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## CODING WITH KIDS



Rob Denson with three-year-old Gage Poole and Rodd Bullard

DMACC President Rob Denson holds an iPad for three-year-old Gage Poole of Ankeny as DMACC Computer Science Instructor Rodd Bullard looks on. It was part of a “Coding with Kids” event held at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Early Child Development program. DMACC is committed to infusing STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) concepts in both the college and early-learning classrooms. Bullard taught the two-through five-year-olds, using the ScratchJr app, to learn how to program their own interactive stories and games.

Four-year-old Hank Ellison and his mom, Melanie Ellison of Ankeny, use an iPad to create a scene where a bear runs across a basketball court. It was also part of a “Coding with Kids” event held at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Early Child Development program. Hank is the son of Melanie and Mark Ellison of Ankeny.



Hank Ellison with mom Melanie.

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## Upcoming Events

### Sept. 8

DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., Perry Van Kirk Center.

### Sept. 11

Small Business Awards Ceremony, 5 p.m., FFA Enrichment Center.

### Sept. 11 & 12

Truck Rodeo, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., DMACC Transportation Institute.

### Sept. 16

Constitution Day at all DMACC campuses.

### Sept. 16

Dr. Alan Wolfelt speaks on "Personal Grief," 7–9 p.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium, Ankeny Campus.

## GENERAL MOTORS DONATES TWO VEHICLES TO DMACC ASEP

General Motors (GM) has donated a 2015 Yukon XL to the DMACC GM Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP) so the students can learn the latest technology equipped on today's vehicles. The 5.3 liter Ecotec V8, 355 horsepower vehicle lists at \$67,270. Some of the students who will get to work on this vehicle, which will never be driven, include (front row, left to right) Colton Gearhart of Newton, Kyle Reinders of Des Moines, Cameron DeMaris of Ankeny, Michael Miller of Urbandale, Jordan Gosselink of Leighton, Chet Bullington of Runnells, (back row left to right) Brad Burchett of Windsor Heights, Jonah Bassett of Urbandale, Jeremy Thompson of Ankeny, Doug Suchomel of Cedar Rapids, Evan Shaben of Harlan and Peter Bailey of Des Moines. The Yukon includes front and rear park assist, lane departure, a side blind-zone alert, rear cross traffic alert and rain-sensing windshield wipers.



Colton Gearhart, Kyle Reinders, Cameron DeMaris, Michael Miller, Jordan Gosselink, Chet Bullington, Brad Burchett, Jonah Bassett, Jeremy Thompson, Doug Suchomel, Evan Shaben and Peter Bailey



Kyle Reinders, Michael Miller, Jonah Bassett, Doug Suchomel, Cameron DeMaris, Jeremy Thompson, Evan Shaben, Chet Bullington, Peter Bailey, Jordan Gosselink, Colton Gearhart and Brad Burchett

General Motors has donated a 2014 Corvette Stingray convertible to the DMACC GM Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP) so the students can learn the latest technology equipped on today's vehicles. The 6.2 liter small block, 455-horsepower, six-speed automatic transmission vehicle lists at \$80,930. Some of the students who will get to work on this vehicle, which will never be driven, include (left to right) Kyle Reinders of Des Moines, Michael Miller of Urbandale, Jonah Bassett of Urbandale, Doug Suchomel of Cedar Rapids, Cameron DeMaris of Ankeny, Jeremy Thompson of Ankeny, Evan Shaben of Harlan, Chet Bullington of Runnells, Peter Bailey of Des Moines, Jordan Gosselink of Leighton, Colton Gearhart of Newton and Brad Burchett of Windsor Heights.

## FREE KONA ICE ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS



Katie Allison and Mariah Bowman

DMACC second-year Liberal Arts student Katie Allison (left) of Earlham adds flavoring to her free kona ice during the first day of classes at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Liberal Arts student Mariah Bowman of Winterset waits for her turn.

## FREE PANCAKES ON THE NEWTON CAMPUS

Darren White (left) of Chris Cakes, Inc. serves up a plate of free pancakes to DMACC Newton Campus student Laura Nation of Newton during a Dig into DMACC event held during the first week of classes at the DMACC Newton Campus. Nation is a first-year Associate in General Studies student.



Darren White and Laura Nation



Darren White and Ashley Adams

Newton Campus Nursing Instructor Ashley Adams positions herself to catch a pancake tossed by Darren White of Chris Cakes, Inc. Hundreds of free pancakes were served to students, faculty and staff during the event.

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### OCTOBER MEETING

Mike & Betty Perry will host the October meeting on Thursday, October 9. Stay tuned for more details.

### ASK ME FALL SEMESTER

Thanks to all of the "Ask Me" crew who worked during the first days of classes to help students find their way around campus. And a big thanks to Mike Perry who tirelessly heads up this event every semester. We love doing this for students and really appreciate all of those who come out to help. It's another great Pioneer event.

Speaking of events. Here are just a few of the many things that Pioneers did this past year:

Planned and scheduled monthly meetings for members as well as:

- Generated \$7,700.23 in annual Garage Sale (August 2013) for student scholarships and assistance.
- Co-hosted with the DMACC Board of Trustees, the annual DMACC Holiday Open House for all DMACC faculty and staff with over 300 in attendance.
- Coordinated and staffed the "ASK ME" program for the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters, assisting students on the first days of the semester in heavily trafficked buildings.
- Supported "Books Are Fun" book sales that brought in \$734.84.
- Continued to work with Human Resources to recruit and market to new retirees of DMACC.
- Reviewed scholarship applications for the DMACC Pioneer STAR Scholarship (Fall), as well as for DMACC Foundation general scholarships (Spring).
- Moved to sending a summer (July 2014) solicitation to all Pioneer members for scholarship or endowment donations generating \$5,280 over the course of only one and a half months, verses \$5,010 in total from the previous year.
- Awarded a total of \$23,000 in scholarships for students.
- Continued support of Pamela's Pantry on the Ankeny Campus, as well as the Urban Campus, with monthly food item donations estimated at over \$300.
- Collected donations and gift cards (grocery and fuel gift cards) for 13 food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas totaling over \$972 in support. With additional food donations, the value of each basket was approximately \$75. Recruited Pioneer members to deliver food baskets to Ankeny, Boone, Carroll and Urban Campus sites.
- Assisted in individual program areas as needed campus wide.
- Continued work of the DMACC History Committee.
- Providing representation on the DMACC 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.
- Met \$10,000 fundraising goal to receive Book Store matching funds.

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## PIONEER CONNECTION

WHEW! and if that doesn't inspire you to get involved.... Here are some of the meeting topics that you may have missed.

**October:** Tour of Central Campus Career & Technical Institute with lunch provided by their Culinary students

**November:** Honoring our Veterans with a special guest speaker, Chaplain John Shannon, recent veteran of Afghanistan

**December:** Holiday Party with opportunities to greet and treat our great DMACC staff

**February:** Special Gourmet lunch to celebrate our wonderful Pioneers hosted by the Culinary students

**March:** The Fantastic Marble Sculpture artist, Stacey Henderson

**April:** The Ankeny Garden Club & Enabling Garden Plans

**May:** Tour of Southridge Career & Professional Development Center - Rick Carpenter, Executive Director

**June:** The new DMACC Pharmacy Technician Program by Program Chair Tony Guerra

**July:** Tour and Information about Electronic Crime Institute and how to protect yourself by Brian Burkhardt

**August:** All About Drones - Duane Vierling of the Modelaires and we got to see it fly (actually we bought one for our son after this presentation)

Now it is time for the September "Kick-Off" and you will get to learn all about the exciting things that are happening at DMACC.

It is not true that we will expect you to serve on the Directors board. We just hope you will come to a meeting and enjoy reconnecting with your Pioneer family. It is so much FUN!

OK I am through ranting.... we do love each and every one of you who attend meetings and get involved even those who no longer live in Iowa.

Going to our last camping trip of the season..... Dee

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