Eugene Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon, delivered the final Celebrate! Innovation keynote address at the DMACC West Campus. President John F. Kennedy, in May of 1961, proclaimed that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before the decade was out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth. Cernan told a standing-room-only crowd, “we didn’t know beans about going to the moon.” When Neil Armstrong made JFK’s dream come alive in July of 1969, Cernan said it was one of mankind’s most successful accomplishments. “If you’re afraid to try, you’ll never know how good you can become.”

Cernan became the youngest American to fly into space. Cernan was part of three historic space missions including Pilot of Gemini IX, Lunar Module Pilot of Apollo X and Commander of Apollo XVII. Cernan told a humorous story on how he broke a fender off of the lunar module, but was able to repair it on the moon’s surface. He said he is 100 percent confident that the U.S. will go back to the moon, someday, as well as to Mars.

DMACC student Maranda Knight (right) of Norwalk poses with Captain Eugene Cernan following Cernan's ciWeek presentation on the DMACC West Campus.

Grant Imahara, one of the hosts of Discovery Channel’s Mythbusters television show, told a ciWeek audience that his show uses science and fun to put urban legends to the test, sometimes with explosive results.
**Upcoming Events**

**April 1**
Marketing and Management Recruiting Day, 11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., FFA Enrichment Center

**April 2**
Discover Engineering Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., FFA Enrichment Center

**April 4 & 5**
DMACC Boone Campus play, Somewhere In Between, 7:30 p.m., Boone Campus Theatre

**April 7-9**
Celebration of Literary Arts, all campuses

**April 14**
DMACC Board of Directors Meeting, 4 p.m., West Campus

**April 17**
DMACC Portfolio Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines

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Seven-year-old Alex Cooper of Norwalk waits for Grant Imahara to sign his autograph. Cooper is the son of Molly and Jason Cooper of Norwalk. Imahara, who has an electrical engineering background, said many people have gone into science careers after watching *Mythbusters*.

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Deanne Bell, a TV producer and host of *Smash Lab*, was another Celebrate! Innovation Week speaker at the DMACC West Campus. She has worked for the Peabody Award-winning children’s series, *Design Squad*. Bell, who has a degree in electrical engineering, said she is passionate about promoting women in science.
COURT REPORTING AT THE DMACC NEWTON CAMPUS

DMACC President Rob Denson announced during a news conference that a new Court Reporting Program will start on the DMACC Newton Campus in the fall, as Court Reporter Cindy Miller creates a word-for-word transcript. DMACC is partnering with the Iowa Court Reporting Association and the Iowa Bar Association to bring this new program exclusively to the Newton Campus.

DMACC MARCH CONCERT

Krystal Parker of Ames sings "Fire and Ice" during the potpourri section of the recent Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) March Concert.

The DMACC Ankeny Campus Chamber Ensemble and Concert Choir (shown left) performed under the direction of DMACC Choral Conductor Aaron Powell.
FIGHT FOR AIR CLIMB

The DMACC team finished in third place out of 27 corporate teams in the Fight for Air Climb held in downtown Des Moines. This year’s team was a mixture of being on the DMACC team for four years (Mark Armbrecht, Jeannie McCarville, Nicole Beaman and Buzz Hoffman) with a fifth-year climbing veteran (Kathi Dellaca), and five new climbers (Sharon Bittner, Anne Howsare, Farfum Ladroma, Tiffany Allison and Isaiah Deiber).

The team was led up the stairs by Mark Armbrecht with a time of 8:34, followed by Farfum Ladroma with a time of 10:07, then Kathi Dellaca with a time of 10:12. These three team members gave the DMACC team an average of 10:06, which was the third best in our division. Only the top three scores are used for placement. Following our top three was Isiah Deiber with a time of 11:30, then Buzz Hoffman at 11:36, Nicole Beaman at 11:44, and Jeannie McCarville at 12:14, Sharon Bittner at 16:08, Anne Howsare at 18:23 and Tiffany Allison at 18:51.

Eight of our team members finished in the top 10 climbers of their age division. Kathi Dellaca was first in her age group, Mark Armbrecht was second in his age group, Nicole Beaman and Buzz Hoffman were third, Isiah Deiber and Jeannie McCarville were fourth, Sharon Bittner was fifth and Farfum Ladroma was tenth. There were a total of 826 individual climbers. This does not include all of the law enforcement officers and firefighters. Team DMACC’s time of 10:06 was better than the winning police department’s team of 11:31. The AARP crew of Kathi Dellaca, Sharon Bittner and Buzz Hoffman held their own. How about Anne Howsare who signed up at the last minute, had not really trained for this event, signed up to do only one building, but did all three? Way to go, Anne! Of course, we are very proud of the only two criminal justice students who accepted the challenge of the climb—Tiffany Allison and Isaiah Deiber.

Next year we hope to have more team members and we want to take first place. It is for a great cause. (WHATS)

CALVING SEASON AT THE DMACC FARM

The first calves of the spring season have been born at the DMACC Farm located near Adel. The DMACC Farm has 60 cows that will calve this spring. Typically, there are between 120 and 150 head of cattle at the farm and 250 to 300 hogs.
DMACC STUDENTS IN LONDON

Eight DMACC students are participants in the London Study Abroad program this semester. They include Zoe Atkins, Max Borchardt, Badih Delati, Ericka Dunn, JoAnne Kirton, Ellery Lawry, Nate Rauh and Jake Reistroffer. In the photo, the group is standing in front of some of the Elgin Marbles that are displayed in the British Museum. The part behind the students is what was saved from the east pediment of the Parthenon, with the figure of Dionysos in the center. This room in the museum has been controversial ever since Lord Elgin brought the marbles from Greece 200 years ago. The controversy continues on whether these items should be returned to Greece.

Darlene Lawler is the professor and group leader for the term. The program is coordinated by the American Institute of Foreign Study, which has offices and classrooms at the University of London.

The students live with families in London, attend classes and travel around London. The program also includes day trips to Stonehenge, Oxford and Bath, along with trips and field trips around London. Most of the students will also participate in an optional weekend in Scotland, and many are taking advantage of the opportunity to travel in Europe. You can follow the travels on Facebook at DMACC London.

CARPENTER TALKS TO STUDENTS ABOUT SURVIVING CANCER

DMACC Southridge Center Program Development Executive Director Rick Carpenter delivered an inspirational “Barriers to Success” speech to DMACC Ankeny Campus students. He talked about his struggles with stage 4 Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. When he was three years old, Carpenter was told he had only two weeks to live. His presentation was sponsored by the DMACC Ankeny Campus chapter of Phi Beta Lambda.
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Jenna Carlson from Planned Parenthood gives a Women's History Month presentation on “Women’s Health Issues” at the DMACC Urban Campus. Carlson said Planned Parenthood started in 1934 under the leadership of Margaret Sanger, who coined the term “birth control.” The DMACC Urban Campus Student Activities Council sponsored a series of presentations throughout the week.

DMACC Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas speaks on “Women in Education and Leadership Roles” during a Women's History Month presentation at the Urban Campus. She said 23 percent of college presidents today are women. She spoke about how her parents were both college administrators and growing up knowing she would also be going to college. Douglas also said for her, an extra college degree resulted in a $30,000 per year salary increase.

Slutwalk of Des Moines Founder Heather Davis was another Women’s History Month speaker at the DMACC Urban Campus. Slutwalk was founded in 2010 after a Toronto police officer suggested that for women to remain safe, they should avoid dressing like sluts. Davis said the Des Moines chapter of Slutwalk was founded in 2010 as a support and advocacy group for sexual assault victims. The Slutwalk is held the last Saturday in July in downtown Des Moines.

Civil Rights Activist Patti Miller speaks about spending the summer of 1964 in Meridian, Mississippi, during a Women’s History Month event at the DMACC Urban Campus. She was a Drake University student at the time. Miller also spoke at the DMACC Ankeny and Boone Campuses. She was sponsored by the DMACC Diversity Commission. Miller personally witnessed the segregation of the South, including separate water coolers for whites and others marked “for colored.” Miller later worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Chicago for two years.
BOONE CAMPUS PLAY

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Boone Campus students Nick Hicks of Boone and Solenz Mendez of Boone rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of the play, *Somewhere In Between* by Craig Pospisil to be performed at 7:30 p.m., Fri., April 4, and Sat., April 5, in the Boone Campus Theatre. Tickets cost $5 per person and may be purchased at the door. DMACC students receive free admission. The play is directed by DMACC Drama Department Professor Kay Mueller. This play contains adult language and adult subject matter.

RECEPTION FOR HOLLIE COON

Dr. Hollie Coon, the new Program Development Director at the DMACC Perry VanKirk Center, speaks at a reception held to welcome her to the community. More than 60 people attended the event at the Hotel Pattee in Perry to welcome Hollie.

BRALEY VISITS DMACC WELDING LAB

U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Bruce Braley (left) visits with DMACC President Rob Denson, Industry and Technology Dean Scott Ocken and Welding Instructor Mike Rahn prior to a tour of the Ankeny Campus Welding lab.
NEW EMPLOYEES

**Samantha Burk** is the new Child Development Specialist on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is 515-964-6578.

She earned a degree in Early Childhood Education from DMACC.

Samantha was in the army. She is married and has a 13-year-old son.

She enjoys scrapbooking and quilting, as well as spending time outdoors.

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**Julie Drew** joins DMACC as the Culinary Arts Instructor on the Newton Campus. Her phone number is 641-791-1714.

She earned an Accounting and Business Administration degree from AIB and a Culinary Arts degree from DMACC.

She was an adjunct Culinary Arts instructor on the DMACC Ankeny Campus, self-employed in the dessert business with her company, The Final Course, and the Candy Kitchen Manager at Chocolate Storybook.

Julie and her husband, Jim, have a son, Nathan, and a daughter, Lauren.

Julie enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, traveling and decorating.
Julie Froah is the new Health Occupations Instructor on the Newton Campus. Her phone number is 641-791-1743. She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from Marshalltown Community College and a B.S.N. from the Chamberlain College of Nursing.

Julie has worked as a Clinical Education Coordinator at Skiff Medical Center in Newton and as an adjunct nursing instructor at Marshalltown Community College.

She and her husband, Luke, have a 13-year-old son, Jace, and an eight-year-old daughter, Jayden.

Julie loves to do anything outdoors, including gardening, camping and fishing and spending time with her family.

Jared Kingery is the new Welding Instructor on the Newton Campus. He can be reached at 641-791-5162. He received a degree in welding from the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Jared formerly worked at Ackelson Sheet Metal. He has three kids—Colton, Kira and Hannah.

Jared enjoys metal sculpture art.

ASSISTING MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

DMACC Transportation Institute employees Mark Golly, Len Mash and others drove several semi-trailer loads of rice, soy, vitamins and equipment to the Elwell Family Food Center at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The items were used to package one million meals at the Meals from the Heartland packaging event held March 18–20.