FRENCH CHEFS ARRIVE

DMACC French Instructor Maura Nelson (left) and Arts & Sciences Dean Jim Stick hold a banner at the Des Moines airport welcoming the French chefs to Iowa as Dan Hartzer, the bugler for Prairie Meadows, prepares to play the French national anthem.

Maura Nelson, Jim Stick and Dan Hartzer

A contingent of more than two dozen French chefs and their spouses arrived in Des Moines late Monday, Jan. 19, and will be spending nearly two weeks in the state, teaching French cuisine to DMACC Iowa Culinary Arts students and overseeing the preparing and serving of French gourmet dinners on Jan. 27 and 28.

This marks the 30th anniversary of the DMACC’s French Chefs exchange. Each January, chefs from the St. Etienne region of France come to DMACC and then in May, a group of students head to France for a 12-day hands-on learning experience with the French chefs. (Photos compliments of Todd Jones and Cathy Gullion)
DENSON READS TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHILDREN

DMACC President Rob Denson, with assistance from his six-year-old grandson, Truett Dupuis, reads to the children at DMACC Ankeny Campus Child Development Center.

Six-year-old Truett Dupuis plays the guitar as children at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Child Development Center listen attentively. Dupuis is the grandson of DMACC President Rob Denson (not shown) and his wife, Pat, who is holding the music.

Truett Dupuis plays guitar for Campus Child Development Center Children.

JOB OPENINGS

Student Services/Assistant Director of Student Housing/Assistant Volleyball Coach, Boone Campus, Part time position
Application Deadline: Jan. 28, 2015

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

Congratulations to the following employee who has received a DMACC Employee Award:

Mary Entz – Provost, Newton Campus. For challenging each Newton Campus employee to make a donation to the 2015 DMACC Employee Charitable Giving Campaign and in return she’d increase her donation by $1.00 per pay period for every employee that donated. Through Mary’s actions, over $1,200 was contributed by the Newton Campus.

PIioneer Connection

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. It will be held on Thur., Feb. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bistro in Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. The board meeting is in the Walnut room at 10 a.m.

In order to help us accurately plan, please make your reservation by 4p.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.

BOOKS ARE FUN – ANKENY CAMPUS
Books Are Fun, a Reader’s Digest Company, and the DMACC Pioneers are partnering for a fun and educational book sale. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wed., Feb. 25, and Thur., Feb. 26, in the Student Lounge, Bldg. #5 on the Ankeny Campus.

Product categories include children’s story books, cookbooks, general interest books, New York Times best sellers, stationery and scrapbooking, music collections, gifts for all ages, early learning and children’s educational products. Proceeds from this event support the Pioneer’s Scholarship Fund and student assistance programs.

MARCH MEETING
Our March 12 meeting will include an update by Ned Miller, DMACC Facilities Planning, providing an overview of all of the campus updates and building renovations.

PS – if you haven’t checked out the Pioneer History Web site recently, please do. Lots of new updates. Visit us at: https://go.dmacc.edu/pioneers/history/Pages/welcome.aspx

Think Spring!
Dee from the Rio Grande Valley where it is 75 F today.