MATT WALSH RECEIVES HISTORY AWARD

DMACC Urban Campus History Professor Matt Walsh of West Des Moines received the George Mills/Louise Noun award from the State Historical Society of Iowa board for his historical writing “Iowa SHARES and the Cambodian Refugees.” This award recognizes the author of the most significant history topic on a piece of Iowa’s history. The award is named to honor Iowa reporter and historian George Mills and philanthropist Louise Noun. Walsh’s 30-page article is one chapter of his upcoming dissertation. Pictured left to right: Cultural Affairs Department Director Mary Cownie, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, Award Recipient Matt Walsh and Governor Terry Branstad.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHILDREN HELP TURN ON LAKE FOUNTAIN

Three-year-old Eli Feldmann, son of Candice Shimmin and Tony Feldmann of Ankeny, help DMACC President Rob Denson turn on the new Super Nova Fountain in the DMACC Ankeny Campus Lake. They were joined by more than 20 other children from the DMACC Child Development Center. The high-performance fountain can shoot water up to 100 feet in the air, and it’s also lit for nighttime enjoyment. Besides the aesthetic benefits, the new fountain will help aerate the nearly 15-acre lake. For their help, the children were given miniature DMACC piggybanks.
Upcoming Events

June 6
WHO Radio Fishing Day at DMACC Ankeny Campus Lake, 5 a.m. to 9 a.m.

June 9
DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m. Urban Campus, Bldg. #1, Room 124-126

June 18
GED/HiSET/HighSchool Diploma Graduation, Boone Campus Auditorium, 7 p.m.

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT CONSERVATION AT IOWA WATER FESTIVAL

Two students learn about the amount of usable and unusable water on the planet earth during an educational session run by Living Lands and Waters at the 18th annual Iowa Children's Water Festival. Students were able to learn about the importance of water and water conservation from a variety of educational speakers and interactive games such as this. This event, held at the DMACC Ankeny Campus, had more than 2,000 fifth grade students and 250 volunteers for the event.

DMACC MEDICAL ASSISTANT STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT LUNCHEON

DMACC Medical Assistant students JaNeen Smith (left to right) of Nevada, Heather Mendy of Polk City, Casey Krutsinger of Des Moines and Jaclyn Fox of Ames volunteered at the recent Story County Go Red for Women Luncheon held at the Gateway Center in Ames. The students offered blood pressure checks for those interested.

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DMACC PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS RECEIVE PINS

DMACC Practical Nursing Students

Fourteen DMACC Newton Campus Practical Nursing students received their pins in the LPN Pinning Ceremony in May. Those who took part in the ceremony included: Theresa Caon (front row, L-R) of Des Moines, Courtney Christianson of Baxter, Skylar Courtier of Ankeny, Sarah Crocker of Newton, Heather Dawson of Newton, Marianne Decker of Newton, Shanna Donahue of Monroe. DMACC Nursing Instructor Steve Orazem (back row, L-R), Nursing Instructor Kim Molloy, Sarah Wagoner of Bondurant, Vanessa Rohde of Knoxville, Heather Perry of Des Moines, Hannah Kaczinski of Grinnell, Darise Giles of Newton, Tricia Frank of Des Moines, DMACC Nursing Instructor Alex Thompson.

DMACC ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING STUDENTS RECEIVE PINS

DMACC Associate Degree Nursing Students

Fourteen DMACC Newton Campus Associate Degree Nursing students recently took part in a nursing pinning ceremony on the Newton Campus. Those who received their nursing pins included: Shana Reeder (front row, L-R) of Des Moines, Stacey Leimbacher of Prairie City, Sara Nunez of Newton, Annamaria Layton of Newton and Chelsey Kleppe of West Des Moines, Lori Patterson (back row, L-R) of Newton, Erin Davis of Ames, Kendra Beckjorden of Monroe, Ashley Harder of Story City, Mikie Hansen of Newton, Elizabeth Cline of Des Moines, Sara Sampson of Knoxville, Amy Epstein of Clive and Caitlin Hainley (not pictured) of Des Moines.
JOB OPENINGS

Business Administration Instructor
West Campus, (9 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 8, 2014

Nursing Instructor
Ankeny Campus, (9 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 8, 2014

Nursing Instructor
Boone Campus, (9 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 8, 2014

Nursing Instructor
Urban Campus, (9 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 8, 2014

Academic Advisor
Ankeny Campus, (12 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 9, 2014

Academic Advisor
Urban Campus, (12 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 9, 2014

Instructional Designer
Ankeny Campus, (12 months per year position)
Application Deadline: June 9, 2014

Custodian
Ankeny Campus, Application Deadline: June 10, 2014

Facilities Supervisor
Urban Campus, Application Deadline: June 22, 2014

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

DMACC Ankeny Campus students
Luke Herrick (left) of Ankeny and Trent Stille of Roland prepare to plant flowers in pots at the Sunnyview Care Center in Ankeny. It was part of a small-community service project in a College Experience class focusing on the privilege of education, civic responsibility and community engagement.

Luke Herrick and Trent Stille
CULINARY STUDENTS LEARN ICE CARVING

Amanda Jo Robbins of Des Moines focuses on carving a submarine ice sculpture for her group project at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) in Ankeny. The sculpture is part of her culinary course “Garde Manger” where the class focuses on centerpieces and culinary displays. Amanda is in her first year in the culinary program at DMACC.

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE GRADUATES

DMACC Gateway to College graduates Kira Long (left to right), Reno Greene, Austin Kramer-Thompson, Heaven Harrison and Selma Habibovic, all of Des Moines, pose in their caps and gowns following the graduation ceremony recently at the DMACC Southridge Center. All five received their Des Moines Public School high school diploma through the Gateway to College program. DMACC President Rob Denson and Des Moines Public Schools Superintendent Thomas Ahart spoke at the graduation ceremony.
SOFTBALL TEAM TAKES THIRD IN THE NATION

The DMACC softball team closed out the 2013-14 season with a third place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Softball National Champion held May 14-17 at Clinton, Mississippi.

The Bears opened tournament play with wins over Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) on May 14 and Highland Community College on May 15. DMACC, seeded fifth, suffered its first loss on May 16, dropping a 4-3 decision to top-seeded and defending national champion Louisiana State University-Eunice (LSUE). The Bears kept their tournament hopes alive with wins over Kankakee Community College (KCC) and Illinois Central College (ICC) also on May 16 to become one of three teams remaining in the tournament. LSUE then handed DMACC its second tournament loss, 1-0 in an elimination game on May 17, ending the season for the Bears. DMACC ended play at 47-12, its most wins ever in a season. LSUE went on to defeat Jones County Junior College (JCCC) in back-to-back games to claim its second consecutive national championship.

PIONEER CONNECTION

The next Pioneer meeting will be Thursday, June 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Oak Room in Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. Please join us for lunch and an informational presentation on the new Pharmacy Technician Program at DMACC by Program Chair Tony Guerra. Note: The Board Meeting begins at 10 a.m. In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 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.

ASK ME

The Summer semester started on May 20 and Mike Perry organized a crew of Pioneers to help students in the busiest buildings on the Ankeny campus. It is always a rewarding thing to do. Thanks for helping.
PIioneer Benefit

This summer I have returned to DMACC as a student. Yes, that’s right. A student! Did you know that, as a Pioneer, you can take classes free of charge. You have to enroll the first day of class and, if there is an available seat, you are “in.” For me, it is a return to my beloved Graphic Design program to take a class in Photoshop which has changed so much since my last upgrade in 2008. Many thanks to DMACC for allowing me to take this class. Maybe this would work out for you as well to take a class in an area of interest to you. Just think of the possibilities.

A proposal at our May meeting would entirely change the structure of the Pioneer group. An idea proposed by Breck Danner (our Foundation connection) would be to involve the entire group in the meeting planning and decision making process. The business would be handled by meeting at 11:00 instead of 11:30 and all items for consideration would be voted on and approved by the entire group. We would continue to have our monthly meetings and ask the membership to take on the responsibility of planning the meeting, ordering the food, and hosting for that one time each year. We know that many of our members hear many wonderful speakers outside of this group who would be willing to come to one of our meetings to present information of interest to the group.

We will still continue to do all of our usual activities like Ask Me, Student Food Baskets, Pamela’s Pantry, and one more Garage Sale. Our main objective is to provide assistance to our students and to contribute to DMACC in every way we can.

As your Communications Director, I will keep you all informed as to what is going on with our fun Pioneer Group.

Dee Johnson—Past President & Communication Director—Pioneers
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