Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee and his family listen as DMACC Athletic Director Orv Salmon emcees Lee’s retirement reception at the Courter Center. As provost at the Boone Campus for the last 11 years, Lee has overseen significant growth in several areas, including enrollment, housing, academic spaces, and athletic programs.

Lee told the audience he would always remember the special relationships he has developed with the faculty, staff, students and community during his time at DMACC. Lee was a teacher and high school boys basketball coach in Albia for 11 years. He then worked in the Des Moines School District for 23 years, including four years as Principal at East High School before coming to DMACC.
BOONE CAMPUS PROVOST TOM LEE RETIRES (CONT.)

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Lee and his administrative assistant, Paula Goldsworth, hugged following Lee's remarks at the ceremony. More than 200 people attended the retirement reception.

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Here's a close-up of the plaque.

A group of DMACC Pioneers attended the plaque-unveiling ceremony on Thursday, May 19, at 315 Walnut St. in Ankeny.
DMACC RECEIVES SAS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

DMACC Executive Director of Institutional Effective and Assistant to the President Dr. Joe DeHart and his team received the 2016 SAS Excellence in Education Award for using SAS Visual and Predictive Analytics products to improve the understanding of student success. Joining DeHart in accepting the award were Machelle Sabin, Tracie Cameron, Ananda Subramanian, and Janet Emmerson. Team members not pictured include Chelli Gentry, Carolyn Farlow, Bonnie Slykhuis, and Karen Stiles.

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE GRADUATION AT SOUTHRIDGE

Gateway to College graduate Bailey Johnson of Des Moines was the student speaker at the recent Gateway to College graduation held May 20 at the DMACC Southridge Center. A total of 25 students from Des Moines, Knoxville, Newton, Ames, Ankeny, and Lynnville-Sully received their high school diplomas this May. Gateway to College is a national education model that serves under-credited students with an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and dual credits in a supportive college environment.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Amy Boeckmann is the new Respiratory Therapy instructor and director of clinical education. Her phone number is (515) 964-6378.

She graduated from DMACC’s Respiratory Therapy program and then earned a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa and a Master of Public Administration from Drake University.

Amy previously worked at the V.A. of Central Iowa as a Respiratory Supervisor, Director of Clinical Education in the Respiratory Care program at Hawkeye Community College, and an adjunct instructor in DMACC’s Respiratory Therapy program.

Amy and her husband Adam have two children, eight-year-old Wes and one-year-old Paisley.

Amy enjoys the Iowa Hawkeyes, skiing, traveling, watching her son’s sporting activities, shopping, cooking, baking, and gardening.

Bill Marquess is the new Employability Services Specialist at Iowa Employment Solutions. His phone number is 725-3697.

He earned an Associate’s degree in Education from Blackhawk College in Moline, a B.A. in English from Augustana College, a B.A. in Psychology from Grandview University, and an MPA from Kaplan University.

Bill has worked as an employment specialist at Optimae Lifeservices in Des Moines, and MIW, Inc. in Marshalltown.

Bill is single and enjoys movies, books, and spending time with his friends.
NEW EMPLOYEES (CONT.)

Kasey Pfab is the new Library Specialist at the Urban Campus. His phone number is (515) 248-7238.

He earned a B.A. in English Literature from Iowa State University and an MFA in Creative Writing from Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Kasey previously worked as a night supervisor at Parks Library at Iowa State University and as a teaching assistant/instructor in the English Department at Minnesota State University.

He and his girlfriend have two cats, Joey and Gary.

Kasey enjoys reading, writing, playing and recording music, running, and listening to copious amounts of podcasts.

Erica Spiller is the new Orientation Coordinator in Student Development on the Ankeny Campus. Her phone number is (515) 964-6643.

She earned an A.A. in Liberal Studies from DMACC, a B.A. in Theatre Arts and English from Simpson College, an M.A. in English Literature from Virginia Commonwealth University, and an M.S. in Higher Education—Assessment and Evaluation from Kaplan University.

Erica was previously an Associate Academic Dean at Kaplan University and a Lead Instructor at Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps in North Carolina.

She is married and has two rescue dogs.

Erica is a resident lighting designer at Tallgrass Theatre Company. She also enjoys reading, writing, kayaking, rafting, and hiking.
NEW EMPLOYEES (CONT.)

Chad Swigert is the new Program Specialist at the Transportation Institute. He can be reached at (515) 782-9174.

He earned a B.A. in Secondary Education from Grandview College in 2000 and is a graduate of DMACC's Transportation Institute.

Chad has worked as an over-the-road truck driver for Crawford Trucking and Nussbaum Transportation, and as a route driver for Pepsi Americas. Prior to that, Chad was a teacher in the Des Moines Public School System.

Chad and his wife Deborah have a son, Parker, and a daughter, Isolde.

Chad enjoys golfing, camping, and riding his motorcycle.

Ananda Subramanian joins DMACC as a Research Analyst in Institutional Effectiveness. His phone number is 964-6819.

He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Architecture and a Master’s in Community and Regional Planning.

Subramanian previously worked at United Way of Central Iowa.

He is married and enjoys reading, yoga, and meditation.
NEW EMPLOYEES (CONT.)

Autumn Witzenburg is an Administrative Assistant at Iowa Employment Solutions. She can be reached at 725-5443.

She earned a B.A. in Communications from Simpson College.

Autumn enjoys health, nutrition, the outdoors, hiking, baking, music, and dance.

PIONEERS CONNECTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have very few registered for the June meeting so please register today.

DON'T MISS THE JUNE MEETING
The June 9 meeting will be held in the FFA Enrichment Center at 11:30 a.m. and will feature Phyllis Pearson, elder law specialist at Pearson, Bollman Law. She will answer your questions about the important things in Senior life as what to expect when you or a spouse is faced with nursing home care, estate planning, wills, trusts, and much more.

The board meeting starts at 10 a.m.

In order for us to more accurately plan, call 964-6868 to reserve by 4 p.m. on Monday, June 6 or e-mail pioneers@dmacc.edu.

Please bring non-perishable snack items for PAMELA’S FOOD PANTRY

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RETIREEs!
Please consider joining your DMACC friends at a Pioneer event. You will reconnect with many people you have known for many years.

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Respectfully, Dee Johnson
DMACC Pioneers Communications Director since 2008
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