DMACC President Rob Denson (left) moderates a town hall discussion of President Obama’s Higher Education Reform Agenda at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Panelists included DMACC student Brandon Harrington; Mark Mitsui, U.S. Education Department Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges; Jeremy Varner, Iowa Education Department Administrator of the Division of Community Colleges; and Laurie Wolf, DMACC Executive Dean of Student Services. Obama’s plan is to make college more affordable and a better bargain for the middle class. The Administration is considering a new college ratings system that will allow students and their families to compare and choose colleges.

DISCOVER ADVANCED MANUFACTURING DAY

DMACC Tool and Die Professor Mark Rosenberry (right) talks to high school students who attended the Discover Advanced Manufacturing Day recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Hundreds of students toured the campus and were able to ask questions of professors in the advanced manufacturing areas.
**Upcoming Events**

**Nov. 28 & 29**
Thanksgiving Holiday, DMACC campuses closed

**Dec. 3**
Ankeny Campus Fall Graduation Reception, 6 p.m., FFA Enrichment Center

**Dec. 4**
Carroll Campus Fall Graduation Reception, 5 p.m.

**Dec. 5**
GED Graduation Reception, Newton Correctional Facility, 1 p.m.

**Dec. 6**
Urban Campus Fall Graduation Reception, 5 p.m., Urban Campus Bldg. #1, Room 124-126

**Dec. 9**
DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., Eldon Leonard Board Room, Ankeny Campus

**Dec. 10**
Newton Campus Fall Graduation Reception, 4 p.m.

**Dec. 11**
West Campus Fall Graduation Reception, 5 p.m., West Campus Auditorium

**Dec. 12**
Boone Campus Fall Graduation Reception, 5 p.m., Boone Campus Auditorium

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**ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING FAIR**

DMACC first-year Pre-Engineering students Joe Carpenter (left) of Des Moines and Jacob Sunderland of Altoona visit with John Deere Des Moines Works Engineering Manager William Brockmann at an Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Fair recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

DMACC second-year Electronics, Robotics and Automation student Sara Schafer (right) of Boone visits with (left to right) Megan Patton, Megan Snook-Lautner and Susan Metheny from the Iowa Advanced Manufacturing (I-AM) Consortium at the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Fair.

DMACC Industrial Electro-Mechanical Technology student Max Rosenkrantz (left) of Ankeny chats with Andrea Klocke, an Academic Advisor in Iowa State University’s Material Science and Engineering College at an Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Fair.

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SPEECH CONTEST WINNER

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Nikki Horn of Winterset gives a speech on drowning at the annual informative speech contest recently held on the Ankeny Campus. Horn garnered first place and received a $100 gift certificate from the DMACC Foundation for use in the DMACC bookstore.

DREAM BIG, GROW HERE PITCH-OFF CONTEST

Five central Iowa businesses advanced to the Dream Big, Grow Here Regional Pitch-Off Contest, hosted by DMACC Business Resources. The entrepreneurs, who pitched their businesses at Startup City in Des Moines, included: (left to right) Joe Doering and his new startup business, The Outside Scoop in Indianola; Jade Dirks of Carroll, We the Dreamerz; Clint French of Clive, Wootbands; Sara Vorm of Des Moines, Sweet Treat without Wheat; and Eric Wieland of West Des Moines, Greenwood Motorsports. They were among the 31 contestants who entered a competition in October and participated in a two-week online voting competition. For winning the regional pitch-off, Doering received $5,000 and moves on to pitch at the statewide competition for a chance to win $10,000. The event was sponsored by DMACC, Technology Association of Iowa, Startup City and Regus.
JOB TRANSFER FAIR

DMACC second-year Business student Spencer Farrell (left) of Ankeny visits with American Institute of Business (AIB) Admissions Executive Stacy Henningsen during a job transfer fair recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Representatives from nearly 20 midwestern colleges and universities were on hand.

COMMIT TO COMPLETION—ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC first-year Liberal Arts student Abdalla Mohamed of Des Moines signs the Community College Completion Corps (C4) banner on the Ankeny Campus. Phi Theta Kappa hosted the “Commit to Completion” signing event to get students to pledge that they will complete their two-year degree/certificate by graduating.
SCHUHMACHER SIGNS TO PLAY AT NC STATE

DMACC sophomore Carlee Schuhmacher (right) of Watertown, WI, signs a national letter of intent to continue her education and women’s basketball career at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC for the 2014–15 year. DMACC Head Women’s Basketball Coach Steve Krafcisin watches Schuhmacher sign the letter of intent. Schuhmacher, a 6’ 1” forward/center, is again leading her team in points, rebounds and blocked shots for the 4–1 DMACC Bears.

DENSON RECEIVES AWARD

DMACC Board Chair Joe Pugel (right) presents President Rob Denson with artwork celebrating 10 years of service to the College. The presentation was made during the September board meeting at Southridge. Denson said he loves his job and is dedicated to encouraging students to graduate and helping meet the needs of Iowa employers.
VETERAN’S DAY OBSERVANCE—NEWTON CAMPUS

DMACC Newton Campus student and 32-year Army Veteran Gary Barrett delivered a Veteran’s Day tribute to all veterans at the DMACC Newton Campus. Scores of DMACC students, faculty, staff and the general public attended the free event.

Freedom Flight Organizer Doug Bishop introduced a special showing of the Jasper County Freedom Flight’s recent trips to Washington, D.C. The hour-long video highlighted the recent Jasper County Freedom Flight’s touring of the Washington, D.C. memorials, including the Korean War Memorial, World War II Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, among others. The video also included brief interviews with Jasper County veterans.

PHI BETA LAMBDA FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Caleb Roney, founder of CR Painting in Windsor Heights, speaks at the recent Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Roney, a DMACC graduate, founded the company in 2006. Roney was named the winner of the 2013 Dennis Albaugh DMACC Small Business Award in DMACC’s first Small Business Award ceremony. Roney talked about his experiences owning and operating a successful business.
TRACTOR WORKSHOP

Nearly 20 women attended a tractor maintenance workshop hosted by the DMACC Agribusiness Farm near Adel as part of the National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture. DMACC Agribusiness students Cori Fitzgerald and Megan Eddy were among the workshop presenters. Attendees from as far away as Vermont and Kentucky attended tractor maintenance sessions on checking engine and hydraulic oil levels, filter locations and replacement intervals, fuel filters, daily maintenance, battery issues, grease points and intervals, and bearing packing.

DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS HOSTS STEM SEMINAR

Matthew Eddy, an Agriculture Education Instructor at Southeast Polk High School, spoke on “Case Curriculum: Curriculum for Ag-science Education” during a recent Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) seminar held on DMACC’s Ankeny Campus. Shaun Hudnut, a fourth grade teacher at Prairie City-Monroe Community Schools in Prairie City, also spoke at the event.
JOB OPENINGS

Program Development Director,
Perry VanKirk Career Academy

Provost, Carroll Campus
Application Deadline: Dec. 5, 2013

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

PIONEERS CONNECTION

MEETINGS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETING: On Thursday, November 14, we honored all of our Pioneer Veterans for lunch and a special recognition. Our guest was John Shannon, Chaplain of the Saylorville VFW. He is a recent Afghanistan Veteran, who was with us to share his experiences.

FOOD BASKETS FOR NEEDY STUDENTS

Many thanks to Linda Fernandez and her handy crew of Pioneer elves who put together and delivered food baskets to our needy students at the outlying campuses. The students will be so happy to have received the assistance over the holidays and our Pioneers are always so generous in their gifts of food, gas cards and time to carry out this important Pioneer Activity.

DECEMBER

Once again we call all Pioneers to bring goodies to the Holiday Open House on Monday, December 9. The DMACC Board of Directors will be there to co-sponsor the event. Last year we served over 350 faculty and staff and expect this annual event to be again one of the most popular one of the Holiday Season. No reservations are necessary at this time but you may want to call in and leave a message as to what you are bringing. We will provide potato soup, chili, sandwiches and drinks but need everyone to fill in with their favorite Holiday treats.

Please bring your treats in two containers as we plan to recycle as needed to fill the empty trays.

Building 7—Lakeview Inn—Monday, December 9—Set up at 10 a.m. and clean-up after the event at 1 p.m.

Hope to see you all there.

Dee Johnson, Past President, Pioneers