CELEBRATE INNOVATION AT THE WEST CAMPUS

Networking specialist Danny Beyer kicked off the ciWeek 6 agenda with a presentation on “How a Cup of Coffee Can Change the World.” Beyer said in starting a conversation with someone you’ve never met before, don’t ask, “what do you do?” but rather, “what do you do for fun?” He said research shows two-thirds of people do not like their jobs, but that nearly everyone enjoys talking about what they enjoy. Beyer said networking is crucial to innovation.

LATINO FAMILY NIGHT AT URBAN

Antonio Alaniz holds his son, Jayden, while Jayden’s mother, Rocio Hermosillo, fills out some paperwork at the Latino Family Night, held recently at the DMACC Urban Campus. All three live in Des Moines.

Tom Eakin, founder of BoomLife, an organization that helps people achieve value-driven success, was the keynote speaker for the Tuesday evening session of ciWeek 6. Eakin is the author of Finding Success: Get What You Really Want.
LATINO FAMILY NIGHT AT URBAN (CONT.)

More than 70 people attended the Latino Family Night received information on how to apply at DMACC while learning about scholarships, financial aid, registration and DACA/immigration.

PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY ON THE CARROLL CAMPUS

Ten new members were recently inducted into Beta Theta Xi, the DMACC Carroll Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The inductees include: (front row, left to right) Cara Espinosa of Carroll, Melissa Tran of Audubon, Kaci Reiser of Carroll; (back row, left to right) Nathaniel Stephens of Audubon, Provost Joel Lundstrom, Justin Belstene of Carroll, Lesley James of Wall Lake, Holly Slocum of Holden, MA, Victoria Hahn of Carroll and Instructor Jennifer Schulte. Melissa Chessmore and Pamela Matthews, both of Carroll, were inducted but could not attend the ceremony, which was led by Beta Theta Xi President Ethan Hansen.
PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY ON THE BOONE CAMPUS

DMACC Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Tau Phi Chapter Advisor Stacy Amling lights the candles of students being inducted into the Boone Campus chapter of the PTK International Honor Society. A total of 15 DMACC Boone Campus students attended the recent induction ceremony.

DMACC BOONE CAMPUS PLAY

DMACC Boone Campus students Nick Hicks (left) of Boone and Julie Nagel of Ames rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of Mary Dattilo play, "Francine's Will", to be performed at 7:30 p.m., Fri., March 6 and Sat., March 7 in the Boone Campus Theatre. Tickets cost $5 per person and may be purchased at the door. DMACC students receive free admission. The comedy is directed by DMACC Drama Department Professor Kay Mueller.

DMACC STUDENT WINS COMPETITION

DMACC Auto Collision Repair student Will Harwell of Marshalltown took first place in the Iowa Collision Repair Association (ICRA) Trade Show’s hood refinishing competition recently held at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. Harwell and the other community college competitors were given a blank hood to paint. Harwell said he spent 30 hours air brushing the hood. He received a Satagrath airbrush for winning the competition. Harwell, who has also earned a degree in DMACC’s Automotive Mechanics Technology program, displays the airbrushed hood in front of his car.

DMACC AUTO COLLISION CAREER FAIR
DMACC second-year Auto Collision Repair student Alan Ryan (left) of Ankeny visits with Karl Chevrolet Body Shop Manager Larry Gilliam at the 2015 DMACC Auto Collision Career Fair recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Vendors from nine central Iowa businesses were on hand recruiting for full-and part-time positions.

DMU REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS AT DMACC
Des Moines University (DMU) Admissions Director Gina Smith speaks to DMACC Ankeny Campus students about transferring to DMU during a presentation recently held in the Maple Room. Smith's presentation was coordinated by Biology Professor Qian Moss.

HELEN’S PAJAMA PARTY
Kelly Sargent, founder of Helen’s Pajama Party, speaks to a standing-room-only crowd in the Ankeny Campus Bldg. #2 auditorium. Sargent describes how she used the comforting feeling of wearing pajamas to launch a drive to collect enough pajamas to make sure there’s a new pair waiting for every woman who seeks shelter at any of Iowa’s 13 regional domestic violence shelters. Sargent said between 8,000 and 10,000 pairs of new pajamas have been donated to the shelters. DMACC’s Ankeny Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter held a drive collecting more than 250 pairs of new pajamas to support Helen’s Pajama Party.
HELEN’S PAJAMA PARTY(CONTINUED)

Tiffany Allison, a victim of a domestic assault, speaks about surviving the felony assault, false imprisonment and four hours of being beaten by her boyfriend in 2009. Allison received numerous bite marks on her body, was beaten to unconsciousness with hands, knees, feet, and a wrought-iron cross, and urinated on. Allison was her abuser’s fifth victim. The abuser received a two-and-a-half year sentence and served just 10 months before being released. Within two years of her abuser’s release, he again violently re-offended, this time permanently disfiguring his victim’s face. The abuser was sentenced to 15 years for this offense, but will most likely be released after serving only a year-and-a-half to three years. Allison is now a proponent of tougher legislation on violent crimes working with Iowa lawmakers encouraging passage of an Iowa Violent Habitual Offender Bill.

DMACC’s Psychology Department sponsored the “Psych Talk” seminar with Sargent and Allison.

CHAPMAN RECEIVES 2015 ALPHA AWARD OF MERIT

DMACC Emeritus Vice President Dr. Mary Chapman was presented the 2015 Alpha Award of Merit at the Black and Gold Scholarship Ball. The Zeta Kappa Lambda (ZKL) Educational Foundation hosted the award ceremony at the Sheraton West Des Moines on February 28. Dr. Chapman recently retired form DMACC after serving as Vice President of Community and Workforce Partnership, and, prior to that, Provost of the DMACC Urban Campus.

DMACC HOLE AT SKYWALK GOLF EVENT

Marc Maresca of Grimes putts at the DMACC hole at the annual Skywalk Golf event as Shawn Scrutchfield of Altoona waits his turn. Most golfers successfully made it under the Civil Engineering Technology transit, although many struggled with the College Mathematics hazard.
DMACC INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENTS HELP JUDGE SCIENCE FAIR

Newton Campus Biology Instructor Matt Abbott and DMACC students Everett Wagner and Jacob Omann-Huberty were judges at the recent Colfax-Mingo Middle School Science Fair. Seventh-grader Brady Berkey (center) was one of the 87 seventh- and eighth-graders who presented their projects Feb. 19 in both physical and biological categories. Colfax-Mingo Middle School Science Instructor Tim McCloud (second from right) was also kept busy on that day.

SOPHOMORES PLAY LAST HOME GAME FOR BEARS

Five sophomore men were recognized before their last home basketball game at the Boone Campus gym on Feb. 26. Those recognized included: (left to right) Trey Sampson, Jamar Hurdle, Jon Fuqua, Elliott DeFreitas and Aarius Austin.

Four sophomore women basketball players were also honored in their last regular season home game prior to the tipoff against Kirkwood Community College. The players recognized included: Chelsea Anderson (left to right), Latasha Harmon, Tia Thompson and Katie Clarke.
DMACC WOMEN LOSE TO KIRKWOOD

Kiana Peterson (left) of Madrid scored a team-leading 20 points against Kirkwood Community College in a losing effort. Kirkwood defeated the DMACC Bears 85 to 67.

DMACC MEN DEFEAT KIRKWOOD

Paris Collins of San Antonio, TX drives for two of his team-leading 13 points as the DMACC Bears defeated Kirkwood Community College 66-60. With the win, the 24-4 Bears clinched their second consecutive Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) championship.

Sophomore Elliott DeFreitas of Essex, England drives through the Kirkwood defense for a layup in the first half of the DMACC men’s game.
BRIDGES 2 HARMONY GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMS AT URBAN

Des Moines Roosevelt High School’s Bridges 2 Harmony Gospel Choir performs at the DMACC Urban Campus as part of a Black History month event. The Urban Campus African American Student Alliance sponsored the event.

JOB OPENINGS
Financial Aid Director, Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline: April 5, 2015

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

PIONEERS CONNECTION
MARCH MEETING
The March 12 Pioneers meeting will be held in the Oak Room of Bldg. #7 at 11:30 a.m. on the Ankeny Campus. Ned Miller, DMACC Facilities Planning, will provide an overview of all campus updates and building renovations. The Board meeting in the Walnut room begins at 10 a.m.

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

APRIL MEETING
The April 9 meeting will be in the Oak Room of Bldg. #7 at 11:30 a.m. on the Ankeny Campus. It will be the last meeting in this location due to the renovations being done to Bldg. #7. Ruth Wagner will be giving a presentation on Alzheimer’s and Dave Palmer will speak on current legislative affairs affecting Community Colleges.

P.S. – If you haven’t checked out the Pioneer History Web site recently, please do! There are lots of new updates. Visit us at: https://go.dmacc.edu/pioneers/history/Pages/welcome.aspx

Soon to be back in Iowa!
Dee from the Rio Grande Valley where it is a one chilling 70 degrees today!

Dee Johnson - Pioneer Communications Director