is 515-964-6685.

She earned a B.A. from Simpson College in Athletic Training. She also has an M.P.H. from Des Moines University.

Jill previously was the Prevention Services Coordinator with the AIDS Project of Central Iowa. She has also worked at the Central Iowa Area Health Education Center Executive Director at Broadlawns Medical Center.

She and her husband, Steve, have two children—three-year-old Eden and one-year-old Stella.

Jill enjoys playing with her kids, going to the zoo, BBQs with friends and family, reading and doing crafts, typically with her kids.
PIONEERS CONNECTION

OUR NEXT MEETING—FALL KICK-OFF
Our next meeting will be the Fall Kick-Off, and will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 17. Join us to celebrate our group and reconnect with your Pioneer friends. Guests are welcome. Rob Denson and Tara Connolly will give their annual reports on the great things happening at DMACC. Hickory Park in Ames is catering our Bar-B-Q dinner. Don't forget to bring non-perishable items for Pamela’s pantry.

OCTOBER 10 MEETING
We will be treated to lunch and a tour of the Career & Technical Institute at Central Campus (1800 Grand Avenue, Des Moines). Watch your email for the flyer for this must-see event, where you'll be introduced to jellyfish, robotics, practical nursing and all of the pre-college career training programs in this amazing facility.

ASK ME
Many thanks to Mike Perry for again organizing the “Ask Me” project to assist students on the first days of classes. As usual, we were able to support students in the heavily trafficked buildings. It is always appreciated by faculty and staff who stop to thank us.

BOARD RETREAT
The Pioneer Board and Garage Sale committee heads met on Thursday, September 1 for a retreat and review of the Annual Pioneer Activities. Our continual goal is to plan activities and meetings that all Pioneers will enjoy and find beneficial. We discussed the Garage Sale and all agreed that we need to find a new source of revenue for our aging group. Harlan Giese and Marcia Johnson will head up a committee to find some alternative solutions.

ANNUAL REVIEW
Your Pioneer group needs you to participate. Our directors have been serving for well over their original officer duty time periods and we would welcome some fresh younger minds. Besides, you will be guaranteed to see people that were once so much a part of your day-to-day DMACC life.

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