DMACC Criminal Justice Professor Buzz Hoffman delivered the welcome to the 2016 Forensics and Public Safety Conference held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Retired Polk County Attorney Steve Foritano (right) and Iowa Attorney General’s Office Communications Director Geoff Greenwood talk on the “Reality of Media Relations” during the day-long

Dorothy’s House Executive Director Kellie Markey shared some startling statistics on Human Sex Trafficking in Iowa during the Forensics and Public Safety Conference. She said the human sex trafficking industry generates more than $9.7 billion per year in the United States and that Iowa is among the fifth worst states in the nation for the sex trafficking industry. She cited three reasons for Iowa’s status—the intersection of Interstates 35 and 80; the presence of drugs, particularly meth and heroin in Iowa; and the special events in the state such as the Iowa State Fair, Drake Relays and NCAA basketball tournaments. (Continued on next page.)
FORENSICS AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONFERENCE (CONT.)

Markey said 100 or more children are sex-trafficked in Iowa on any given day. She said the average age for those entering into prostitution for children is 13 to 14 years old in the U.S. and 10 to 12 years old in Iowa, according to U.S. Justice Department statistics. Markey also noted that a pimp can make $150,000 to $200,000 per child per year and the average pimp has four to six girls, each of whom might be forced to have sex 20-50 times each day with no days off, and who are often deprived of food and sleep.

Markey told the conference attendees that the three ways kids are trafficked are through pimps, the drug/gang industry, and by their own biological family members. Sexual abuse often starts when the children are as young as two years old. The Dorothy's House mission is to provide a safe place for the practice of life for those girls whose lives have been interrupted by sex trafficking and sexploitation.

TINKER SPEAKS AT TWO DMACC CAMPUSES

Mary Beth Tinker speaks at the DMACC Ankeny Campus as part of the College's Constitution Day event. Tinker, who grew up in Des Moines, watched the graphic footage of the Vietnam War on television as a 13-year-old in 1965. She and her brothers and sisters were among the Des Moines students who decided to wear black armbands to school to mourn the dead from the Vietnam War and in support of a Christmas truce. The Des Moines school board tried to block the students from wearing the armbands and suspended those who did.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) took on the students’ cause and took the case to court. The Des Moines students lost their case at the Eighth District Court of Appeals, but the case eventually went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in a 7-2 landmark decision in 1969 that students in public schools do have First Amendment rights and that students and teachers do not “shed their constitutional rights at the schoolhouse gate.”

Tinker also spoke at the DMACC West Campus.
DIVERSITY COMMISSION SPONSORS PERFORMERS

Germán López (left) and guitarist Antonio Toledo perform in the new “black box” auditorium on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The duo performed original instrumental music from the Canary Islands in their first trip to the United States. López plays the “timple,” which is similar to a ukulele. López and Toledo also performed at the DMACC West Campus. Their presentations were sponsored by the DMACC Diversity Commission.

22-PUSH-UP CHALLENGE

DMACC Ankeny Campus students Shane McDonald (left to right) of Des Moines, Brianne Spraque of Waukee, and Shannan Garner of West Des Moines do 22 pushups each as part of the 22-Push-Up Challenge held in the courtyard near Bldg. #5. Active Minds and Phi Theta Kappa hosted the event honoring U.S. Veterans. Every day in America, 22 veterans die by suicide. McDonald is enrolled in DMACC’s Business Administration program, Spraque is a Liberal Arts student, and Garner is enrolled in DMACC’s Pre-Engineering program.
JAPANESE DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS VISIT DMACC

DMACC President Rob Denson (left to right) poses with representatives from the Yamanashi Dental Hygiene College, including Clinical Instructor Mami Hosaka, third-year student Haruka Kono, and second-year student Saki Shiozawa. The Japanese students were visiting the DMACC Ankeny Campus as part of the exchange between DMACC's Dental Hygiene program and the Yamanashi Dental College in Kofu. This marks the 28th year of the exchange.

Yamanashi Dental Hygiene College Instructor Mami Hosaka (right) presents a gift to DMACC President Rob Denson at a reception honoring the Japanese guests.
DMACC President Rob Denson receives a piece of artwork from instructor Mami Hosaka and students Haruka Kono and Saki Shiozawa as interpreter Yoshiko Swift looks on.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE SPEAKS AT DMACC

Mental Health Advocate David Romano delivered a presentation on "Depression, Self-Injury and Suicide" on the DMACC Urban and Ankeny campuses. Romano said he was experiencing symptoms of depression as early as seven years old. He said when he was diagnosed as being depressed, he made it very clear that no one except his parents knew of his depression.

Romano cited statistics from the non-profit Active Minds organization that one in four adults have a diagnosed mental illness and that 1,100 college students lose their lives each year due to suicide.

Romano’s presentations were sponsored by the DMACC Ankeny Chapter of Active Minds.
NEWLY RENOVATED STUDENT CENTER OPENS ON ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC Vet Tech student Hannah Broadbent (left) of Norwalk signs up for a prize at one of the booths commemorating the grand opening of the new Bldg. #5 Student Center on the Ankeny Campus. Liz Petersen assists Broadbent.

DMACC second-year Liberal Arts student Jacy Scott (right) of Leon ponders a difficult question--which free cookie to take--as DMACC Marketing and Public Relations Associate Director Dianne Downing-Nelson looks on. The free cookies were available in the newly renovated Student Center on the Ankeny Campus.

DMACC Criminal Justice student Mary Pham of Des Moines visits with DMACC Title IX Coordinator Jennifer Argo in the new Student Center.
NEWLY RENOVATED STUDENT CENTER OPENS ON ANKENY CAMPUS (CONT.)

The DMACC Bear hands out free cookies during the grand opening ceremony of the renovated Ankeny Campus Bldg. #5 Student Center.

JOB OPENINGS

Speech Communications Instructor, Urban Campus, 9 months per year
Review Date: Oct. 2, 2016
If interested in this position, please visit the DMACC website:
http://jobs.dmacc.edu

PIONEERS CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 1ST - PIONEER KICKOFF
MANY THANKS to of all of the Pioneers who helped make the 2016 Pioneer Kickoff a huge success. On Thursday, September 1, more than 90 Pioneers turned out to enjoy another annual Kick-Off at the FFA Enrichment Center.

We were brought up to date by President Rob Denson, who shared some very exciting information about the year past and the year ahead for the college.

Tara Connolly introduced Trung Nguyen, Pioneer Scholarship winner, who thanked the Pioneers and shared his inspiring personal story.

Pioneer President Carroll Bennett announced that the Outstanding Pioneer Award will go to Lyla Maynard, Past President 2015, who is tirelessly devoted to DMACC. Lyla and Tom contribute so much to DMACC and to the Pioneers.
CONGRATULATIONS LYLA! WELL DESERVED!

Verlyn Noring on keyboard and his friend John Crabb on drums entertained us during the welcome and dinner. All in all it was another wonderful Kick-Off. Also thanks to Jodie Kinsey, a DMACC Commercial Art grad who heads up the Ankeny HyVee North floral department, for the centerpieces.

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OCTOBER MEETING – Thursday, October 13, 11:30 a.m.
Please join us for a Fall Fun meeting at the Berry Patch Farm of Pioneer members Dean and Judy Henry. Judy will prepare a lunch for us and we will have a great time. Dean and Judy realized their dream when they established 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. They said they are looking forward to seeing our DMACC friends.

NOTE: Please make your reservation by 4:00 pm on Monday, October 10 by calling 964-6868 or emailing Danazeiser@msn.com so we can accurately plan for lunch. If you need to cancel after that time, please please leave a message. Pamela’s Pantry can always use your non-perishable food items.

The Berry Patch Farm is located at 62785 280th Street in Nevada. If you are interested in carpooling from the FFA Center, please email Carroll Bennett at carrollmaryjo@gmail.com.

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We now have Pioneer Member name tags to wear at the meetings. Remember to leave yours after each meeting, so it can be reused.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK! We have our own Pioneer Facebook page. DMACC Pioneers. Hope to see you there.

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