DMACC Pioneer member Pauline Skarda of Ames was named the 2014 DMACC Outstanding Pioneer Award recipient from the DMACC Foundation. She received congratulations and a crystal bowl by DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska and DMACC Foundation Board Treasurer Mike Grandgeorge. The award is given in recognition of a Pioneer who is actively involved in Pioneer activities, participates in fundraising activities, promotes DMACC advancement efforts, and serves as an advocate for DMACC in the community.

DMACC Urban Campus Administrative Assistant 3 Farfum Ladroma of Des Moines was named the 2014 DMACC Support Staff Service Award recipient by the DMACC Foundation. He received congratulations and a crystal bowl from DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska and DMACC Foundation Board Treasurer Mike Grandgeorge. The award is given in recognition of outstanding quality service to DMACC in the fulfillment of job responsibilities.
Upcoming Events

Nov. 4
Explore Advanced Manufacturing Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bldg. #5, gym, Ankeny Campus

Nov. 5
Multicultural Festival, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bldg. #1, Student Lounge, Urban Campus

Nov. 6
One Book, One College, One Community speaker, Sister Helen Prejean, 9:40 a.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium, Ankeny Campus

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Nov. 7 & 8
Boone Campus Play, 7:30 p.m., Boone Campus Theater

Nov. 10
DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., Southridge Center

Nov. 12
Wonder of Words Festival speaker, Gary Soto, 9:15 to 10 a.m., Maple Room, Bldg. #7, Ankeny Campus

Nov. 12
Wonder of Words Festival speaker, Gary Soto, noon, Bldg #1, Room 126, Urban Campus

Nov. 18
Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bldg. #5 Quiet Lounge, Ankeny Campus

DMACC FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

DMACC Boone Campus
Student Services employees were named the 2014 DMACC Distinguished Service Award recipients by the DMACC Foundation. Accepting the award and a crystal bowl from DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska and DMACC Foundation Board Treasurer Mike Grandgeorge were Nancy Moeller, Christina Graham, Sandi Johnson, Darcy Christensen and Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee. The award is given in recognition of outstanding service to DMACC beyond regular job responsibilities.

DMACC West Campus
Instructor Steve Johnson of Johnston was named the 2014 DMACC Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award recipient by the DMACC Foundation. After a 25-year career at Pioneer Hi-Bred International and Procter & Gamble in Management Development, Johnson decided to share his expertise with students in the classroom. He has taught Introduction to Business, Introduction to Investments, Introduction to International Business and Human Relations in Business. The award is given in recognition of outstanding teaching at DMACC by an adjunct faculty member.
DMACC Ankeny Campus Diesel Technology Professor Bill Gorman of Huxley was named the 2014 DMACC Distinguished Faculty Award recipient by the DMACC Foundation. The award is given in recognition of outstanding teaching and contribution to educational goals at DMACC.

DMACC Continuing Education Coordinators Curt Buhr of West Des Moines and Julie Bundy of Ankeny received the 2014 DMACC Distinguished Customer Service Award on behalf of the Continuing Education Department from the DMACC Foundation. The award recognizes employees who are participating on a team or as individuals and have made exceptional contributions and exceeded expectations in delivering services of superior quality to DMACC constituencies.
DMACC Human Services Professors Ilima Young-Dunn of West Des Moines and Jeanie McCarville Kerber of Johnston were presented Tapestry Awards by DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska (left) and DMACC Diversity Commission member Lynn LaGrone. The Tapestry Award is presented by the DMACC Diversity Commission to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity.

DMACC Psychology Professor Rosenna Bakari of West Des Moines was presented a Tapestry Award by DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska and DMACC Diversity Commission member Lynn LaGrone.
DMACC AND MAJOR LOCAL EMPLOYERS ADDRESS IT WORKER SHORTAGE

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The DMACC – IT Industry Partnership Board is made up of a “who’s who” of local employers, including Nationwide Insurance, the Principal Financial Group, IBM, Shazam, Workiva, Alliance Technologies, GuideOne Insurance, Farmers Mutual Hail and Keyot.

Some specific initiatives of the new DMACC IT Industry Partnership Board include:
- Reorganize and better define DMACC’s IT program to improve student retention. That includes identifying new common core courses that all IT students need, identifying and eliminating courses that overlap, and integrating additional advanced industry certifications. This reorganization also involves DMACC’s two IT Pathway Navigators, who will work with current and prospective students, supporting them through program completion.
- Create a $200,000 IT Scholars Program. With public and private support, select DMACC IT students will get paid for internships that offer on-the-job experience and perhaps a path into full-time employment.
- Work with the Technology Association of Iowa to launch a new IT Apprenticeship Program.
- Launch a new IT marketing initiative across Central Iowa that starts with research to better determine the interests and aptitude of prospective students.

IT programs are offered at all three DMACC campuses; Ankeny, West Des Moines, and Urban – Des Moines.
DMACC HOSTS IOWA LATINA/O EDUCATION INITIATIVE CONFERENCE

Dr. Laura Rendon, a professor at the University of Texas-San Antonio, spoke at the 2014 Iowa Latina/o Education Initiative Conference held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. A record number of more than 300 people attended the day-long conference.

ANKENY CAMPUS FALL FUN FESTIVAL

Three-year old Jordyn Frisk of Dallas Center receives a handful of candy from DMACC second-year Liberal Arts student Hannah Tennyson of Tucson, AZ at a DMACC Family Fall Festival recently held on the Ankeny Campus. The event was sponsored by the DMACC Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council. Frisk is the granddaughter of Nancy and Bob Frisk of DMACC.

Four-year-old Joseph Petersen (left) of Waukee gets help making a ghost from DMACC first-year Entrepreneurship Program student Molly Klooster of Sioux City at the Family Fall Festival held recently on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
SOUTHRIDGE CENTER FALL FUN FESTIVAL

Four-year old Zandra Phommachack (left) and her mother, DMACC Southridge Center student Southida Phommachack of Des Moines, wear balloon headbands made for them by balloon artist Ronny Johnson at the Southridge Center Fall Fun Fest.

Seven-year old Trevon Taylor of Des Moines decorates a pumpkin. Pumpkins were donated by HyVee.

DMACC HOSTS AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CONTEST

Des Moines Central Campus students took part in the 23rd annual DMACC /Iowa Automobile Dealers Association (IADA) Automotive Skills Contest recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. They competed against nearly 300 students representing 18 Iowa schools in the written portion of the contest. Eight two-member teams of Iowa high school automotive students qualified for the hands-on portion of the Automotive Skills Contest by having the highest average scores on the written test. The teams will take part in the hands-on portion on Dec. 12.
FLU SHOTS AT THE NEWTON CAMPUS

DMACC first-year nursing student Dawn Brue of Huxley gives a flu shot to Newton Campus English Professor Lauren Rice at a flu shot clinic at the Newton Campus.

Dawn Brue and Lauren Rice

WORLD FOOD PRIZE WINNER SPEAKS AT DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS

This year’s World Food Prize Third Annual Winner of the Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application spoke on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Dr. Bram Govaerts spoke on “How to Make Wheat and Maize (Corn) Systems Ready for the Future.”

Dr. Bram Govaerts, a native of Belgium working from Mexico, received the Norman Borlaug Award for his work developing leading-edge, sustainable programs that are transforming subsistence agriculture and unsustainable farming systems into productive and sustainable production operations in Mexico and other regions of the world.

Dr. Bram Govaerts
DMACC STEM SEMINAR

Dr. David Ringholz (right), Associate Professor and Chair of the Industrial Design Department at Iowa State University, performs a Littlebits demonstration for DMACC students Grant Schmidt (left to right) of Ottumwa, Macayla Cox of Altoona, and Ankeny High School students Rachel Gray, Faith Brookes and Faith Casel at a DMACC STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) seminar held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. For more on the STEM seminar, see the video below.

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PIONEERS CONNECTION

PAULINE SKARDA - OUR HERO FOR 2014!
At President’s Day on October 24, Pauline Skarda was given the Outstanding Pioneer award. Pauline was an original Pioneer when the group was formed in 1994. She was executive secretary to Superintendent Paul Lowery back in the early days of DMACC. All of us are grateful for Pauline’s many years of active participation in the Pioneer group and for being an important part of the history of the college. Her family was present to help honor her on this special occasion. Thank You, Pauline!

NOVEMBER MEETING
On Thursday, November 13, we will again honor our DMACC Veterans. Don Enright, DMACC Veteran Affairs and current DMACC Student Veterans Coordinator, will be with us to share this event. This meeting and lunch will again be held in the Oak room of the Conference Center - Building 7 at 11:30 a.m. The Directors will meet at 10 a.m. in the Walnut room. Please call in your reservations to (515) 964-6868 no later than 4 p.m. Monday, November 10, or e-mail us at pioneers@dmacc.edu

Please bring nonperishable donations for Pamela's Pantry. Dee & Lee Johnson (I volunteered him) will host this meeting.

FOOD BASKETS
Linda Fernandez is again heading up the Pioneer Food Basket project for gifts to our needy students on all campuses. The nomination forms are coming in ahead of last year. You can find the form on our web page. We still can use some gas or food cards to add to the baskets. Food baskets for Thanksgiving will be filled and delivered on November 12 to the outlying campus students and in December to our local students. Call Linda at 965-3372 or (641) 891-1667, or e-mail her at linda1505@msn.com if you have questions or donations for this important project. Thanks to Linda who gives her time every year to head up this project.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
A very special time of year for my dear hubby, Lee, as we celebrate our 45th Wedding Anniversary on Halloween.

Boo! Dee
Dee Johnson
Past President & Communication Director - Pioneers