Republican presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson spoke at the DMACC Ankeny Campus on Friday, October 2. A press conference was held in the Health Sciences building and a healthcare town hall meeting took place in the Albaugh Plaza outside of bldg. #24. Dr. Carson spoke on healthcare in America and took questions from the audience.

DMACC President Rob Denson introduces Carson on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. An estimated 500 people attended the event on a beautiful fall day.

Republican presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson and supporters speak about healthcare in America at a press conference held in DMACC’s Health Sciences building.

Dr. Ben Carson mingles with the crowd following the healthcare town hall meeting.
LGBT RIGHTS ADVOCATE SPEAKS AT DMACC

Author, speaker, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights advocate Zach Wahls spoke recently on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Wahls, the son of a same-sex couple from Iowa, has written a nationally best-selling book called My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength and What Makes a Family.

Wahls said his three-minute presentation at the Iowa Capitol concerning the proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage in Iowa went viral. After his speech was heard worldwide, he was invited as a guest on the Late Show with David Letterman, the Daily Show with Jon Stewart, The Ellen Show and others.

Wahls also spoke at the DMACC Urban Campus. Wahls’ presentations were sponsored by the DMACC Diversity Commission.

DR. ROUSE RECEIVES HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN PTK

DMACC Board member Dr. Wayne Rouse (left) receives a Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society stole from Boone Campus PTK officer Gabrielle Woods for being named an honorary member in the Boone Campus PTK Tau Phi Chapter. Dr. Rouse delivered the PTK address to nearly 50 Boone Campus students who were being inducted, but was not aware that he too was receiving an honorary membership. The organization selected Dr. Rouse as an honorary member because of his many years of dedicated service to DMACC through both the Boone Campus Foundation as well as the Board of Trustees.
DMACC BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

DMACC Board member Joe Pugel (left) of Newton takes the oath of office as President of the nine-member board of directors, while Kevin Halterman of Indianola takes the oath of office as Vice President.

(Standing, left to right) DMACC board members Denny Presnall, Dr. Wayne Rouse, and Cheryl Langston recite their oath of office after being re-elected to positions on the DMACC Board. Madelyn Tursi was also re-elected.
SOFTBALL SCRAMMAGE

DMACC Boone Campus Biology Professor Mary Beth Hanlin wields the clipboard as coach for the DMACC faculty and staff team who competed in a friendly scrimmage with the members of the Boone Campus softball team.

Brittany Martin pitches for the faculty/staff team as Steve Krafcisin plays first base against the DMACC Bears softball team. To make things more interesting, all of the Bears right-handed players had to bat left-handed, and vice versa.

DMACC Civil Engineering Technology Professor Renee White looked like Hall of Fame third baseman Brooks Robinson at the hot corner.

Boone Campus Associate Provost Brian Green was the third base coach for the faculty/staff team.
SOFTBALL SCRIMMAGE (CONT.)

Following the game, the faculty, staff and students posed for a group shot in front of the new scoreboard. The students ended up winning 12 to 11, despite efforts by “disgruntled” faculty/staff members who attempted to modify the score.

BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A WALK

As part of the Healthiest State Walk initiative, walks were held on all DMACC campuses on October 7. On the Ankeny Campus, nearly 300 faculty, staff and students walked around the lake on a beautiful sun-kissed autumn day.
LATINO NIGHT AT THE URBAN CAMPUS

Valley High School student Jesus Garcia (left) receives congratulations from DMACC Provost Dr. Laura Douglas for having his name drawn for a $500 scholarship. The drawing was held at the Urban Campus Latino Night. Topics discussed included scholarships, financial aid, registration and DACA/immigration.

TRUCK RODEO

A participant in the annual DMACC Truck Rodeo drives the 18-wheeler through the course at DMACC’s Transportation Institute. Current and former DMACC students competed in the truck-driving skills rodeo.

MID-TERM MATINEE CHORAL CONCERT

Aaron Powell directs the DMACC Ankeny Campus Concert Choir in one of their numbers at the recent Mid-Term Matinee Choral Concert. The DMACC Concert Choir, Chamber Ensemble and Combined Choirs performed in the Bldg. #6 Auditorium.
COURT REPORTER SPEAKS AT NEWTON CAMPUS

Court reporter Toni Christy, formerly of Adel and now a California resident, returned to Iowa to speak to court reporting students at the DMACC Newton Campus. Christy received national exposure at the NCAA men's basketball tournament last March when Wisconsin Badgers player Nigel Hayes brought national attention to a "stenographer" who was providing captions at that press conference. There were several news clips and YouTube videos showing the basketball star saying words like "catawampus" and "antidisestablishmentarianism," trying to stump the captioner.

Christy is a captioner/Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) provider for deaf and hearing impaired persons.

JOB OPENINGS

**Custodian**, Carroll Campus, day hours

**Computer Science Instructor**, Ankeny Campus, 12 month per year position
Application Deadline: Oct. 25, 2015

**Computer Science Instructor**, Urban Campus, 12 month per year position
Application Deadline: Oct. 25, 2015

**Financial Aid Specialist**, Urban Campus
Application Deadline: Oct. 25, 2015

If interested in the above positions, please visit the DMACC website at [http://jobs.dmacc.edu](http://jobs.dmacc.edu).

CERTIFICATE AWARDS TO DMACC FACULTY

A Teacher Work Sample Certificate Awards Ceremony took place on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Des Moines home of DMACC Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas. In the spring of 2015, a group of 15 DMACC faculty completed their Teacher Work Sample Training led by Dr. Anna Conway. Every year a group of DMACC full-time and part-time faculty complete their Teacher Work Sample training. This professional development is offered through a partnership with the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). On Sept. 25 at the Des Moines home of DMACC Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas. Teacher Work Sample training is offered annually through a partnership with UNI, and each year a group of full- and part-time DMACC faculty go through the program. This year’s certificates were awarded by DMACC President Rob Denson to Robert Askelson, Betty Baker, Carla Barten, Brian Becicka, Kate Burrell Rice, Harold Goldston, Mitchell Lindquist, Laurie Linhart and Whitney Riggs.
PIONEER CONNECTION

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

It was a lovely Fall day with sunny skies and gentle breezes. Trees were turning color and the fields were being harvested. Our group arrived at the Berry Patch Farm right on time and were greeted by Judy and Dean Henry. Judy had fixed us lunch and we thoroughly enjoyed the home-made bread sandwiches and apple pie with home-made ice cream. Dean filled us in on the history of the farm and, after lunch, continued with a grand hay rack tour of the farm. This was truly a wonderful meeting and the apples (now in season) are being enjoyed by many of our Pioneer families. Thanks again to Dean & Judy for hosting this meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING – Thursday, November 12, 11:30 a.m. in the FFA Enrichment Center, Room 108/109

Calling all DMACC Pioneer veterans! Please join us for lunch and a special recognition ceremony on Thursday, November 12. Don Enright, DMACC Veteran Affairs and current DMACC student veterans will be with us to share this event.

There will be a Board Meeting at 10 a.m.

November 9. If you need to cancel after that time, please call 964-6868 to reserve by 4 p.m., Monday, November 9 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 be mailing the monthly meeting fliers to those members who do not have e-mail. Thanks to Linda Fernandez, Membership Chair, for taking on the responsibility to go over the entire Pioneer list, and for updating the mailing list.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

We will be accepting nominations for our needy student families from all campuses to be delivered prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The nomination forms will be online. Due to the number of nominations received, we have decided to limit the number of baskets to 30 for this year. If you would like to assist with this important project in any way, please contact Breck Danner at 965-7331, 291-4394, or bbdanner@dmacc.edu.

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