Dr. Anthony Paustian, DMACC West Campus Provost and author of several books, including *Beware the Purple People Eaters: A Personal Look at Leadership*, delivered a speech at the Celebrate! Innovation event held on the DMACC West Campus. He said instead of multi-tasking, we are really switch-tasking where we focus on one item for a few seconds, then go back to another item for a bit and never fully concentrating on both tasks at the same time. He said our quality of works suffers from this switch-tasking.

Multimedia artist and author of *Tattoo a Banana*, Phil Hansen, delivered a keynote speech at ciWeek. Hansen suffers from nerve damage in his hand and has had to “embrace the shake” of his hand while working on his visual art often times using offbeat techniques. Hansen encouraged letting go of limiting beliefs. He has created art works using only karate chops, used Starbucks coffee cups as his canvas and even created 23 “goodbye art” projects in which he intentionally destroyed the piece just as soon as it was finished.

Raygun Founder Mike Draper delivered a Celebrate! Innovation keynote address on the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) West Campus. Draper talked about how his printing and design company in Des Moines has grown in its niche market and is opening a store in Kansas City.

Former U.S. Army Colonel John Hinck delivered a keynote address emphasizing the importance of innovation in reaching the full potential of a business or person. Hinck is the founder of the consulting company, Strength and Honor, following a 22-year career as an Apache Helicopter pilot.
Upcoming Events

March 7
DMACC Concert, 7 p.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium, Ankeny Campus

March 10
News conference on DMACC Newton Campus announcing court reporting program, 10 a.m.
Women’s History Month presentation by Luana Nelson-Brown, 12:30 to 2 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 126
DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., Newton Campus

March 11
Women’s History Month presentation by Patti Miller, 10 to 11 a.m., Boone Campus Auditorium
Women’s History Month presentation by Laura Douglas, 1 to 2 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 116.
Reception for Hollie Coon, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Hotel Pattee, Perry

March 12
Women’s History Month presentation by Patti Miller, 10:10 to 11:05 a.m., Ankeny Campus, Bldg. #6 Auditorium
Women’s History Month presentation by Patti Miller, 1 to 2 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 126
Women’s History Month presentation by Slutwalk founder Heather Davis, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 126
Women’s History Month presentation by Millie Frese, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 126
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Other ciWeek presenters include:

Cheese Shop of Des Moines Owner C.J. Bienert

Northwestern Mutual Managing Director and Financial Advisor Jeffrey Byrn

Freelance Photographer Jennifer Coleman

Entrepreneur and co-author of Winning the Money Game, Adam Carroll

Danny Beyer, 2013 Amy Jennings Young Professional of the Year by the Greater Des Moines Partnership

Agile Coach and Trainer Kristin Runyan

FORMER ASTRONAUT VISITS BOONE CAMPUS

Former NASA astronaut Clayton Anderson, who has logged 167 days in space and more than 38 hours of space walks, spoke at the DMACC Boone Campus. Anderson spent five months aboard the International Space Station (ISS) during his first trip in space in 2007. He returned to the ISS in April 2010 during a re-supply mission. Anderson spoke to elementary school, high school and DMACC students who are interested in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) fields.

DMACC men’s basketball players Jon Fuqua (left to right), LeTrell Viser, Vaclav Bujnoch, Jake Guenther, Trey Sampson and Elliott Defreitas present a signed DMACC cap to former NASA astronaut Clayton Anderson prior to Anderson’s presentation on the DMACC Boone Campus.
COACH K WINS 200TH

DMACC Women’s Head Basketball Coach Steve Krafcisin celebrates his 200th win at DMACC with his team following a 66-41 victory over Iowa Lakes Community College on Feb. 22. Krafcisin’s record is now 200-81 with a 104-42 record in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT DMACC

Dolph Pulliam spoke about his growing up in Mississippi and later Gary, Indiana, and his experiences at Drake University, during a DMACC Black History Month event held Feb. 27 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. He talked about living in a one-room, tin-roof shack with his nine brothers and sisters and his mom in Mississippi in the early 1950s. Growing up in the segregated South, Pulliam said he has witnessed hangings and beatings. He overcame personal tragedies of not knowing his dad, having his mother die when he was in elementary school and moving to Gary, Indiana, to live with his aunt. Pulliam went on to play basketball at Drake under Coach Maury John, leading Drake to the Final Four in 1969, losing to Lew Alcindor-led UCLA by three points. After graduating with a speech degree, Pulliam turned down offers to play professional football with Coach Tom Landry and the Dallas Cowboys and Coach Red Auerbach with the Boston Celtics. Instead, Pulliam became the first black broadcaster in the state of Iowa when he accepted a job with KCCI-TV.
DOG TRAINING DEMONSTRATION

Renee Jetter, owner of Canine Craze in Urbandale, conducts a dog training exercise with Audacious at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Jetter talked about the four pillars of dog training—building dog/person relationships, discipline, presence and practical work—to an audience of more than 100 DMACC students, faculty and staff.

DMACC English Professor Judy Hauser works with her dog, Jazz, at the dog training demonstration. Jetter also said, yes, you can teach old dogs new tricks.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Jessica Creason is the new Nursing Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 964-6592. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Coe College and a Master in Nursing Education from Clarkson College. Jessica previously worked in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines and as a Medical/Surgical/Orthopedic Staff Nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. She and her husband, Jared, have a son named Rush. Jessica enjoys photography and running.

Sean Frommelt is a new Instructional Designer located on the Ankeny Campus. His phone number is 964-6478. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Management from the University of Northern Iowa in 1992 and a B.A. in Biology from Iowa State University in 1996. Sean previously was a teacher in the Des Moines Public School System and worked at Lockheed Martin Corporation as an ISO/Quality Manager/Software Engineer. Sean his married and has two daughters, 14-year-old Heather and four-year-old Shannon.
He enjoys spending time with his family, running and photography.

Ann Gadbury joins DMACC as a Fashion Instructor. Her phone number is 964-6873. She earned an undergraduate degree in Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production from Iowa State University and a graduate degree in Business Administration from ISU. Ann has worked as Coordinating Manager at Broken Arrow, as Customer Care and Cashier Manager at Nebraska Furniture Market and as an Adjunct Business Instructor at the DMACC Perry VanKirk Career Academy. She is married and enjoys sewing, drawing, reading, shopping and decorating her home as well as health and fitness. She also likes spending time with her friends and family. She is a runner who competes in races such as the Des Moines Half Marathon, Dam-to-Dam and other 5 and 10 K races. In addition, Ann enjoys skiing and snowmobiling in the winter.

Julie Havel is a new Nursing Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 964-6485. She earned a B.S.N. from the University of Iowa and an M.S.N. in Nursing Leadership and Education from Regis University in Denver. Julie has worked in nursing education for the past eight years. She lives in Urbandale and enjoys biking, gardening and getting to the ocean as often as he can.

Kayla Kreuder joins DMACC as a Child Development Specialist on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 964-6583. Kayla earned a Bachelor's degree in Child Adult Family Services from Iowa State University. She was a lead pre-school teacher for three-and four-year-olds at University Community Childcare in Ames. She was also Assistant Director of an afterschool program and pre-school extended care program at Sacred Heart Elementary School in West Des Moines. Kayla is engaged to be married this June. She loves cats, crafting, the outdoors, refurbishing furniture and spending time with friends and family.

Denise Lundberg is the new Personnel Assistant in the Human Resources Department. Her phone number is 964-6479. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at the University of Iowa. She has worked as Talent Acquisition and Development Lead at Lithia Motors and a Sales and Service Representative at Briggs Corporation. Denise has a seven-month-old boxer puppy, named Lucy.
Denise enjoys reading, listening to music, cooking, zumba and spending time with family and friends.

Puja Pant is the new ABE, ESL, GED Academic Advisor and Career Coach at the Urban Campus. She can be reached at 697-7818 in the Urban Campus Bldg. #5. She earned a B.S. in Retail Merchandising from the University of Minnesota and an M.A. in Educational Foundations, Policies & Practices at the University of Colorado. Puja worked in the Mayor’s Office in Philadelphia and at Eastern Pennsylvania Career Transition Services. She and her husband have been married seven years. Puja enjoys yoga, traveling and cooking.

Megan Patton is a new Pathway Navigator at DMACC. Her phone number is 965-7186. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Studies from Central College in Pella. Megan has worked as an Admissions Counselor at Mercy College of Health Sciences. Megan is married and enjoys spending time with her family and keeping active with volleyball and yoga.

Rajendra Reddy is the new Aging Services Management Instructor on the Ankeny Campus. He can be reached at 964-6814. He earned an M.P.A. in Health Care Administration from Drake University, an M.S. in Food Sciences from Texas A & M University and a Ph.D. in Food Sciences from Texas A & M University. Previously, he worked as a nursing home administrator and manager of skilled nursing and long-term care facilities, most recently at West Bridge Care and Rehabilitation in Winterset. Rajendra and his wife have a daughter. He enjoys traveling, golfing, reading and college football.

Sandra Selden is the new Application Support Analyst 2 in Information Solutions on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 964-6652. She earned a B.A. in Psychology and Political Science from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and an M.A. in Management from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York, with a concentration in non-profit leadership. Sandra has worked as a Project Specialist with the Kansas Board of Regents, an Applications and Research Analyst at Washburn University, a Coordinator for Teacher Certification at SUNY Brockport and Director of Registration Operations at Roberts Wesleyan College. Sandra is married and has four daughters, Rachel, Rebekah, Hannah and Sarah. Sandra enjoys reading, scrapbooking, crocheting, knitting, sewing and quilting. She also likes volunteering with schools and working with adoption advocacy groups. She also participated in fundraising activities for the American Heart Association and Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation.

Shelly Stoppel is the new Enrollment Communications Specialist located in Bldg. #5 on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 964-6662. She earned an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education and Human Resources, a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education, a Master’s Degree in Education and a Specialist Degree in Education from Drake University. Shelly previously taught elementary and middle school and was an adjunct instructor for undergraduate education at Iowa State University and Upper Iowa University. In addition, she taught graduate students at Viterbo University while also serving as Program Coordinator and Student Advisor. She is married and enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, writing and traveling.

Teresa Tripp rejoins DMACC as a Pathway Navigator. Her phone number is 633-2416. She received an A.A. from the DMACC Newton Campus and then went on to earn a B.A. in Psychology from Buena Vista University and a Master’s degree from Iowa State University in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Teresa worked at Pyramid, Inc. in Newton, as an Academic Advisor at the DMACC Newton Campus, and most recently, as undergraduate Student Advisor at Regis University. She has two grown sons and enjoys hiking, cooking, knitting, dancing and watching movies.

Brooke Vance is the new Library Specialist at the Urban Campus. Her phone number is 248-7238. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Dubuque in 2010. Brooke previously worked for the City of Dubuque Carnegie-Stout Public Library as a Library Assistant and Information Technology Assistant. She has also worked as a middle school creative arts instructor. She is single and enjoys live music, playing ukulele, publishing poetry, commissioning art work, reading and camping.

**JOB OPENINGS**

**Testing Center Coordinator**, Ankeny Campus  
Application Deadline: March 16, 2014

**Computer Science Instructor**, Ankeny Campus, (9 months per year position)  
Application Deadline: March 16, 2014

**Biology Instructor**, Ankeny Campus, (9 months per year position)  
Application Deadline: March 16, 2014
PROJECT SEARCH DMACC

DMACC Health and Public Services Dean Sally Schroeder (left) congratulates the 2013-14 DMACC Class of Project SEARCH graduates Jessica Krefting of Waukee, Cassandra Batcher of West Des Moines, Tiffany Riesberg of Dawson, Trevor Anderson of Des Moines and Brett Diers of Des Moines. The six Easter Seals clients were interns at the DMACC Ankeny Campus through a program called Project SEARCH. Easter Seals serves persons with mental illness, physical and intellectual disabilities.

Judy Hauser and Jazz

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MARCH MEETING

Please join us Thursday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Oak Room, Bldg. #7, DMACC Ankeny Campus, for lunch and a special presentation by sculptor Stacey Henderson, who will share his amazing talent with our group. The Pioneer Board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the Walnut Room.

In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 10, by calling 964-6868 or emailing pioneers@dmacc.edu. No reservations will be accepted after that time. Please bring non-perishable donations for Pamela’s Pantry.

PIONEERS PASSING

Patricia “Pat” Anne (Margulies) Cahill, 71, of Ankeny, passed away unexpectedly on February 27, surrounded by her family. A celebration of her life and community service will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at Northview Middle School (1302 N. Ankeny Blvd).

Pat was born on June 28, 1942, in Rapid City, SD. She graduated from Mason City High School in 1960. She married her high school sweetheart, Jim, on February 28, 1962. They lived in Omaha for ten years before moving to Ankeny in 1974, where they raised their four children.

Pat was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved unconditionally and everyone she touched was better for having known her. She served on the Ankeny School Board for 17 years, was an active member of the community and was employed at DMACC in the continuing education department for over 20 years.

Pat is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jim, her children Shannon (Jeff) Lamberti, Shelley (Scott) Starr, Scott (Amber) Cahill, and Steven Cahill, her 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Pat’s name to Dollars for Scholars, the Ankeny Community School District Foundation or the Animal Rescue League. Pat had tiny feet but left big footprints.

PASSING OF A BROTHER—CHUCK FISK

Charles “Chuck” Fisk, husband of Ella. Passed from this life to eternal life Sunday, February 23. I know a lot of you knew Chuck. His wife, Ella, was a long-time DMACC employee and they always helped with the garage sale and came to Pioneers when they weren’t in AZ for the winters.
DOING THE HAPPY DANCE

I wanted to share some very good news! Some of you know that I have been going through chemo for stage one ovarian cancer that was removed in October of last year. On Wednesday of last week, my Dr. decided that I had enough chemo so I finished up with the last infusion on Friday and I am done with chemo and can start healing! YAY! He said that new studies show that there is no benefit from giving the Taxol (nasty drug) over three times for stage one cancer so, since I have been experiencing some numbness in my feet, legs, and fingers, they don’t want to do any permanent damage so time to quit that drug!

Now my hair can grow back and my wound can heal and we can go to Texas to get away from this horrible weather. I will still be your Pioneer Connection for years to come.

Happy Dance!

Dee Johnson - Past President - Pioneers djohnsonathome@aol.com (send me your news)