CONGRESSMAN YOUNG VISITS DMACC YOUTHBUILD SITE

Iowa Congressman David Young visits with visits with DMACC President Rob Denson and DMACC Youthbuild Coordinator Cliff Kessler at a jobsite in Des Moines. Sixteen DMACC Youthbuild students are building a house in the 2700 block of Logan Avenue. The DMACC Youthbuild program is funded by an $805,435 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Iowa Congressman David Young chats with DMACC Youthbuild student LeAndre Glover of Des Moines. The Youthbuild students were adding siding to the house on the afternoon Congressman Young showed up.
Iowa Congressman David Young visits with DMACC Youthbuild Coordinator Cliff Kessler and DMACC Youthbuild student Eh Tha Mu of Des Moines.

The DMACC YouthBuild program provides young adults ages 18 to 24 with the opportunity to work toward economic self-sufficiency and an advanced education. The seven-month, full-time program gives students a chance to earn their high school equivalency, obtain nationally recognized construction and carpentry certifications, and earn college credit. Participants also build homes, partnering with Habitat for Humanity and other community improvement organizations to provide more low-income housing for area families.

FUNDRAISER FOR DMACC’S WASTEWATER PROGRAM

Members of the Shrimp and Bingo fundraising committee recently presented a check for $23,350 to the Des Moines Area Community College (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) Pam Akers, DMACC Business Resources; Craig Hennager, DMACC Water Environmental Training Coordinator; Scott Wienands, Nutri-Ject Systems, Inc.; Rob Denson, DMACC President; Scott Ocken, DMACC Dean of Industry & Technology; Bob Watson, Watson Brothers; Steve Moehlmann, DMACC Water Environmental Technology Program Chair; Keith Hobson, Fox Engineering; Kim Didier, DMACC Business Resources Executive Director; and Dennis Hayworth, DMACC Business Resources.
DMACC Boone Campus students William Jasper and Sarah Giese, both of Boone, rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of “Til Death Do Us Part,” a play written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten and directed by DMACC Drama Department Professor Kay Mueller. The play will be performed at the Boone Campus Theater at 7:30 p.m. on April 1 and 2. Admission is $5 at the door. DMACC students will be admitted at no cost. The comedy is directed by DMACC Drama Department Professor Kay Mueller.

DMACC Boone Campus students William Jasper, Dana Kokjohn, and Sarah Giese, all of Boone, rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of "Til Death Do Us Part" by Jessie Jones.
MID-TERM MATINEE

The DMACC Concert Choir, under the direction of Aaron Powell, sings at the Mid-Term Matinee on Friday, March 11.

Following the concert choir, the Chamber Ensemble performed a brief concert in the Bldg. #6 Auditorium on the Ankeny Campus.
DMACC STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-IOWA ACADEMIC TEAM

The 13 DMACC students named to the 2016 All-Iowa Academic Team were honored at a recent recognition banquet held in Des Moines. DMACC President Rob Denson (right), congratulated the team, which includes (front, left to right) Trung Nguyen of Des Moines, Alexis Slade of Waukee, Hannah Weisshaar of Ames, Amela Hrkic of Urbandale and Joshua Meyers of Fort Madison, (back row, left to right) Glenna Whiteman of Des Moines, Gabrielle Woods of Boone, Mohamad Diallo of Ames, Cassidy Brown of Ellsworth, Katherine Bergin of Ames, and Hunter White of Des Moines. Not pictured are team members Rick Johnson of Des Moines and Dylan Nikkel of Pella, who also received recognition as a 2016 New Century Student, which means he had the highest score of all the Iowa applicants and received a $2,000 stipend.

A total of 57 students from all 15 of Iowa’s Community Colleges were named to the team.
Five DMACC Boone Campus students have been selected as National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) scholars. Those selected include: Scott Dillavou of Ames, Alexis Slade of Waukee, Dillon Hauser of Ankeny, Will Nicholson of Perry, and Bob Schmidt of Perry. Dillavou, Slade, Hauser and Nicholson have been invited to attend the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) Onsite Workshop at Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA May 22-25. Schmidt has been invited to attend the NASA NCAS Onsite Workshop at Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, Mississippi, April 11-14.

Alexis Slade, a DMACC Ames Hunziker Center student from Waukee, has been named to the 2016 All-Iowa Academic Team. In addition, Slade received a Guistwhite Scholarship in the amount of $5,000. The Guistwhite Scholarship honors Phi Theta Kappa International Honorary Member Dr. Jack Guistwhite and his wife Margaret. Dr. Guistwhite developed the first transfer scholarship exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members.

As a Guistwhite Scholarship recipient, Slade will be recognized during the Parade of Scholars event at the Phi Theta Kappa Annual Convention in National Harbor, Maryland, April 7-9.
$15,000 CHECK PRESENTED TO DMACC

Brent Freeborn, who is in charge of Outside Sales, Tooling & Accessories with Productivity Inc., presents DMACC with a $15,000 check from the Gene Haas Foundation to be used for scholarships for students enrolled in the Machining program. Taking part in the check signing ceremony are DMACC Tool and Die students Simeon Olsgaard of Indianola, Jeff Routson of Hartford, DMACC IHUM (Information Technology, Healthcare, Utilities, and Manufacturing) Project Coordinator Megan Patton, Tool and Die Professor Mark Rosenberry, and DMACC Industry and Technology Associate Dean Jennifer Foster.

The scholarships will be known as the Gene Haas Scholarships, named after the foundation that has long offered scholarships to high schools, community colleges and special educational programs that help build skills within the machining industry.

JOB OPENINGS

Building and Grounds Supervisor
Boone Campus
Review Date: March 27, 2016
If interested in the above position, please visit the DMACC website at  http://jobs.dmacc.edu
DMACC student Dartavius Johnson of Des Moines practices his heavy equipment operating skills in the Mobile Simulation Lab, which stopped by the DMACC Ankeny Campus as part of a week-long DMACC Workforce Training Academy (WTA) Basic Equipment Operator certificate program held in conjunction with DMACC, Hawkeye Community College, Northeast Iowa Community College and Northwest Iowa Community College.

Community College Instructor Bill Smith (standing) watches Ryan Dunbar of Champaign, Illinois use a backhoe simulator to dig a foundation.
Ron Hutchins of Des Moines prepares to unload a scoop of dirt into a truck in his heavy equipment simulation. The simulation records the percentage of a full load initially scooped up, the amount spilled en route to the truck, and even the damage caused to the truck and backhoe if the operator was a little too reckless in maneuvering the equipment.

**DR. GOLDESTON RECEIVES STEM AWARD**

DMACC Urban Campus Instructor Dr. Harold Goldston received the Excellence in Motivating Students in STEM Award from the Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska STEM Partnership for Innovation in Research Education and the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. He is pictured with DMACC Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas.
DMACC West Campus Speech Professor Yvonne Fielder poses with Howard Berger and the Oscar that Berger won for Best Makeup for “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.” Berger, an Oscar and Emmy Award-winning visual effects and makeup artist for such as Breaking Bad, was a keynote speaker at Celebrate! Innovation (ci) Week 7 held on the DMACC West Campus. Berger was one of numerous speakers who headlined the annual event at the West Campus.

DMACC West Campus Business Administration student Jorge Vargas of Waukee hams it up with Dr. Reed Timmer, tornado chaser and star of Discovery Channel’s hit series, Storm Chasers, at the DMACC West Campus Celebrate! Innovation week. Timmer showed video clips of himself chasing tornadoes in a Dominator, a modified F-350 pickup weighing 10,500 pounds and equipped with four layers of laminated kevlar. His video clips showed suction vortices, softball-sized hail shattering vehicle windows, lake effect snowstorms dropping five inches of snowfall per hour with an accumulation of eight feet, and breathtaking video of being in a tornado.
Sammy Bowman of Des Moines took the opportunity to show Thomas Dolby a piece of her artwork based on one of his album covers during the Celebrate! Innovation event on the West campus. Dolby, a digital innovator and recording artist known for such songs as “She Blinded Me with Science” and “Hyperactive,” graciously autographed the artwork and performed at the ciWeek 7 event.

Kari Byron, co-host of the Discovery Channel’s hit series, Mythbusters, is interviewed by DMACC West Campus Provost Tony Paustian during a keynote address at Celebrate! Innovation (ci) week. Byron, who is also a sculptor, said she would like the word STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to become STEAM with “art” added to the mix.
Emily Calandrelli an aeronautics engineer and host of Fox TV’s Xploration Outer Space, speaks with DMACC West Campus student Abdul Delati of West Des Moines following her keynote address on Wednesday night of Celebrate! Innovation Week at the West Campus.

Calandrelli said fear can be a great excuse to be a boring person. She encourages people to ask tough questions and to pursue your questions by traveling. As for traveling, she said she would like to see people sent to deep space and also back to the moon.

DMACC West Campus students Jessica Torres of Des Moines and Sarah Greene of Yale pose with “The Iowa Nice Guy” Scott Siepker following his keynote address at the Celebrate! Innovation Week at the DMACC West Campus. Torres and Greene are both nursing students.
STEM SEMINAR ON ANKENY CAMPUS

Jolene Rude, a core math teacher at Timber Ridge Elementary School in Johnston, and Jyll Johnson-Miner, a K-12 science/math coordinator in Johnston, speak at a DMACC Teacher Education STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Seminar on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

PIOOVERS CONNECTION

Welcome Spring!

The Winter was really nice. Especially in the Rio Grande Valley. We are home now and expecting some snow here in Central Iowa. Welcome Back!

Upcoming Pioneer events include:

We Used to be in Pictures - April 14
THURSDAY April 14
11:30 a.m.
FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER 108 & 109
Program host Sandi Wurster has collected an extensive number of photos from her early days at DMACC. Please bring photos to share. Note: Directors meet at 10 a.m.

In order for us to more accurately plan call 964-6868 to reserve by 4 p.m., Monday, April 11 or e-mail pioneers@dmacc.edu. Please bring non-perishable snack items for our DMACC Pamela’s Food Pantry.

Dress for the Past—the Social DMACC
Pioneers will be encouraged to wear or bring clothes that were popular in the ‘60s or ‘70s to the meeting. The program will be participatory and focus on the former employee dress code (primarily for female staff), outside social events in which staff participated (meeting at Bear’s on Friday night after work, etc.), things their department did for fun and socializing, and any other discussion related to the “fun” part of working at the college. Dee Johnson (Yours truly) will chair this committee. The program will be held on May 12, 2016.
Please join us for DMACC’s 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 30.

DMACC Pioneers and their guests are welcome to attend the gala. The cost is $50 per person. Event information is below and an invitation is attached.

DMACC 50th Anniversary Gala
The Meadows Events & Conference Center
Prairie Meadows
1 Prairie Meadows Drive
Altoona, Iowa

Saturday, April 30, 2016
5:30 p.m.         Reception
6:30 p.m.         Dinner
8:00 p.m.         Program and Entertainment by the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra
9:00 p.m.         Desserts and Dancing

Attire: Black Tie Optional

Please RSVP to Lisa Cappaert at lmcappaert@dmacc.edu or 515-964-6229 by Monday, April 18. The event is limited to the first 500 guests.

We are especially looking forward to being a part of this 50th-Celebration and hope that many of our Pioneers will be able to attend.

Respectfully, Dee Johnson
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