Approximately 120 people attended DMACC’s first Small Business Awards Banquet Sept. 13 at the FFA Enrichment Center. Businesses were honored in five categories: Most Innovative Company, Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Top Growth Company, the Dennis Albaugh Award and Small Business of the Year. Iowa Beef Systems founders Mark Ehrsman (left) speaks while Bill Rubis looks on at the recent awards banquet. Iowa Beef Systems was named the Top Growth Company at the ceremony. Iowa Beef Systems is an agricultural construction company based in Huxley.

Ben Puck (right) of Puck Enterprises receives the Small Business of the Year Award from event organizer and DMACC Entrepreneurship Program Chair Vada Grantham. Puck Enterprises is a manufacturer of Drag Hose manure application equipment based in Manning. The company has experienced tremendous growth.
DMACC SMALL BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS, CONT.

Mike Draper, founder of RAYGUN, speaks after receiving the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Draper started selling t-shirts with simple, but humorous, sayings out of a box on the sidewalk while attending the University of Pennsylvania. He now runs the popular t-shirt store in the East Village.

Todd Garner, one of the founders of Substance Architecture, receives the Most Innovative Company award from DMACC Entrepreneurship Chair Vada Grantham. Substance Architecture is leaving its mark on Des Moines with projects like the new DART Transfer Station and a kiosk along the Principal Riverwalk.

Caleb Roney speaks after receiving the Dennis Albaugh Award. Roney is a DMACC graduate who started CR Painting in Windsor Heights in 2006. The company has built a reputation as a go-to resource for high-end remodelers and builders. The award is named after DMACC graduate Dennis Albaugh, the founder of Albaugh Inc., a distributor of chemicals used for crop protection.
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER OPEN HOUSE

DMACC first-year Liberal Arts student Riley Duer of Altoona enjoys free fruit and cookies at the Ankeny Campus Academic Achievement Center Open House. Students were encouraged to stop in and check out the services provided by the Center.

CAPITOL MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING OPENING

DMACC President Rob Denson cuts a ribbon as part of the grand opening activities of the Capitol Medical Office Building. DMACC nursing, certified nursing assisting and early childhood education have started classes at the facility this fall. A new feature of the facility at 1300 Des Moines Street in Des Moines is state-of-the-art simulators in the simulation lab.
TWO VEHICLES DONATED TO DMACC’S ASEP

General Motors has donated two vehicles to the DMACC Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP). The vehicles include a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 1500 pickup with a manufacturer’s suggested retail price (MSRP) of $46,745 and a 2011 Equinox with an MSRP of $24,300. DMACC ASEP students (left to right) Nihad Dzafic of Waukee, Matt Fullerton of Rockford, Kyle Carnahan of Perry, Matt Scott of Altoona, Madison McLaughlin of Norwalk, Brandon Cornelius of Lake City, Kalvyn Bentler of Mount Pleasant, Brock Travis of Harlan, Wesley Spencer of Marshalltown and Gregg Anderson of Perry stand in front of the donated 2011 Equinox. The vehicle has a 2.4L ECOTECH direct-injected with variable valve timing engine, a six-speed TIP automatic transmission with overdrive, anti-lock brake system with traction control, four-wheel disc brakes and rack-and-pinion steering. The vehicle will be used by the DMACC ASEP students to learn about the latest technology on today’s vehicles.

JOB OPENINGS

Nurse Aide Instructor, Ankeny Campus, (9 months-per-year position)
Application Deadline: Sept. 27, 2013

Child Development Specialist, Ankeny Campus, part-time position, Monday through Friday, student contact days.

Nursing Instructor, Urban Campus, (12 months-per-year position)
Application Deadline: Oct. 6, 2013

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

The DMACC Pioneers held their annual kickoff Sept. 17 in the FFA Enrichment Center on the Ankeny Campus. DMACC President Rob Denson and Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly talked to the former DMACC employees, who posed for this group photo before enjoying a barbecue dinner.

ZIPLINING AT DMACC

The DMACC Bear joined hundreds of DMACC Ankeny Campus students in ziplining on a beautiful September afternoon. The Iowa National Guard manned the ziplining, which was cosponsored by the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council and Campus View apartments.
DMACC CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY

Iowa State University Political Science Professor Dr. Steffen Schmidt gestures during his Constitution Day presentation on the Second Amendment on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Dr. Schmidt, who is also known as “Dr. Politics,” also spoke on the DMACC Boone Campus. This year’s Constitution Day events were organized by DMACC Honors students across the district.

In conjunction with the celebration of the 224th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, the DMACC West Campus featured two presentations by the author of that founding document, James Madison, as portrayed by Mr. John Douglas Hall. Using the syntax of the times, Hall answered questions as Madison might have responded in the year of 1813, the start of Madison’s second term as President of the United States.

Constitution Day events were held on all DMACC campuses.
PIONEERS CONNECTION

The Pioneers had a fantastic Kickoff on Thur., Sept. 17. More than 90 Pioneers and guests attended. We enjoyed hearing an update on the DMACC Foundation by Tara Connolly, who brought some scholarship recipients, and a review of another exciting year at DMACC from President Rob Denson.

Our next Pioneer event will be the Oct. 10 meeting. We are going to meet in the parking lot of the FFA Building at 11:30 a.m. and carpool to Central Campus, where you will get to tour the newly remodeled building and have a box lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students. This is an opportunity to see how high school students from all over Central Iowa prepare for future careers in this superb training facility.

Hope you can all join us for more fun activities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marcia Johnson, who has been voted "Outstanding Pioneer" of 2013. Marcia is one of the most devoted people you will ever meet. She puts in hundreds of hours in helping to organize and assist in our biggest annual fundraiser—The Garage Sale! We are forever grateful to her for her many years of service to DMACC Pioneers. She will receive her award at the Oct. 18 Presidents Day.

Call 515-964-6868 to register for the October meeting by no later than Mon., Oct. 7, at 4 p.m.

Dee Johnson—Past President, Pioneers