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LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT



DMACC President Rob Denson with his lunch partners from a recent "Lunch with the President"

A group of DMACC students recently took part in a "Lunch with the President" event dining with DMACC President Rob Denson in the Eldon Leonard Board Room on the Ankeny Campus. Those who participated included (left to right) Taylor Young of Ankeny (Paramedic), President Denson, Colton Campbell of Pleasant Hill (Paramedic), Misty Green of New Virginia (Biotechnology), Skip Fraser of Altoona (Auto Collision Repair), Heidi Rutherford of Newton (Biotechnology), Chris Peterson of Nevada, (Biotechnology and Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council President), Michele Cabal of Des Moines (Biotechnology), Breanna Owen of West Des Moines (Fashion Design), Allyvia Fogarty of Davenport (Liberal Arts), Kevin White of Des Moines (Information Technology Network Administration), Kayla Bolton of Clive (Biotechnology), Kate Bergin of Ames (Liberal Arts and Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa Vice President) and Abbi Holmes of Knoxville (Liberal Arts).

April 9

Boone Campus Open House with softball and baseball games and tours of new Civil Engineering Technology labs, 1 to 3 p.m., Boone Campus

April 11

DMACC Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., West Campus

April 12

Lemonade and Bake Sale, outside of Bldg. #9, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Ankeny Campus

April 14

WTA Career Fair, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Southridge Center

April 15

Safe Space Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny Campus

April 15

Fashion Show, 5 to 9 p.m., West End Salvage, 22 9th St., Des Moines

April 20

Multicultural Festival, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Urban Campus, Bldg. #1



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FIELD TRIP TO THE IOWA SUPREME COURT



DMACC Business Law students met with Justice David Wiggins after attending oral arguments in a recent civil case.

Several DMACC Business Law students recently visited the Iowa Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in the civil case of *Estate of Paul Gray vs. Dr. Baldi.* Those attending the case included (kneeling, left to right) Madison Stewart and Chardon Shabazz; (standing, left to right) Jessica Smith, James Stoecker, Justice David Wiggins, Sierra Rold, Bryanna Bill, Dennis Kurtovic and Devin Kono.

This case has received a lot of publicity primarily because Slipknot bassist Paul Gray passed away from a drug overdose and his physician was charged with involuntary manslaughter. The state alleged he mismanaged the pain medications of seven patients. Dr. Baldi was acquitted of all seven criminal counts.

This is a civil case brought by the surviving wife and child. A primary issue was whether an unborn child at the time of the father's death has a cause of action against the doctor and whether the claim was filed on time. Gray's widow Breana was three months pregnant at the time of her husband's death.

This photo was taken during a reception after the oral arguments where the public could meet the lowa Supreme Court justices. The students accompanied Boone Campus Professor Julie Roosa and Ankeny Campus Professor Susan Mitchell.

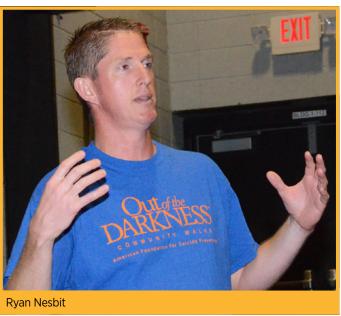


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SUICIDE PREVENTION AT THE BOONE CAMPUS



Ryan Nesbit, co-chair of the Iowa Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, speaks at the DMACC Boone Campus. Nesbit was 15 years old when he found the body of a friend and classmate who had committed suicide. He said he went "out of control" after the incident, but with the help of supports groups, faith, family, and friends, he is now coping with his own suicidal thoughts. Nesbit said 43,000 people die of

suicide in the United States each year--or one person every 13 minutes. For every suicide, 25 others are attempted. He said the goal of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is to reduce the number of suicides in the U.S. by 20 percent by the year 2025



The DMACC Boone Campus hosted the event and a suicide prevention walk after a DMACC student committed suicide about a month ago.



MARKETING, MANAGEMENT & FASHION PROGRAM INDUSTRY & CAREER DAY



Lorena Sanelias Martinez and Sonia Amaya

Des Moines East High School students Lorena Sanelias Martinez and Sonia Amaya look at some of the DMACC Fashion Design student projects during a DMACC Marketing, Management and Fashion Design Program Industry and Career Day recently held in the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. More than 150 lowa high school students attended the event.

CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS



Matt Bell, author of the novels, *Scrapper and In the House Upon the Dirt Between the Lake* and *the Wood*, and Robin Black, author of the short story collection, *If I Loved You, I Would Tell You* and the book, *CRASH COURSE: 52 Essays From Where Writing and Life Collide*, answer questions at the 14th annual Celebration of Literary Arts event on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.



CELEBRATION OF LITERARY ARTS (CONT.)



J. Harley McIlrath (left), author of *Possum Trot*, and former DMACC Professor Tim Bascom, author of Running to the Fire, a memoir about going to revolutionary Ethiopia with his missionary parents, read from their works at the Celebration of Literary Arts event held on the DMACC Newton Campus.



Iowa State University English Professor and author of five books of poetry, Jennifer L. Knox (left) and ISU English Professor and author of the full-length poetry collection, Inappropriate Sleepover and The Crimes of Clara Turlington, Meg Johnson, read from their works on the DMACC Carroll Campus.



WEST CAMPUS CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY



DMACC West Campus Telecommunications Technology Professor Galen Briggs, who was one of the original full-time faculty members on the DMACC West Campus, speaks at the West Campus 15th anniversary celebration held Friday, April 1. The celebration was held in conjunction with DMACC's 50th anniversary.



Former West Campus students, staff and faculty took part in the celebration, which featured an ice carving with the College's 50th-anniversary logo.



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PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY AT THE URBAN CAMPUS



Beta Delta Psi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society.

Twelve DMACC Urban Campus students were recently inducted into the Beta Delta Psi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. The new inductees include: (left to right) Taha Gesalla of Des Moines, Erin McBroom of Des Moines, Michelle Ward of Des Moines, Renisha Catron of Des Moines, Katlyn England of Des Moines, Kay Curtis of Des Moines, Ellen Van Dam of Beaverdale, Valerie Shepherd of Des Moines, David Vasquez of Urbandale, Trung Nguyen of Des Moines, Abbyson Ndimbe of Des Moines and Errin Sharp of Des Moines. PTK has recognized academic excellence in two-year colleges since 1918. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a two-year college, have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program, and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

"D" AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following people for receiving a 'D' Award:

Craig Brown, Allen Slomberg and the entire Tech Support Team – Ankeny Campus. PhayVanh Vonxay and Dave Morgan – Custodial staff – Ankeny Campus

There was an incident in the Ankeny Testing Center which required the removal and disposal of a computer, along with janitorial duties to make sure the area was cleaned up well.

Craig, Allen, and the rest of the tech support team showed up with smiles on their faces and ready to help. PhayVanh and Dave worked very hard to make sure everything was cleaned up afterwards.

All efforts are very much appreciated and show extraordinary service to the College.

Nominations can be submitted at any time for employees who make exceptional contributions to DMACC. To receive a nomination form, click on http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/documents/daward.pdf.

Additional nomination forms are available in each department office or may be requested from Kim Cady, 964-6301, kscady@dmacc.edu.



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JOB OPENINGS

Financial Aid Specialist, Ankeny Campus

Review Date: April 8, 2016

Shipping and Receiving Specialist I, Ankeny Campus

Review Date: April 8, 2016

Chemistry Instructor, Ankeny Campus, (9 months per year position)

Review Date: April 17, 2016

Engineering/Math Instructor, Ankeny Campus, (9 months per year position)

Review Date: April 17, 2016

Physics Instructor, Ankeny Campus, (9 months per year position)

Review Date: April 17, 2016

Provost, Boone Campus Review Date: April 24, 2016

If interested in the above positions, please visit the DMACC website

at http://jobs.dmacc.edu

PIONEERS CONNECTION

DON'T MISS THESE NEXT 2 MEETINGS

APRIL MEETING

We Used to be in Pictures - April 14 Thursday, April 14 11:30 a.m.

FFA Enrichment Center, Rooms 108 & 109

Sandi Wurster (host of this program) has collected an extensive number of photos from her early days at DMACC. Thanks also to Gordon Rowe and Ruth Wagner for sharing their collections. We are going to present a memory-stimulating show that will take you back in time to those early days at DMACC and in the Pioneers. There will be a special tribute to those who have passed. Please bring photos .to share and, of course, your memories.

Note: Directors meet at 10 a.m.

In order for us to more accurately plan, please reserve your spot by calling 964-6868 by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 11, or by emailing pioneers@dmacc.edu. Please... bring non-perishable snack items for our DMACC Pamela's Food Pantry.



PIONEERS CONNECTION (CONT.)

MAY MEETING:

Dress for the Past—the Social DMACC

Pioneers will be encouraged to wear or bring clothes and memorabilia that were popular in the '60s and '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.

Please join us for DMACC's 50th Anniversary Gala on Sat., April 30.

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

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you!

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PIONEERS CONNECTION (CONT.)

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Marilyn Burdick, who passed on Tuesday, March 29 at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines. A celebration of her life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at Ilahee Hills, 8308 Colby Parkway in Urbandale.

Marilyn was born May 26, 1931, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Rev. Orval and Catherine (Goff) Walker. She married Harold Burdick on June 16, 1950, in Marshalltown.

Marilyn worked as a Counselor for DMACC for 26 years, retiring in 1998. She was a member of NEA, ISEA, Bulldog Club of America, French Bulldog Club of America, PEO, Central Iowa Breeders Club, Heartland French Bulldog Club, among others.

Marilyn will be remembered as an independent person with a free spirit who was committed to diversity and equality. She was well-known and respected in the Bulldog community. Marilyn's last several years at llahee Hills involved great friends and playing games.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Lynne (Roger) Caltrider of Casey, Iowa; four grandchildren, Kristel Howell of Waukee, Iowa, Tyler Sienknecht of Scottsdale, Arizona, Tom Walter of Streeter, North Dakota and Katie Walter of Prescott, IA; two great grandchildren, Gabriella and Ava Howell, and multitudes of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Laurie Walter, and her brother, James Walker.

Contributions may be made to the Taylor House Hospice. Online condolences will be welcomed at IlesCares.com.

Marilyn's family would like to thank the staff from Unity Point Hospice for the exceptional care they provided to Marilyn. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/desmoinesregister/obituary.aspx?n=marilyn-may-burdick&pid=179449118&fhid=13075#sthash.cmxvHkgK.dpuf

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.

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