DMACC President Rob Denson outlines the new campaign by DMACC’s Workforce Training Academy (WTA) to help Iowans receive short-term career training and personal coaching in targeted in-demand careers. The announcement was made at the DMACC Center for Career and Professional Development at Southridge. The WTA is a state-funded program offering training in the career areas of Business Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare and Transportation/Logistics.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

DMACC International Student Advisor Steve Rude (back row, left) welcomes 30 students from 15 countries for the start of the 2014 spring semester.

The DMACC staff and student volunteers helped them with orientation, campus tours, and set up meetings with DMACC academic advisors. This group joins several other international students at DMACC. During the 2013–14 school year, approximately 200 international students will attend DMACC.

(front row, left to right) Michael Samuel, Mustafa Al Mashharawi, Hashim Hashim, Kunrun Yang, Nura Tukur and Chun Yi Chang; Harun Boysan (middle row, left to right), Mawei Huang, Dia Phouottavong, Sandhya Manandhar, Erinny Thanathiti, Hamood Al-Rahbi, Hamood Al-Rahbi and Kanghee Yoon; Steve Rude (back row, left to right), Minh Lam, Qi Xiang, Aina Nitta, Edwin Capel, Zeijang Liu, Dusan Orazic and Shengqi Meng
HUNZIKER CENTER EXPANSION

This semester students started taking classes inside the 9,000-square-foot expansion of the DMACC Career Academy Hunziker Center in Ames. The second-floor expansion includes a Chemistry and Biology lab with six work stations, an autoclave, fume hood and incubator.

This classroom space has a removable wall allowing for up to 60 students. The expansion also includes a computer lab with 24 computers, adjunct instructor office space and an assessment testing center. A ribbon cutting and open house are scheduled for February 5 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

DMACC EMPLOYEE AWARDS

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

**Julie Owen—Administrative Assistant—Ankeny.** Julie is always ready to help out and she comes up with great ideas that benefit the faculty. Thank you Julie, for being so positive and helpful.

**Ankeny Financial Aid Office—Ankeny.** When the Financial Aid advisor in Newton was absent, the Ankeny Financial Aid office stepped in to help Newton out in addition to taking care of their own Financial Aid students. Congratulations, team.

**Beverly Albaugh—Administrative Assistant—Hunziker Center.** Beverly is always taking on additional responsibilities. During the beginning of the semester when it is very busy, Beverly volunteers to take on an additional work load to lessen the load of others.

**Paige Kelle—Adjunct Instructor—Perry.** Paige is always coming up with great ways to improve services provided to students. One example is that she created some great flyers to showcase programs. Way to go, Paige.

**Dave Morgan—Custodian—Ankeny.** When a good part of building 1 temporarily moved due to construction, that made for a lot more people in building 5. Dave always made sure that they had everything they needed. He learned most of their names and said “hello” when he saw them. Thanks for your service and for making that temporary location comfortable for everyone there.
PIONEER CONNECTION

DECEMBER MEETING: The holiday party was a big success. Again we served over 250 DMACC staff. Many thanks to everyone who participated in this Board/Pioneer joint event.

JANUARY MEETING: Canceled due to low reservations and bitterly cold temperatures. BRRRRRR

FEBRUARY MEETING: Our next meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 13, in celebration of Valentine’s Day. We will meet in the Bistro for a nice lunch prepared by our Culinary Arts students. This is a social meeting. Come and enjoy the great food and reconnect with your old friends.

In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4 p.m., Monday, February 10, by calling 515-964-6868 or emailing pioneers@dmacc.edu. No reservations will be accepted after that time.

Please bring a non-perishable donation for our needy students or a donation for the ongoing scholarship fund which assists all of our DMACC students on all campuses. Your participation is deeply appreciated.

Hope to see you all there. Happy New Year. Dee Johnson–Past President–Pioneers