ALBAUGH DONATES ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO DMACC’S CULINARY ARTS EXPANSION

Dennis Albaugh (left), CEO of Albaugh, LLC, D.R.A. Properties, L.C., and developer of Prairie Trail in Ankeny; and his wife, Susan, presented separate one million dollar checks to DMACC’s Culinary Arts expansion and the Ankeny Schools’ stadium renovation project. Taking part in the check presentation is Dennis Albaugh (left to right), Susan Albaugh, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Ankeny School Board member George Tracy, Ankeny Community School Superintendent Dr. Bruce Kimpston, DMACC President Rob Denson and DMACC Board member Felix Gallagher.

DMACC President Rob Denson (left to right); Dennis Albaugh, CEO of Albaugh; and Ankeny School Board member George Tracy answer media questions in a news conference following the check presentation ceremony.
HUNZIKER FAMILY DONATES FIVE ACRES TO DMACC’S AMES FACILITY

Dean Hunziker (left) hands a jar of soil to DMACC President Rob Denson representing the five acres of land the Hunziker family is donating to DMACC. The land value is estimated at $350,000 and is located just north of the 43,000-square-foot DMACC Hunziker Center in Ames.

YOUTHBUILD STUDENTS GRADUATE

Nine DMACC Youthbuild program students from Des Moines have successfully completed a seven-month program that combines academic instruction, workplace etiquette and construction training to help them become more employable. The program is for youth from 18 to 24 years old. Those recognized at a graduation reception include: Harley Gibler (left to right), Beth Bradish, Jordan Musselman, Eduardo Garcia, Timothy Muhammad, Jesus Dias, Chris Howard, Jessica Nimmo and Joseph Davis. In addition, Habitat for Humanity provided the Youthbuild students with an opportunity to practice job skills, such as on-time attendance, positive work attitude and actual hands-on skills related to carpentry and home-building.
ANKENY CAMPUS CONCERT

Colton Sink of Colfax sings “Wither Must I Wander” during the potpourri section of the recent DMACC December Concert. The DMACC Ankeny Campus Jazz Ensemble, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble and Concert Choirs performed at the concert.

The DMACC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Scott Davis, performs “Layla” at the December Ankeny Campus Concert.

SHRIMP AND BINGO FUNDRAISER

Members of the Shrimp and Bingo fund raising committee recently presented a check for $21,346.23 to the DMACC Foundation. The money will be used to fund scholarships for students in DMACC’s Water Environmental Technology (WET) program. Those taking part in the check presentation include: (left to right) Mark Simms, DMACC Water and Wastewater Treatment Program Instructor; Dennis Hayworth, DMACC Business Resources Training Coordinator; Kim Didier, DMACC Business Resources Executive Director; Keith Hobson, Fox Engineering; Pam Akers, DMACC Business Resources; Rob Denson, DMACC President; Bob Watson, Watson Brothers; Breck Danner, DMACC Foundation Associate Director; Kam Reeves, City of Ottumwa; Scott Wienands, Nutri-Ject Systems, Inc.; and Anthony Rhinehart, DMACC WET student.
JOB OPENINGS

Disability Employment Services Specialist,
Iowa Employment Solutions/Des Moines
Review Date: Jan. 14, 2015

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

NEWTON FALL FOOD SHOWDOWN

DMACC Newton Campus Culinary Arts students Ben Rooker (left) of Newton and Sarah Glenn of Baxter prepare food for the Fall Food Showdown held on the DMACC Newton Campus. The Culinary Arts/Speech learning community, led by Chef Julie Drew and Instructor Monica Franzen, ended the semester with a “Top Chef-style” showdown. Teams of students were given the same ingredients, and charged with developing menus and preparing the meals. Students were judged in the food category on creativity, proper plate presentation, taste, sanitation during preparation, ability to follow a recipe and proper holding of food guidelines. They were judged in the communication category on effective interpersonal skills, communication competence, self-assurance, poise, group member interaction, and handling questions appropriately. Staff and other faculty members served as judges asking students questions and, of course, enjoying delicious food.

DMACC Newton Campus students Amy Goodnight (foreground) and Abby Parks, both from Newton, prepare their entrees in the showdown.
PIOEAKERS CONOECTION

Carroll Bennett and Dee Johnson were privileged to interview a long-time former employee of DMACC, Charlie Pardekooper (left). Charlie was with DMACC for 24 years and retired from the Printing Program after having been an important part of the Skill Center. He and his now deceased wife of 69 years were married three times as they renewed their vows at the Little Brown church once in their earlier marriage and again on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

He now resides at Trinity Center in the Gardens building in Room 115. Charlie speaks highly of his many years at DMACC and would love to have visitors. He served in the Navy as an Engineer and was part of a mine clean-up crew in Rio De Janerio.

Charlie was a kind and caring instructor and a valued employee of DMACC. As we approach our 50th Anniversary, it is important to remember those people who were there in the early years and who made a real difference.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Once again, the Pioneers teamed up with the DMACC Board of Directors to celebrate at our Annual Holiday Party. It was apparent that our event was a success as demonstrated by the more than 340 name tags used that day. This is always a great way to start off the holidays with the companionship of other DMACC friends.

Thanks to all of the Pioneers who brought the yummy holiday treats. And thanks to Breck Danner who, in the absence of a Pioneer Hospitality director, has taken on the role of filling in to order food, make room arrangements, take care of reservations and make sure that everything runs smoothly for events such as this. She has a myriad of duties and has added this to her tasks just to assist the Pioneers. We appreciate her more that we can ever say.

As usual our DMACC gang came through with the non-perishable food items donated to help our needy students and much appreciated for Pamela’s Pantry. And thanks to Mike Perry, who takes it upon himself to deliver the leftover food and pantry donations to the needy. As usual, Mike is our champion.
FOOD BASKETS
Thanks to Linda Fernandez who also unselfishly gives of her time to organize, make up, and get a delivery crew for the DMACC student Food Baskets which were delivered to all campuses before Thanksgiving and to our local students.

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Enjoy every meeting with your Pioneer friends.

FEBRUARY MEETING:
This will be our annual Pioneer appreciation luncheon and time to socialize with your Pioneer friends. Our culinary students will be preparing and serving lunch in the Bistro. Thur., Feb. 12 at 11:30 a.m. - BISTRO, Bldg. #7, Ankeny Campus.

The board meeting will be in the Walnut room at 10 a.m.

In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 9, by calling 964-6868 or emailing pioneers@dmacc.edu. No reservations will be accepted after that time.

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

Thank you.

Enjoy every meeting with your Pioneer friends.

Dee from the Rio Grande Valley where it is 65 & Sunny today.

Dee Johnson
Past President & Communication Director - Pioneers

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