

# DMACC

Magazine



Left to right, DMACC Foundation Board Carroll Campus Representative Douglas Burns, former Carroll Campus Provost Jim Knott, and current Carroll Campus Provost Joel Lundstrom.

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# Director's Message



One of the most interesting aspects of working in the DMACC Foundation is interacting with the students, staff, faculty and leadership on each of the College's campuses. It probably comes as no surprise that each campus has a unique "personality" and vibe. It is this individuality that makes fundraising for each campus so much fun. Each appeal has a little twist to it that speaks directly to the communities who provide vital support to our campuses.

At no time in DMACC's history have we seen that support in action across our campuses more than now. On the heels of wrapping up major projects on our Urban, Ankeny and Boone Campuses, we have launched an ambitious expansion on our Carroll Campus. Detailed throughout this issue of *DMACC Magazine*, the Carroll project will help us to serve more students, increase the quality of our offerings, and provide an opportunity for members of the community to interact with the campus in ways they haven't been able to in the past.

In every respect, the project on our Carroll Campus—which will wrap up later this summer—is another in a long line of shining examples of how philanthropic support is making access to higher education easier for students across Iowa. None of our recent successes, including additions and

expansions such as the reimagined and expanded Urban Campus in Des Moines, expansion of the Automotive Technology Building and construction of the Crime Scene House on our Ankeny Campus, or the greatly enhanced Student Activity Center (the new home of our National Championship-winning men's basketball team!) on our Boone Campus would have happened if not for individuals and organizations eagerly stepping up to give.

It is humbling to play a role in watching the DMACC footprint expand to serve more and more students in Iowa.

We are proud of the work we do in the DMACC Foundation and appreciate each and every one of our supporters who rise to the occasion time and again to ensure each of our campuses is meeting the unique needs of the community while offering an exceptional education.

Sincerely,

Tara K. Connolly  
Executive Director  
DMACC Foundation



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# 5K Returns to Ankeny Campus!

*Annual event is set for 8 a.m. on October 2*

After being forced by the pandemic to go virtual in 2020 (check out some fun photos from our virtual finishers at the left), our annual 5K in support of students is back on the Ankeny Campus in 2021!

Registration is now open for the 4th Annual DMACC Alumni Association 5K Walk/Run! The event is set for 8 a.m., Saturday, October 2 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The Walk/Run will start from parking lot L2 and work its way through campus and the surrounding community.

While the run is hosted by the Alumni Association, it is open to EVERYONE.

Cost is \$30 per person until September 17. A t-shirt is guaranteed if you sign up by this date. Beginning September 18, the cost goes up to \$35 and the cost is \$40 the day of the event.

Prizes will be offered in a number of categories. We hope to see you there!

**Not a runner? You can still support our student scholarships by making a donation, serving as a sponsor of the event, or registering as a volunteer. For full details or to register for the run snap the QR code at right or visit: [dmacc.edu/alumni/5k](https://dmacc.edu/alumni/5k)**



DMACC CARROLL CAMPUS

# Coming Together for Carroll

## Expansion Overview

Since 1979, DMACC Carroll Campus has provided convenient access to advanced education and training for residents of West Central Iowa. As enrollment has continued to grow in recent years, it became clear that a campus expansion and modernization was needed to better serve students, faculty, staff and the community. To that end, DMACC launched the \$4.2 million expansion and modernization project. The 11,700-square-foot expansion greatly enhances the northeast side of campus and includes:

- Two new labs for Welding and Industrial Technology
- Applied Engineering classrooms
- New office space for Student Services
- Additional study space
- An indoor exhibition area for both College and community events

The expansion is set to be completed later this summer.

# Carroll Campus Expansion Project Donors

*We offer a sincere thank you to these generous donors who stepped up in support of the students, faculty and staff on our Carroll Campus.*

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**“We’re in a very strong position to serve our students and the community for many years to come.”**

— Joel Lundstrom  
DMACC Carroll Campus Provost

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Former DMACC Carroll Campus Provost Jim Knott poses with his family in a photo taken several years ago. Those pictured include (front, from left) Jennifer Pottebaum, Jim's late wife Marge, Lori Cooper, Jeff Knott, (back), Jim, Bradley Knott, Ketsie Wilkins and Doug Knott. Jim and Marge's first child, Bud, passed away in 1981.



# Committed to Carroll

The multipurpose commons area of the new DMACC Carroll Campus expansion project is being named after former DMACC Carroll Campus Provost and current DMACC Board of Trustees member Jim Knott and his late wife, Marjorie. Donations of more than \$75,000 were made by the Knott family and friends to the DMACC Foundation for the naming of the space. The commons area of the new facility will be known as the “James and Marjorie Knott Commons.”

“I believe Jim enjoys seeing the campus continue to grow from the work he first inspired,” says Joel Lundstrom, DMACC Carroll Campus Provost. “His passion for education in the Carroll area can be seen and felt throughout our campus daily. It seems to be a fitting tribute that the latest addition to the campus has an area named to recognize the contribution both Jim and Marge have made to our community.”

Jim served in a variety of roles as an educator in Carroll for more than five decades, to include time at Carroll High School,

and as Dean and Provost of the DMACC Carroll Campus. He continues to support education in the region as a member of the DMACC Board of Trustees.

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**“Nothing would make my dad prouder and happier than seeing my mother’s name next to his in this honor.”**

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—Ketsie Wilkins, Knott’s Daughter

Marge was a highly accomplished nurse who began a career at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll that spanned more than 50 years.

The Knotts had seven children—Jennifer Pottebaum, Lori Cooper, Jeff Knott, Bradley Knott, Ketsie Wilkins, Doug Knott, and Bud Knott, who passed away in 1981. All of the children are proud to see their parents honored in a place that meant so much to them.

“My dad and mom are firm believers and supporters of education and higher education,” Wilkins told the *Carroll Times Herald* in February. “They loved teaching and nursing. Nothing would make my dad prouder and happier than seeing my mother’s name next to his in this honor. They were true partners in all they did.”

# Meeting Needs

## *Project Expands Programming for Students, Provides Space for Community*

Joel Lundstrom, Provost of the DMACC Carroll Campus, says the nearly 12,000-square-foot expansion is vital to keep pace with the demand for advanced education and training opportunities in the region. Additionally, it offers the community much-needed space to host workshops, guest speakers and more.

With enrollment on the Carroll Campus up 20 percent over the past six years, Lundstrom says the project is key in helping DMACC continue to recruit new students while improving their academic experience.

“By offering a better learning environment along with options for a bachelor’s degree from our university partners, we’re in a very strong position to serve our students and the community for many years to come,” Lundstrom says, citing Carroll Campus’ 2+2 agreements with the University of Northern Iowa, Buena Vista University and the University of Iowa’s Bachelor of Nursing Program. Students can earn bachelor’s degrees from these colleges while remaining in Carroll.

“The DMACC Carroll Campus is a very important part

of the DMACC community,” adds Rob Denson, DMACC President. “Our vision has been to provide outstanding academic opportunities for students throughout this region and to respond to the needs of businesses by providing a well-trained and educated workforce. This expansion will help us further improve our vital mission here.”

Denson says a strength of the Carroll Campus has been its leadership.

“Retired Provost and current DMACC Board member Jim Knott, Carroll Campus Provost Joel Lundstrom, Naomi Neu and her late husband Art, and many other Carroll residents have been instrumental in creating the DMACC Carroll Campus and responsible for its ongoing success,” Denson says. “This leadership team has done an outstanding job growing enrollment and responding to the needs of students and the overall region. As a result, there has always

been tremendous area support for the Carroll Campus.”

Badding Construction of Carroll is the general contractor. The project is scheduled for completion later this summer.

## *Global Leader Backs Campus Expansion*

McLaughlin Family Companies, a Scranton, Iowa-based, family-owned company with 12 different industry-leading product lines, has made a \$75,000 donation to the DMACC Foundation to be used for the DMACC Carroll Campus expansion project.

The donation was announced last fall (pictured at right) and will specifically go to fund the new Welding Lab being built as part of the expansion.

“This generous donation by a family-owned-and-operated local business is significant to the DMACC Carroll Campus,” says DMACC Carroll Campus Provost Joel Lundstrom. “The McLaughlin Family Companies and specifically Scranton Manufacturing have been great partners for years with internships and student tours. We are excited about this contribution to the Carroll expansion project and appreciate their contribution to support our ability to offer quality low-cost educational opportunities.”



**Taking part in the presentation are (from left) DMACC Welding Professor Emeritus Jack Thompson, DMACC President Rob Denson, DMACC Carroll Campus Provost Dr. Joel Lundstrom, DMACC Applied Engineering Professor Ryan Renze, McLaughlin Family Companies Executive Vice President Johnathon McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer Mike McLaughlin, DMACC Foundation Board member Doug Burns and McLaughlin Family Companies Gifting Officer Kim Goetsch**

The McLaughlin Family Companies are known for manufacturing world-class products such as mobile vet clinics, animal transport units, refuse trucks and trash compactors.

“Welding is not only important to our company but it is a critical skill that helps drive our nation’s economy,” says Mike McLaughlin, CEO of the McLaughlin Family Companies. “Approximately 70 percent of all manufactured goods are welded and that is why schools like DMACC and projects like this Welding Lab are so important to local communities. We are proud to support this project in Carroll and excited to play a vital role in its completion.”



DMACC Foundation Board  
Carroll Campus Representative  
Douglas Burns

Carroll Campus

# Fitting Recognition for Revered Carroll Couple

It only seems fitting that a central part of the Carroll Campus expansion will be named after former Provost and current DMACC Board of Trustees member James (Jim) Knott and his beloved wife, Marge.

The family and friends of the Knotts recently made a \$75,000 gift to the DMACC Foundation in support of the Carroll Campus expansion project. In honor of the gift, the commons area of the new facility will be named the James and Marjorie Knott Commons.

One of those leading the charge to recognize the Knotts was Douglas Burns, a Carroll native and co-owner of Herald Publishing Co. Burns is also the Carroll representative on the DMACC Foundation Board. He says James was instrumental in sparking a lifelong love of learning within him.

“He was a teacher of mine at Carroll High School,” Burns says of Jim (who he still refers to as Mr. Knott). “I owe him as a person more than I owe anyone in my life. I would not be where I am without him. Because of Mr. Knott, I embrace and enjoy public speaking. And I’m not the only person in Carroll who feels that way. He’s done the same for several people.”

Burns says Jim’s impact on the community became clear when he and Jim and Marge’s son, Brad, started to float the idea of naming a space on campus in the Knotts’ honor.

“I’ve been involved in dozens of fundraising and community-

minded projects and this was the most effortless close I have ever had,” Burns says. “I had one couple come to me, without me even calling them, and provide a large gift just because they heard it was for Mr. Knott.”

Jim, now retired, served as an educator in Carroll for more than five decades. Marge, who has passed away, worked as a nurse at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll for more than 50 years.

The couple was married for more than 65 years.

“Jim’s service to DMACC and the greater Carroll community has been unwavering and exemplary,” says Rob Denson, DMACC President. “He wants only one thing for Carroll-area students, and that is excellence. He understood the importance of having a college in Carroll and he wanted DMACC to be second to none. The donors who contributed toward this designation want everyone

to know, every time they enter the building, what an asset Jim and Marge have been, and for all future DMACC students and community members to enjoy this facility in their name.”

Burns seconds Denson’s assessment.

“That area is going to host a lot of fellowship, the exchanging of ideas and hopefully speakers and programming for the community,” Burns says. “The commons area will be the perfect grounds to bring people together and honor Marge and Mr. Knott.”

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—Douglas Burns



# Paying It Forward

There may not be another person in Carroll as knowledgeable about DMACC's impact on students and the community than Connie Hoffman.

Connie is a lifelong Carroll resident, who earned an associate's degree from DMACC in the 1980s, and returned to earn her bachelor's degree as one of the first "2+2" graduates on the Carroll Campus through the innovative partnership with Buena Vista University. And that's not all. Connie has also worked in the campus bookstore and now serves as a Student Resource Specialist. She says it was an easy decision to support the campus expansion project.

Connie and her husband, Dave, designated a gift as part of DMACC's annual Employee Charitable Giving Campaign, which offers staff members and faculty an opportunity to give in support of the students and programs they serve. The Hoffmans chose to give a gift of grain. For farm operators, gifting grain directly, rather than selling the grain and making a gift from the proceeds, can provide a significant tax savings.

"I have always appreciated DMACC for the wonderful education and training it provides students," Connie says. "I think this is great for Carroll, because access to education is a great thing in any community. This project specifically will expand what we are able to offer on campus and ensure that we are developing the types of highly skilled workers employers in this region are looking for."

In addition to the expansion offering more space for students to connect, Connie is excited that the welding program, which has been housed off-site for years, will have a dedicated space on campus. She also sees the campus expansion as offering more opportunities to those who may not otherwise seek advanced schooling or training.



"A larger campus, with more labs and more space, will help us deliver an even better education to our students," Connie says. "We seem to always be moving forward in Carroll and this is another step in the right direction. This really has the potential to impact the lives of some of our underserved students. It is a big benefit that they are able to get an advanced education here without traveling long distances."

"Supporting this just makes me feel good," she continues. "It is one way I can give something back to DMACC for the great education I received."



## View the Virtual Groundbreaking Online!

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented a traditional groundbreaking ceremony for the Carroll Campus expansion project. Instead, a virtual groundbreaking was hosted and posted online last July. To learn more about the project and hear from some of those involved in implementing the vision, visit:

[dmacc.edu/carroll/Pages/carroll-expansion.aspx](https://dmacc.edu/carroll/Pages/carroll-expansion.aspx)



# Welding Program Offers Incredible Opportunity

When Brock Schlueter learned that he could take welding classes on the DMACC Carroll Campus during his sophomore year at Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton (Exira-EHK) High School, he took advantage of the opportunity. Now after two years of being dual-enrolled at DMACC and Exira-EHK, he is ready to jump into his career.

Brock will graduate from high school this spring and then earn his welding diploma from DMACC in the summer. From there, a world of options exist as western Iowa is rich with manufacturing opportunities at companies with international reach.

“It’s really nice to have this program so close to home,” Brock says. “There are a lot of places around here that need the type of skills we are gaining. There are a lot of local jobs and about every town has

a major employer or some type of local metal shop.”

Increasing the capacity of the welding program, while improving the physical environment for students, is one of the centerpieces of the Carroll Campus expansion project. The expansion project will add more than 10,000 square feet of space, including the new welding lab. Currently, welding classes are held in a facility away from campus.

Having the program off-site was never ideal and officials have known for years that the program would be more efficient located on campus. Brock says that even though he won’t take classes in the new lab, he is excited for future students. And he says it means a lot that the community has thrown its support behind the program and the project.

“The fact that this new addition is coming is fantastic,” Brock says. “To have a new building where it is cleaner and better set up will be good for everybody. And to know that people in the community are interested in supporting something like this is a win.”

Going forward, the new lab will house the diploma program, continuing education, certificate programs and more. Brock says that there is a huge opportunity in the region for welders and the program on the Carroll Campus is as good as it gets.

“There are a few different career paths and the instructors do a good job in being hands-on in helping you explore them,” Brock says. “They can show you exactly what the working world wants and help you find what you’re going to enjoy and what you’re best at.”



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# ciLive! 12 is Sensational

DMACC delivered on its “Amplified” theme for ciLive! on March 10 and 11. The 12th anniversary event featured nine inspiring speakers from a variety of fields (a selection of them pictured above).

Speaker presentations were live streamed and free for viewers to enjoy via YouTube, Facebook Live and through the free e360TV app available for Apple TV, Amazon Fire, Roku, Android and more.

This year’s presenters included a NASA analog astronaut, a leading oceanographer and deep-water explorer, a top wilderness survivalist and History Channel star, a classical violinist turned

innovative composer, a world-renowned primatologist and wildlife correspondent for the National Geographic Channel, ghost hunters featured on the Discovery Network, and more. Congrats to the organizing team for an awesome event!

## Thank you to our ciLive Sponsors!



# Bears Claim DMACC’s First National Title

During a season like no other, the DMACC Men’s Basketball team delivered a result like no other: The first National Championship in DMACC’s history.

Sophomore Christian Haffner of Gresham, Wis., led four players in double figures with 23 points as the Bears defeated Davidson-Davie Community College, 86-75, to win the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II national championship April 24 at Danville, Ill. The Bears, who defeated Iowa Lakes Community College in the semifinals, closed the season at 21-5.



DMACC Head Coach Brett Putz was named NJCAA Division II National Coach of the Year.



“We knew (DDCC) was going to throw punches and we were going to throw punches and we just had to make sure we could withstand them,” DMACC head coach Brett Putz said after the game. “At the end of the day, we had to play DMACC basketball. We had to be us. That’s kind of been our thing for two weeks. Being who we are is good enough to win and we proved that tonight.”

In addition to securing the national title, Coach Putz earned Coach of the Tournament and Coach of the Year honors. Congrats to Coach Putz and the Bears on an incredible season!

# Providing the Vision

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS EAGER TO SERVE STUDENTS THROUGH THE DMACC FOUNDATION



### **Carlos Argüello, Vice President - Client Services, Latino IQ**

Offered the opportunity to serve on the DMACC Foundation Board, Carlos Argüello jumped at it. “I wanted to be part of the meaningful work the Board was known for in creating educational opportunities around the state,” Carlos says. “I also felt my cultural and diverse background could provide positive impact to the work DMACC is doing to build diversity within.”

He says he is ready to begin the work of expanding DMACC’s reach in the state.

“DMACC has a valuable impact to our local communities,” Carlos says. “It is even more exciting to look at future opportunities that can be found in rural areas and meeting the educational needs of underserved communities.”



### **John Irving, President, Central Iowa Division, Tri-City Electric Co.**

As President of the Central Iowa Division of Tri-City Electric, John Irving sees the value of a DMACC education in his workforce. In serving the DMACC Foundation Board, he looks forward to ensuring that students continue to receive a great education, while local employers have a skilled workforce available.

“DMACC’s growth and expansion continues to play a major role in communities all around Iowa by helping people prepare to enter the workforce or to advance their careers,” John says, adding that philanthropy is key in enabling students to attend DMACC. “Charitable giving is something everyone should do if they are able. Central Iowa has been fortunate to have public-private partnerships so well supported and successful.”



### **Mark Menadue, DO, JD, FACEP, FCLM, President/CEO, Acute Care Inc.**

As the long-time CEO of a business founded in Central Iowa, Dr. Mark Menadue has long revered the quality of education provided at DMACC, noting specifically the excellent schooling his son received on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. He is excitedly looking forward to his service on the DMACC Foundation Board.

“Giving back to a community that has been so good to me and my family is an obvious choice,” Dr. Menadue says. “I feel strongly that we all contribute to the betterment and community good commensurate with our abilities, experience and good fortune. I’m honored to be affiliated with such a committed team.”



### **Patricia Scallon, Special Counsel, Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm**

In joining the DMACC Foundation Board, Patricia Scallon is looking forward to helping connect the campus and community.

“DMACC has such a positive impact on our community in many ways, but one in particular is by providing that link between our community businesses and their employment needs, and our community members seeking skilled, good-paying jobs.”

She says community support is key in moving DMACC—and students—forward.

“Philanthropy is so important to the strength and well-being of our communities,” Patricia says. “Whether someone participates a little bit or a lot, all participation is valuable.”

# Perea Named New Board President

Professional speaker, author and executive coach Rita Perea has been named the new President of the DMACC Foundation Board. She replaces Mike Grandgeorge as President. She has served on the Foundation Board for the past five years.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Rita into her new position with the DMACC Foundation,” says Tara Connolly, Executive Director of the DMACC Foundation. “Rita has the energy, dedication and passion to lead our board to achieve new heights. We’re looking forward to her leadership and initiatives for 2021.”

Under her leadership, the Foundation is establishing a Development Committee.

“This innovative team will be designed to create higher-level engagement opportunities for Foundation Board members by aligning our fundraising strategies and leveraging our collective network of potential giving partners,” Connolly says.

Perea describes her leadership style as both visionary and collaborative.

“I have a vision of the next level of success that the Foundation can reach, centered around the financial needs of DMACC students,” she says. “I’m working collaboratively

with President Rob Denson, Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly, our Foundation Executive Committee, Board Member colleagues and funding partners to keep gifts to the DMACC Foundation on the forefront of everyone’s mind. I wake up every morning and ask myself, ‘What can I do to support the DMACC Foundation today?’ It’s noble work.”

Perea is celebrating her 20th year as the President and CEO of the Rita Perea Leadership Consulting Group. In addition to serving as President of the DMACC Foundation Board, she is into her third Senate-approved term on the State Engineering and Land Surveying Licensing Board, and also on the Des Moines Embassy Club Board.

She is also a proud DMACC parent of a son who has two Associate degrees from DMACC.

“I’ve seen first-hand how the outstanding instructors at DMACC can influence and transform a student’s life,” Perea says. “I wholeheartedly believe in and strive to support the vision and mission of DMACC.”



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—Rita Perea

# Our Leadership

The preferred giving channel for all DMACC initiatives, the DMACC Foundation works cooperatively with individual donors, local businesses and support organizations to ensure funding is available for student scholarships, facility and program enhancements and more.

We thank these Board members for their vision and service:

- Rita Perea, President**
- Scott Bennett, Vice President**
- Harlee Olafson, Treasurer**
- Tamara Kenworthy, Secretary**
- Mike Grandgeorge, Past President**
- Mark Rasmussen, Alumni Committee Representative**
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To learn more about Foundation governance, and our boards and committees, please visit us online at [dmacc.edu/foundation](http://dmacc.edu/foundation).



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# An Exciting Return to Travel!

We are excitedly eyeing a safe and comfortable return to travel in 2022! The DMACC Alumni Association is again partnering with Collette Travel and Tours to offer national and international travel opportunities. Collette has gone to great lengths to implement stringent safety guidelines in the wake of the pandemic, ensuring your comfort.

When you register for a trip as an alum, supporter or friend of DMACC, a percentage of the trip proceeds goes to support student scholarships at DMACC. That means you travel and DMACC students benefit. Check destinations at the right and find full details linked below!

## **MORE INFORMATION**

**For details and pricing, visit [dmacc.edu/alumni/travel](https://dmacc.edu/alumni/travel)**

## **2022 Trips**

### **Tropical Costa Rica**

February 28–March 8, 2022

*Deposit Due Date:*  
*August 21, 2021*

### **The Best of Eastern Canada**

April 22–30, 2022

*Deposit Due Date:*  
*October 15, 2021*

### **Mackinac Island**

May 6-14, 2022

*Deposit Due Date:*  
*October 30, 2021*

### **Washington D.C., Niagara Falls & New York City**

July 15–23, 2022

*Deposit Due Date:*  
*January 8, 2022*

### **Pacific Northwest & California**

August 28–September 4, 2022

*Deposit Due Date:*  
*February 21, 2022*

### **Croatia & Its Islands**

August 30–September 10, 2022

*Deposit Due Date:*  
*July 24, 2021*

\*Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations made after the deposit deadline date are based upon availability.

# Giving Back to Move Students Forward

As an instructor in the Graphic Design program for nearly four decades, Dee Johnson saw firsthand the importance of the robust, generous scholarship program funded by private gifts and administered by the DMACC Foundation.

“I’ve known so many students who couldn’t get by without it,” Dee says. “I have seen for myself the financial burdens so many DMACC students face, even with tuition being so much more affordable compared to four-year schools. It hits you personally when you are in the classroom and you see a student struggling for even the smallest things, like having lunch or scraping together gas money.”

An active member of the DMACC Pioneers—a group of retired DMACC employees who provide financial and volunteer support to the College—since her retirement, Dee recently made the decision to make a planned gift to the DMACC Foundation. The gift has enabled her to support students, while honoring the Pioneers.

“In serving on the Leadership Committee of the Pioneers, I was very involved in a number of the fundraisers,” Dee says. “I am so committed to DMACC and the Pioneers that those fundraisers made me want to give and do good because others had worked so hard.”

Dee has established a trust from the sale of a vacation property that will be donated to the DMACC Pioneers Scholarship upon her passing. She says it is humbling to know she will leave a legacy.

“This has allowed me to support the Pioneers and support the students,” Dee says. “I have firsthand knowledge of the struggles many students face. This is my way of continuing to provide them a hand up.”

“It is impossible to quantify the value of our DMACC Pioneers,” says Tara Connolly, Executive Director of the DMACC Foundation. “It is amazing to see individuals who gave so much as employees, continue to give in retirement. Her gift will impact the lives of so many DMACC students in such a positive way.”



**To learn more about leaving a legacy by making a gift to DMACC, visit [dmacc.myfuturegift.org](https://dmacc.myfuturegift.org) or call the Foundation at 515-964-6229.**

## Leave a Gift that Establishes a Legacy

### The 1966 Society: Ensuring DMACC's Long-Term Success

Planned giving is an instrument that can reduce your taxable estate and create your DMACC legacy.

By including DMACC in your estate plans, you deliver on a promise that DMACC's values of excellence, learning, responsiveness, innovation, cultural understanding and mutual respect will continue for generations.

Once you make your planned gift, you become a member of the 1966 Society. The 1966 Society was created to honor those individuals who have pledged generous, lasting gifts to DMACC. The 1966 Society is comprised of alumni and friends who support the College, at all financial levels, with their estate gifts.

For information on making your planned gift, contact the DMACC Foundation at 515-964-6229 or [foundation@dmacc.edu](mailto:foundation@dmacc.edu).

**Have you already included DMACC in your will or estate plans? If so, please download and complete the Bequest Intention form. Or contact the DMACC Foundation at 515-964-6229 or [foundation@dmacc.edu](mailto:foundation@dmacc.edu) to let us know of your generous gift intention.**

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## Coming Events

### DMACC CEO GOLF INVITATIONAL

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Talons of Tuscany Golf Course, Ankeny

Details: [www.dmacc.edu/foundation/golf](http://www.dmacc.edu/foundation/golf)

### DMACC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS BANQUET AND CEREMONY

Thursday, September 2, 2021

DMACC Ankeny Campus, Iowa Culinary Institute, Building #7

Reservations required.

Call 515-964-6229 or email [alumni@dmacc.edu](mailto:alumni@dmacc.edu)

### DMACC 5K Walk/Run

Saturday, October 2, 2021

DMACC Ankeny Campus

See Page 3 for details!

### ICI FLEUR DE LYS GALA

Saturday, November 6, 2021

DMACC Ankeny Campus

Iowa Culinary Institute, Building #7

Reservations required.

Please contact the ICI at 515-965-6566

or email [ici@dmacc.edu](mailto:ici@dmacc.edu)

## STAY UP TO DATE!

For the latest information on Foundation and Alumni Association events, visit [dmacc.edu/foundation](http://dmacc.edu/foundation) or call 515-964-6229.