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DMACC/YAMANASHI PARTNERSHIP



Rob Denson and Yoichi Odagiri

DMACC President Rob Denson (left) and Yamanashi Prefectural University Executive Director Yoichi Odagiri sign a partnership agreement between DMACC and the Yamanashi Prefectural University (YPU) in Kofu, Japan. The memorandum of understanding allows students at YPU to study at DMACC and DMACC students to study at the Japanese University. The bond between Yamanashi and DMACC began 26 years ago in 1988 when two students and a faculty member from the Yamanashi Dental Hygiene College came to the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Since then, DMACC and Yamanashi students visit each other's country. This year, two Japanese students are studying at DMACC's Urban Campus as part of the Yamanashi Scholars program from Yamanashi Prefecture. Nat-suki Otagiri and Asuka Sasamoto will spend the semester studying at DMACC's Urban Campus before completing internships in the greater Des Moines area. Students from Yamanashi, and from all of Iowa's sister states, are welcome to attend DMACC at in-state tuition rates.

Yamanashi Prefectural University Executive Director Yoichi Odagiri (right) presents a framed painting of Mount Fuji to DMACC President Rob Denson following the signing agreement between the two educational institutions.



Rob Denson and Yoichi Odagiri

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 23

"Vang: A Drama About Recent Immigrant Farmers," to be shown at 11:15 a.m., Bldg. #6 Auditorium, Ankeny Campus and 3 p.m., Bldg. #1, Room 124, Urban Campus.

Oct. 3

Advanced Manufacturing Day, Ankeny Campus, Bldg. #3

Oct. 6

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, 7 p.m., Boone Campus Auditorium.

Oct. 8

Flu Shots, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bldg. #24, room 103

DMACC/YAMANASHI PARTNERSHIP (CONTINUED)

DMACC President Rob Denson said the memorandum of understanding between Yamanashi Prefectural University and DMACC builds upon a generation of cooperation and understanding. The partnership agreement expands an exchange program where students from the United States and Japan will benefit and grow their academic goals. The agreement is open for students in all academic disciplines.



Rob Denson



Kim Reynolds, Terry Branstad, and Shomei Yokouchi

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad (center) gives a gift to Governor Shomei Yokouchi of Yamanashi Prefecture in Japan as Iowa Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds looks on. The Japanese delegation is visiting Iowa to participate in the 2014 Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference. Another signing agreement took place between the Greater Des Moines Partnership/Young Professional Connection, Iowa Sister States and the Junior Chamber International in Kofu, Japan.

SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

DMACC 2014 Small Business Awards winners are (L to R) John Ziebell of JPZ Products of Hubbard, DMACC Foundation \$10,000 Entrepreneurship Competition winner; Kimberly Baeth of Golden Openings of Urbandale, Top Growth Company; Keith Snow of B2E Marketing of Des Moines, Dennis Albaugh Award; event organizer and DMACC Entrepreneurship Program Chair Vada Grantham; Gabriel Glynn and Brett Burkhart co-owners of Slash/Web Studios of Ankeny, Young Entrepreneurs of the Year; Kimberly Augspurger of Saxton Inc., of Des Moines, Most Innovative Company and Chad Rubner of Express Logistics of Waukee, Small Business of the Year.



John Ziebell, Kimberly Baeth, Keith Snow, Dennis Albaugh, Vada Grantham, Gabriel Glynn, Brett Burkhart, Kimberly Augspurger and Chad Rubner



Gabriel Glynn and Brett Burkhart

Gabriel Glynn (left) and Brett Burkhart, co-owners of Slash/Web Studios of Ankeny, listen to the DMACC Small Business Awards Ceremony. The pair won Young Entrepreneurs of the Year. Glynn is a DMACC alum.

John Ziebell of JPZ Products of Hubbard and inventor of the grain bin rescue auger with his daughters (left to right) Alexis and Andrea and his wife, Kaci, is presented with the \$10,000 DMACC Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition Award by DMACC Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly (far right).



John Ziebell, his daughters Alexis and Andrea, his wife, Kaci, and Tara Connolly

CAREER CONNECTION CENTER ON THE NEWTON CAMPUS



Justin Bogers cuts a ribbon.

Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa Career Connection Center Coordinator Justin Bogers cuts a ribbon at the grand opening of the new Career Connection Center located on the upper floor of the DMACC Newton Campus. Individual advice, one-on-one coaching and various professional services to increase your chances of finding your next job are offered at the new facility.

Colorful windows welcome you to the Career Connection Center on the DMACC Newton Campus.



Career Connection Center Windows

MORTUARY SCIENCE CELEBRATES TENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Kevin Patterson, Dr. Alan Wolfelt and Rob Denson

DMACC Mortuary Science Professor Kevin Patterson (left to right); Dr. Alan Wolfelt, founder and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition; and DMACC President Rob Denson pose for a photo at the tenth anniversary celebration of DMACC's Mortuary Science program. Dr. Wolfelt, who is an author, educator and grief counselor, delivered a "Personal Grief" seminar and was the keynote speaker at a Mortuary Science conference the following day.

IMPROVING THE DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS LAKE



Ben Dodd and Brad Butler

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Management Biologist Ben Dodd (left) talks about improvements being made at the DMACC Ankeny Campus Lake as DMACC Grounds/Transportation Supervisor Brad Butler listens. Dodd said the recent dredging and aerating of the 14-acre lake is helping improve the lake. He said the DNR is working to improve the size of the bluegill in the lake. Other fish in the lake include black crappie, channel catfish and bass. And if you're looking to catch some fish, Dodd said the areas near the jetties are "stacked with fish."

DMACC TRUCK RODEO AT THE DMACC TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

DMACC Transportation Institute Program Specialist Rachelle Biggs demonstrates her truck driving skills at the recent Truck Rodeo held Sept. 11 and 12 at the DMACC Transportation Institute. Biggs successfully completed the course in under 15 minutes. Those taking part in the truck rodeo had to maneuver the 18-wheeler through a series of cones and other barriers, often times with only inches of room on each side of the trailer, and then demonstrating the same skills while driving in reverse. The truck drivers were graded on their abilities to complete the course in under 15 minutes.



Rachelle Biggs

CONSTITUTION DAY

James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, speaks at the DMACC Ankeny Campus during a Constitution Day event. Hall used the language and accent of 1813, referring to Iowa as "the far West." Hall spoke about drafting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. He also spoke at the DMACC Boone Campus and was streamed to other DMACC campuses.



John Douglas Hall



Katelyn Petersen

Katelyn Petersen, a second-year DMACC Ankeny Campus Liberal Arts student from Indianola, speaks about bullying in schools during a Constitution Day soapbox speech on the Ankeny Campus.

Sam Clovis (R), candidate for Iowa Treasurer, showed the audience his copy of the Constitution. He said he always has it with him.



Sam Clovis

CONSTITUTION DAY (CONTINUED)



Ako Abdul-Samad

State Representative Ako Abdul-Samad (D) shares with students during a Constitution Day panel discussion. Samad urged students to get involved in local government.

Tom Henderson (left), chairman of the Polk County Democrats and Will Rogers, chairman of the Polk County Republicans, were also part of the panel discussion on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.



Tom Henderson and Will Rogers

PIONEERS KICKOFF DINNER



DMACC Pioneers

The DMACC Pioneers held their annual kickoff Sept. 4 in the FFA Enrichment Center on the Ankeny Campus. DMACC President Rob Denson and Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly talked to the former DMACC employees, who posed for this group photo before enjoying a barbecue dinner.

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PIONEER CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER KICK-OFF

On Thur., Sept. 4, we had our Annual Pioneer Kick-Off in the FFA center. As usual, the meeting was well attended.

THANKS TO:

- Carroll Bennett for stepping in to take the reigns for Shirley Muehlenthaler.
- President Rob Denson for updating us on the latest achievements at DMACC. Rob's support of the Pioneers is highly appreciated.
- Tara Connolly brought in August Stangl who thanked the Pioneers for a scholarship he received this past year.
- Hickory Park for catering the great food and to Mike Perry for delivering the left-overs to the Homeless Shelter.
- Dan Ivis who took our group photo again this year.
- Jodie Kinsey, Head Florist at Ankeny HyVee and former DMACC Graphic Design student, for the donation of the floral centerpieces.
- All of you who generously brought donations for our students.

Drawings were held for those who donated to the Pioneer Scholarship fund and for those who submitted their stories to the Pioneers. Jan LaVille and Dorothy Howard were the winners of gourmet dinner tickets. Congratulations and enjoy. It was another great pioneer kick-off.

OCTOBER MEETING

Mike Perry will host the October meeting on Thur., Oct. 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the FFA center, Room 109.

Cindy Bruin, long-time DMACC Nursing professor, will tell us about the Mid-Wifery program she has been working on with the Amish in Iowa.

Also, Dave Palmer, long-time DMACC History professor and legislative consultant for Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, will bring us up-to-date on the upcoming elections and the impact for Iowa Community Colleges.

Please call in your reservations by NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 6, to (515) 964-6868 or e-mail us at pioneers@dmacc.edu

Note: The board meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Please bring non-perishable donations for Pamela's Pantry.

Exciting news, stay tuned.....

Dee Johnson

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