DMACC SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

Titan Immel of Adair receives a $10,000 check from DMACC Entrepreneurship Chair Vada Grantham, DMACC Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly, and DMACC President Rob Denson. Immel, owner of Aerofarming, LLC, received the check from an anonymous donor for winning the second annual DMACC Foundation $10,000 Entrepreneurship Competition. Aerofarming, LLC is an agricultural field health prescription farming service that uses drones to provide farmers with the most accurate data available today.

DMACC 2015 Small Business Award winners include Titan Immel of Aerofarming, LLC of Adair, DMACC Foundation $10,000 Entrepreneurship Competition winner; Patrick Murphy of Murphy Tower Service, LLC, Top Growth Company; Reggie Collette of Thombert, Inc., Small Business of the Year; event organizer and DMACC Entrepreneurship Program Chair Vada Grantham; Pete Ranallo, gourmet chef and owner of Ranallo’s on Third, Dennis Albaugh Award; Jeremiah Terhawk of WebSpec Design, Young Entrepreneur of the Year; and Scott Yegge of 1Comm Medical, Inc., Most Innovative Company.
A group of 14 Central Iowa women have begun a 30-week accelerated program at DMACC West Campus to address a critical shortage of Information Technology (IT) application developers. The Diversity in Application Development (DIAD) program consists of one half-day per week and is designed to close the diversity gap in the IT talent of Central Iowa by training women to become JAVA application programmers. Taught by Kelli Kleindorfer, the class included (left to right) Mary Larsen, Sandy Bergman, Erin Harris, Sophy Yang, Heather Bowling, Katie Sullivan, Ashley Risius, Elizabeth Lundgren, Kerty Levy, Shelly Fry, Amy Harbert, Kristin Clark, Paula Bintner and Millissa Parmentier.
DMACC Newton Campus celebrates 50th anniversary

Newton Senior High School senior Alexa Yoakum of Kellogg receives congratulations and a plaque from DMACC President Rob Denson for receiving a one-year, full-tuition scholarship to attend class on the DMACC Newton Campus starting in the fall of 2016. The presentation was made during halftime of Friday's Newton Senior High School vs. Grinnell High School football game. Fellow Newton High School senior Austin Stoullil of Newton received a similar scholarship.

The DMACC Bear receives a hug from a youngster on DMACC Night at the Newton/Grinnell high school football game. DMACC handed out free cookies as part of the College's 50th anniversary celebration.
DMACC Newton Campus celebrates 50th anniversary (cont.)

DMACC President Rob Denson visits with some kids at the DMACC night celebration at the Newton Senior High School football game. Scores of DMACC Newton Campus full and part-time employees attended the event, handing out free cookies, t-shirts, footballs, notepads, flashlights and other items.

After some minor adjustments, DMACC Newton Campus Building and Grounds Supervisor Jeff Gerst launches a T-shirt into the crowd at the high school football game. The first couple of T-shirts were sent clear out of the stadium.

DMACC Newton Campus Academic Advisor Jody Stiles stands in the pocket to deliver another perfect spiral to a waiting fan at the Newton/Grinnell high school football game. DMACC Newton Campus staff members handed out hundreds of footballs, all inflated at the appropriate level.
ANKENY CAMPUS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Kimberly Stratton of Des Moines enjoys a free cookie at Ankeny Campus Academic Achievement Center Open House. Stratton is a first-year Nursing student.

DMACC first-year Engineering student Sam Munsell of Des Moines receives some assistance from Math Instructor Marshall Stuart in the Ankeny Campus Academic Achievement Center.

NEXT-GEN TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AT DMACC

Jarod Lee (third from left) of Preston, IA receives a scholarship from (left to right) DMACC President Rob Denson, Preston Telephone Company General Manager Roger Kilburg, DMACC Pathway Navigator Teresa Tripp, Iowa Communications Alliance CEO Dave Duncan, and DMACC Network Technology Telecommunications Professor Jay Nickelson. Lee is the first to receive the Next-Gen Technology Scholarship from the Iowa Communications Alliance. The scholarship covers three-fourths of the tuition for technical training at the DMACC West Campus and offers part-time work at an Alliance-sponsored company to “earn while you learn.”

CONSTITUTION DAY, URBAN CAMPUS

Former Des Moines School Board member and current Polk County Hospital Board trustee Som Baccam speaks about fleeing Laos at the age of 11 to come to Des Moines, thanks to the welcoming of former Governor Robert Ray. Baccam, who is a registered nurse at Nationwide Insurance, delivered a Constitution Day address at the DMACC Urban Campus. Baccam said the Tai Dam community in Iowa just celebrated the 40th anniversary of their arrival in Iowa. She encouraged all DMACC students, faculty and staff to get involved in politics and to vote.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

Jaiden Wallander, Jenifer Grissom of Indianola, Adam Dress of Tucson, Arizona and Linda Cammarano of Tucson, Arizona, attend the Out of the Darkness Walk on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The Out of the Darkness walk is an event held to increase awareness and raise research funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to support survivors of suicide loss, created educational programs, and advocate for public policy.

Des Moines resident Tiffany Fahy and DMACC nursing student Sarah Skoglund participate in the Out of the Darkness Walk hosted on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Event attendees walked in memory of loved ones lost to suicide and to support those who struggle with mental health issues.
SIMPSON COLLEGE ANNOUNCES HEALTH SERVICES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

DMACC President Rob Denson announces that Simpson College will be offering a new four-year baccalaureate program called Health Leadership Services. Denson said the new program will allow students at DMACC’s Ankeny Campus to pursue a four-year degree without leaving Ankeny.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS EVERYWHERE

Comedian Ricky Smith of Los Angeles reads to DMACC’s Early Childhood Education kids as part of Random Acts of Kindness Everywhere (#RAKE) week held September 13-18 throughout the state of Iowa. Smith read the book Bark George by Jules Feiffer.

Smith also got the youngsters to participate in other activities, such as handing out treats, dancing, and “meditating.”
PIONEER CONNECTION

OCTOBER MEETING – Thur., Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for a Fall Fun meeting at the Berry Farm of Pioneer members Dean & Judy Henry at 62785 280th Street in Nevada. Judy will prepare a lunch for us. Dean and Judy Henry realized a dream by establishing the Berry Patch Farm in the early 1970s. Today, you’ll see Judy at the markets, Dean on the tractors, and their son, Mike, at the stand and picking the freshest harvest. They have Earligold, Honeycrisp, Mollies Delicious, Cortland, Lura Red, and more.

For information, contact (515) 382-5138 or 877-382-5138 or info@BerryPatchFarm.com.

NOTE: The board will meet in room 108 in the FFA Enrichment Center at 9:30 a.m. Call 964-6868 to reserve by 4 p.m. Mon., Oct. 5. If you need to cancel after that time, please leave a message. Pamela’s Pantry can always use your non-perishable food items.

IMPORTANT: We will no longer be mailing out the flier announcements for the upcoming meetings so those of you who don’t have internet access, you will need to call in to the Pioneers at 964-6868 for information on upcoming meetings. Most meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month unless otherwise announced in advance.

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