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DMACC’s 12th annual Celebration of the Literary Arts will be held April 7-9 with classroom visits to all six DMACC campuses by area writers and literary instructors.

Here’s where and when these poets and prose writers will read from their works:

ANKENY CAMPUS
Fiction writer Alan Heathcock, poet Dr. Evie Shockley and poet Dr. Ross Gay will read from their works in Bldg. #2 Room 25 A & B from 10 a.m. to noon, Wed., April 9.

BOONE CAMPUS
Heathcock and author Laura van den Berg will also read from their works from 11 a.m. to noon, Mon., April 7, in the Boone Campus Auditorium.

CARROLL CAMPUS
Iowa State University Associate English Professor K.L. Cook and Iowa State University Theatre Director/Playwright/Performer/professor Charissa Menefee will read from their works from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Tues., April 8.

NEWTON CAMPUS
University of Northern Iowa Languages and Literatures Associate Professor Jim O’Loughlin and Hannah Loeb, a poet at the Iowa Writer’s Workshop, will read from their works from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Mon., April 7.

URBAN CAMPUS
Evie Shockley and Ross Gay will read from their works from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tues., April 8, in Bldg. #1, Room 126.

WEST CAMPUS
Drake University Creative Writing Professor Kali VanBaale and Kirkwood Community College Professor Larry Baker will read from their works from 9:40 to 11:15 a.m., Tues., April 8, in the West Campus Auditorium.

All Celebration of Literary Arts events are free and open to the public.

Upcoming Events

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 9
Child Development Center Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale, 9:30 to 11 a.m., outside Bldg. #9, Ankeny Campus

April 11
Week of the Young Child Penny Parade, 10 a.m., Ankeny Campus mall area

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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VET TECH CLUB RAISES MONEY TO PURCHASE CANINE BULLETPROOF VEST

The DMACC Veterinary Technician Program presented a check in the amount of $1,450 to the Des Moines Police Department to purchase a bulletproof vest for the Canine Unit’s new police canine, Titan. The students held dog washes and bake sales to raise the money for the unit. Des Moines senior police officer Tony Ballantini (left) and Sgt. Mark Miller accepted the check from DMACC Vet Tech students Liz Flores of Des Moines and Jessica Leiting of Ackworth.

Following the check presentation, Des Moines Police Sgt. Mark Miller gave a canine unit demonstration with dog Emir II. Miller has been the handler of Emir II for six years.

L–R: Tony Ballantini, Sgt. Mark Miller, Liz Flores and Jessica Leiting

Sgt. Mark Miller
DMACC Urban Campus students Michael Wurtzel (left to right) of Des Moines, Misty Everman of West Des Moines, Connie Welcher of Des Moines, Katherine Cartagena of Clive, Emily McClain of Des Moines, Marva Huizar of Des Moines, Shawna Babcock of Des Moines, Shelly Draur of Des Moines and Rick Johnson of Des Moines, were recently inducted into the Beta Delta Psi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. PTK has recognized academic excellence in two-year colleges since 1918. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a two-year college, have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

DMACC EMPLOYEE AWARDS

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

MICHELLE REEVE—Cook—Ankeny. She goes out of her way to assist students and staff. She is always positive and willing to go the extra mile. Way to go, Michelle.

MARY BRUSCHER—Administrative Assistant—Ankeny. Mary is the CNA program assistant and comes in contact with many students. Many of these students face life challenges and are met with compassion and empathy from Mary. She is an advocate for these students and guides them through the process. Great job, Mary.

JULIE OWEN—Administrative Assistant—Ankeny. Julie is a real asset and always there when our department needs her expertise.

CHRIS BELL—Professor Information Technology/Network Administration—Ankeny. Chris focuses on making sure students can perform the concepts taught in class and provides relevant personal experiences. He is an asset to DMACC.
STUDENT NOMINATES PROFESSOR FOR DMACC “D” AWARD

DMACC Information Technology/Network Administration Professor Chris Bell (center) of Ankeny receives a DMACC “D Award” from DMACC President Rob Denson (left) for exceeding expectations. Bell was nominated for the award by DMACC Ankeny Campus student Kyle Hamilton of Altoona, who was recently named to the All-Iowa Academic Team.

JOB OPENINGS

ESL/HiSET Navigator, Southridge Center for Career and Professional Development

Application Deadline: April 6, 2014

If interested in the above position, please visit the DMACC website at http://jobs.dmacc.edu
PIONEER CONNECTION

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting, where we learned about the incredible marble sculpture of Stacey Henderson, was well attended by over 40 Pioneers and guests. We were able to hear about the history of marble sculpting and see some of the tools and examples of Stacey’s wonderful work.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be held Thur., April 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bldg. #7 Oak Room on the Ankeny Campus. Please join us for lunch and a presentation by Jerry Kirstein and Shirley Faylor from the Ankeny Garden Club about their planned enabling garden. Incorporated in 2007, the Ankeny Garden Association (AGA) is open to all Ankeny and Des Moines metro residents interested in landscaping and city beautification. AGA volunteers help plant flowers and weed publicly owned flowerbeds, while receiving name recognition and the personal satisfaction of giving back to the community. Ankeny Parks & Recreation prepares all materials for planting. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m., at Kirkendall Public Library located at 1210 NW Prairie Ridge Drive. Meetings are free and open to the public.

In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4p.m. on Mon., April 7, by calling 515-964-6868 or emailing pioneers@dmacc.edu. No reservations will be accepted after that time.

Please bring non-perishable donations for Pamela’s Pantry.

MAY MEETING

Tour of the DMACC Center for Career & Professional Development at Southridge

ON VACATION

We are enjoying these early weeks of spring in the Rio Grande Valley where the cactus are blooming and, due to the winter rains, many of the flowering trees and shrubs are in full display. The temperatures here vary from highs in the 70s to 90s and lows mostly in the 60s. It was a perfect time to get away for a few weeks and we will be able to enjoy spring in Iowa when we return.

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