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Penny Parade on Ankeny Campus

Four-year-old Lydia Lacey, daughter of Kim and Scott Lacey of Ankeny, rides a tricycle in the “Week of the Young Child™” Penny Parade held April 11 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The “Week of the Young Child” is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Four-year-old Nathaniel Menges, son of Kevin Menges and Doni Jiram of Ankeny, dresses up as Spiderman as he takes part in the Penny Parade.

Two-year-old Eli Feldmann wears a colorful costume as he walks along the DMACC Ankeny Campus, encouraging faculty, staff and students to put pennies into his basket. He is the son of Candace Shimmin and Tony Feldmann of Ankeny.
LEMONADE STAND AND BAKE SALE

Four-year-old Norah Mudd, five-year-old Marlee Ellison and her three-year-old brother, Hank, wait for customers at the DMACC Child Development Center lemonade stand and bake sale outside Bldg. #9 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The lemonade stand and bake sale is held every year during the Week of the Young Child™ celebration, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Norah is the daughter of Megan and Rob Mudd of Huxley. Marlee and Hank are the children of Melanie and Mark Ellison of Ankeny.

Four-year-old Josie Fichtner, daughter of Jason and Julie Fichtner of Ankeny, and four-year-old Eva Holmes, daughter of Meghan McWilliams of West Des Moines, have just completed a sale at the DMACC Child Development Center lemonade stand and bake sale.

DENSON READS TO FOUR- AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS

DMACC President Rob Denson reads to four- and five-year-olds at DMACC’s Ankeny Campus Child Development Center. Denson read *The Little Engine That Could* and *Giraffes Can't Dance* during the Week of the Young Child™.

President Denson poses with the four- and five-year-olds after reading to them.
MARKETING & MANAGEMENT RECRUITING DAY

DMACC Perry VanKirk Career Academy Instructor Abby Rediger takes a look at a display at the DMACC Marketing and Management Recruiting Day held April 1 at the FFA Enrichment Center on the Ankeny Campus.

Linley Bruess of Happy Medium was one of the presenters at the DMACC Marketing and Management Recruiting Day. More than 130 high school students attended the two-hour event, listening to industry representatives in a half-dozen brief breakout sessions.

CAREER RESOURCES JOB EXPO

Iowa Workforce Development Division Administrator Lori Adams (left) and DMACC President Rob Denson delivered a welcome at the 2014 Career Resources Job Expo recently held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Nearly 100 employers were on hand seeking job applicants.

Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa Vice President Cassandra Halls (left) and Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families Employment Training Specialist Kay Maher spoke during a breakout session at the Career Resources Job Expo.
CULINARY ARTS CAREER FAIR

Terry Boston (left), executive chef at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club, visits with second-year DMACC Iowa Culinary Institute® students Nicole Bjostrom of Des Moines and Elysa Wigg of West Des Moines at a Culinary Career Fair held April 7 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Representatives from 17 central Iowa businesses were on hand. More than 100 DMACC ICI students attended the career fair.

L–R: Terry Boston, Nicole Bjostrom and Elysa Wigg

DISCOVER HEALTHCARE DAY

DMACC Medical Lab Technician student Chelsey Huot of Grand Forks, North Dakota, helps Hoover High School Senior Bethany Wildt practice a blood draw during a Discover Healthcare Day at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. More than 100 Iowa high school students attended the event to learn more about careers in the healthcare profession.

Des Moines East High School Senior Ellie Youngwirth (left to right), DMACC Medical Assistant Program student Christie Lockhart, Lincoln High School Junior Dzemila Dubinovic and Lincoln High School Junior Tanner Westmoreland discuss injection sites at Discover Healthcare Day.

L–R: Chelsey Huot and Bethany Wildt

L–R: Ellie Youngwirth, Christie Lockhart, Dzemila Dubinovic and Tanner Westmoreland
DISCOVER ENGINEERING DAY

DMACC Civil Engineering Technology Instructor Renee White leads students in a virtual bridge design exercise during Discover Engineering Day at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Approximately 120 area high school students attended Discover Engineering Day at the DMACC Ankeny Campus FFA Enrichment Center.

Iowa State University engineering Ph.D. candidate John Pritchard leads an electromagnetic field demonstration with the help of Bondurant-Farrar High School sophomore Nick Swift. DMACC and Iowa State University hosted the event.

L–R: Nick Swift and John Pritchard
CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS

Boise State University Professor Alan Heathcock reads “Fires,” one of his many works, during the 12th annual Celebration of Literary Arts event at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Heathcock and Author Laura van den Berg also read from their works at the DMACC Boone Campus.

Rutgers University African American Literature and Creative Writing Professor and Poet Dr. Evie Shockley reads “A Background in Music” at the Celebration of Literary Arts event on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Indiana University Professor and Poet Dr. Ross Gay reads “Feet,” “Spoon,” and “Cadillac of Unabashed Gratitude” at the Celebration of Literary Arts event held at the Urban Campus. Gay and Shockley each read at both the Urban and Ankeny campuses.
University of Northern Iowa Languages and Literature Associate Professor Jim O’Loughlin reads “Going to California” at the Celebration of Literary Arts event at the DMACC Newton Campus.

Hannah Loeb, a firstyear poet at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop, reads one of the ten poems she shared with students at the Celebration of Literary Arts event at the Newton Campus.

Drake University Creative Writing Professor Kali VanBaale (photo on right) and Kirkwood Community College Professor Larry Baker (photo below) read from their works on the DMACC West Campus. Iowa State University Associate English Professor K.L. Cook and Iowa State University Theatre Director/Playwright/Performer/professor Charissa Menefee also read from their works on the DMACC Carroll Campus.
TWO DMACC STUDENTS RECEIVE MIKE ROWE WORKS SCHOLARSHIPS

DMACC second-year Diesel Technology students Kelvin Foust (second from left) of Indianola and Kyle Jenness (third from left) of Sioux City receive congratulations from DMACC Industry and Technology Dean Scott Ocken (left), Diesel Technology chair Bill Gorman (fourth from left) and DMACC President Rob Denson. The Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) Foundation has announced that Foust and Jenness are among the 51 students nationwide to receive a $1,000 tools scholarship awarded by the mikeroweWORKS Foundation.

Mike Rowe is the creator and host of the show "Dirty Jobs" on the Discovery Channel and has working relationships with Ford, Caterpillar, Cat Footwear, Master Lock and Kimberly-Clark. Rowe is dedicated to promoting the skilled trades, including construction-related industries, in an effort to address image and workforce issues. At his website, www.profoundlydisconnected.com, young and not-so-young alike are exposed to the construction, mining, forestry, power generation, agriculture and industrial applications industries. Rowe continues to provide resources to help make informed choices as to career and technical job options, and information as to where they may find schools and financial aid to help them achieve their goals.
TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE

DMACC President Rob Denson provides a welcome at the 2014 Statewide Teaching and Learning Conference held at the FFA Enrichment Center as Conference Organizer and DMACC Professor Dr. Anna Conway looks on.

Dr. DeWitt Jones, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Northern Iowa, delivers the opening keynote address at the two-day Teaching and Learning Conference. The title of his presentation was “Life After Direct Instruction.”

“PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

The next time you are in the Human Resources area of the newly remodeled Bldg. #1 on the Ankeny Campus, please take a look at the “People Make A Difference” wall. A canvas collage of photos of DMACC employees from all campuses welcomes you to the Human Resources Department.

A canvas collage of photos
JOB OPENINGS

MATH INSTRUCTOR, Urban Campus, (9-months-per-year position)
Review Date: April 20, 2014

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

PIONEER CONNECTION

APRIL MEETING
On Thursday, April 10, 42 members and guests joined us for lunch and a presentation by Jerry Kirstein and Shirley Faylor from the Ankeny Garden Club about their planned enabling garden.

MAY MEETING
Thursday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Southridge, Room 20D. Rick Carpenter, Executive Director for Program Development at Southridge, will talk briefly and then provide a tour of the facilities. Lunch will be provided. The Center for Career & Professional Development at Southridge is located at 1111 E. Army Post Road, Suite 2004, Des Moines, IA 50315. Note, the board meeting in Room 20D begins at 10 a.m.

In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4 p.m. on Monday, May 8, by calling 515-964-6868 or emailing pioneers@dmacc.edu. No reservations will be accepted after that time. Please bring nonperishable donations for Pamela's Pantry.

HOME SWEET HOME

We’re back in Iowa after three weeks in the sunny and windy Rio Grande Valley. If anyone needs any information about what to do when your identity has been stolen, it is a nightmare! On the way to south Texas, we had our computers, checkbooks, cameras and a TV stolen out of our truck. They got a nice printed listing of all of our accounts, log-ins and passwords. Need I say more! Happy to be home and enjoying Springtime in Iowa.

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