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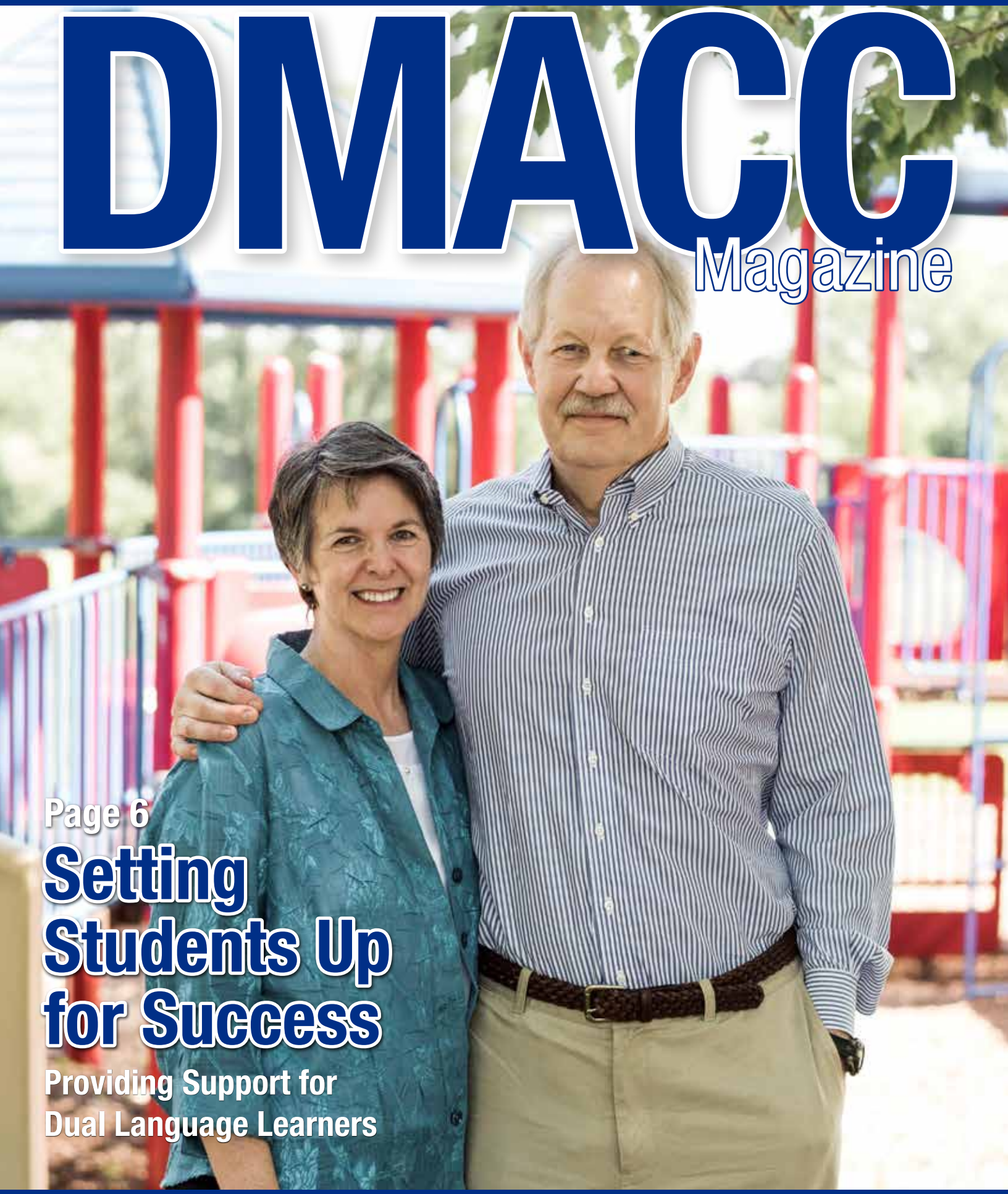

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ABOUT *DMACC MAGAZINE*

DMACC Magazine is a publication of the DMACC Foundation & Alumni Association. If you would prefer to receive your copy electronically, please email foundation@dmacc.edu.

Director's Message

At the DMACC 50th Anniversary Gala, the Foundation proudly announced a $1 million scholarship allocation for the 2016-2017 school year. This allocation represents the largest annual allocation in DMACC's history and ensures that all who seek to better their career path will have an opportunity at DMACC, regardless of financial challenges.

We are regularly humbled by your generous support. In addition to your support of students, your generosity is felt on every campus, every single day.

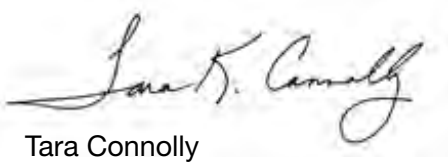
Our supporters have had an impact in taking the dream of a community college and, over the course of five decades, grow it into something remarkable.

Don't just take my word for it, consider these facts:

- DMACC offers more than 1.3 million square feet of classrooms and facilities at locations in Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Des Moines, West Des Moines, Ames, Knoxville and Perry.
- Our student-to-faculty ratio is 18:1—this is an incredible number and our students greatly benefit from that small class size.
- Ninety-five percent of our graduates continue to live and work in Iowa … no matter what you may hear elsewhere, DMACC is truly IOWA's college!
- We offer the lowest tuition of any college or university in Iowa.
- We offer more than 160 programs, degrees and certificates today, an increase of more than 20 percent in the last five years.

With you on our side, we can't wait to get started on our next 50 years!

Sincerely,



Tara Connolly
Executive Director
DMACC Foundation

Nominate Outstanding Alumni!

The DMACC Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the Outstanding Alumni Award, DMACC Alumni Early Achievement Award and the DMACC Impact Award. The deadline to submit nominations for all three awards is Monday, January 23, 2017.

Supporting STEM Instructors

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Pre-Education student Chris Drake (third from left) of Johnston receives a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) certificate from DMACC President Rob Denson (right), DMACC Education Professor Patsy Steffen (left) and Glen Dippold, Dorothy Wyant's nephew, during a recent presentation in President Denson's office. Drake received his certificate for completion of the Dorothy A. Wyant Teacher Education STEM Scholars Program. He is one of many Pre-Education students at DMACC who are focused on enhancing their knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in order to improve the quality of instruction for their future students.

Through the generosity of the Dorothy A. Wyant estate, students like Chris are reaching this goal as they work toward the completion of their AA or AS degree. DMACC's Pre-Education Program remains dedicated to providing future educators the opportunities to enter the teaching profession well prepared to inspire the next generation of students. Thank you to Glen Dippold, Dorothy Wyant's nephew, and family for their continued support of the teaching profession.

Calendar of Events

February 27—March 3, 2017
ciWeek
DMACC West Campus

April 8, 2017
Fleur de Lys Gala
Iowa Culinary Institute, Bldg #7
DMACC Ankeny Campus

April 18, 2017
Alumni Awards Ceremony
Iowa Culinary Institute, Bldg #7
DMACC Ankeny Campus

June 22, 2017
DMACC CEO Golf Invitational
Talons of Tuscany Golf Course
Ankeny, IA

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Transforming Lives for 50 Years

Celebrating 50 Years

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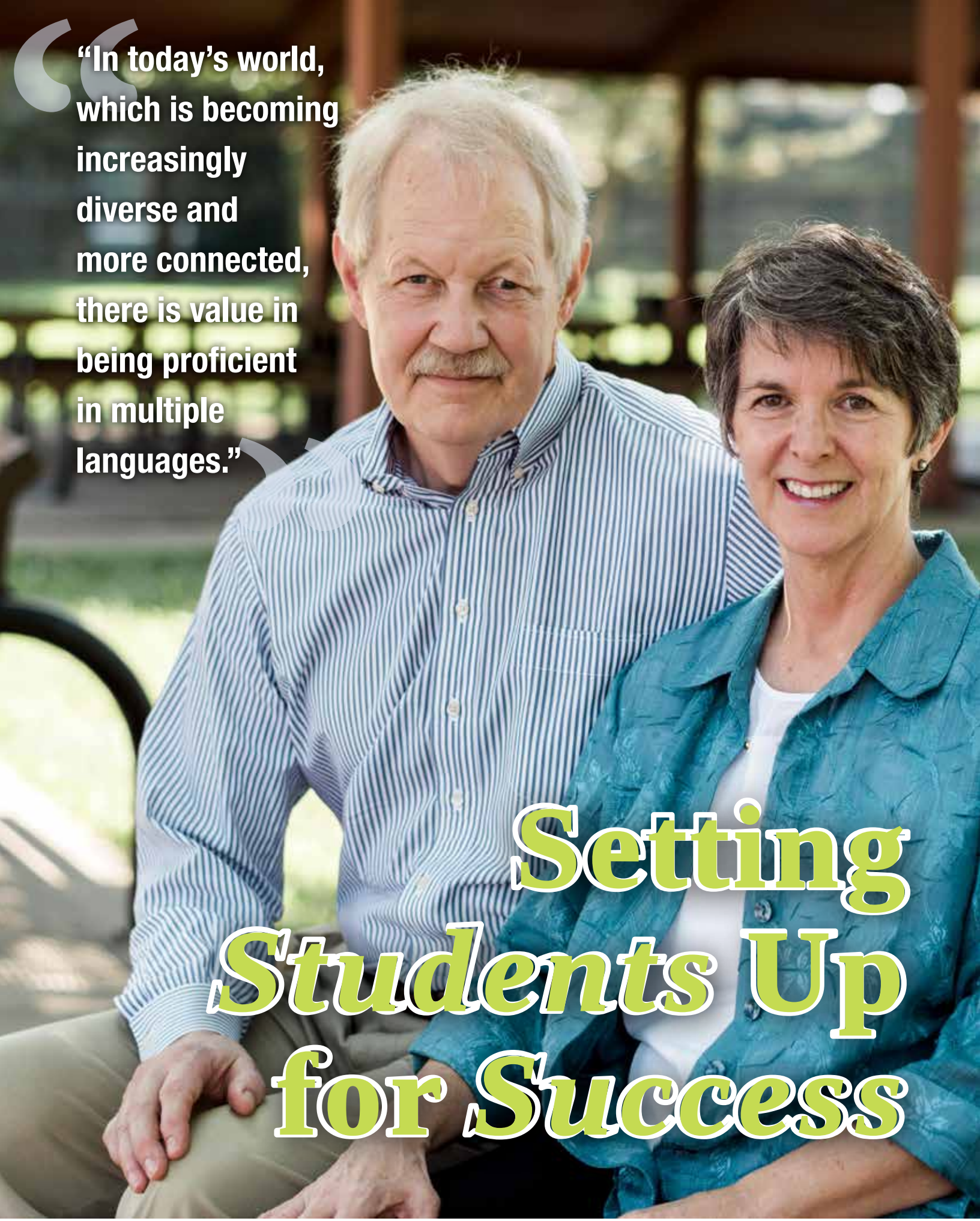
On April 30, more than 400 supporters, alumni and staff gathered to celebrate DMACC's 50th Anniversary. The Gala event included an elegant dinner, distinguished speakers, a presentation to the first graduating class and the introduction of the DMACC Delivers campaign (see page 8). Thank you to all who attended and showed their support for DMACC!

1. Attendees enjoy music and dancing in celebration of DMACC's 50th Anniversary. **2.** The elegant place settings from the evening. **3.** Ahmed Merchant, Le Son Quinn, Ambassador Ken Quinn and Ambassador Chuck Larson. **4.** Ken Arlen of the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra. **5.** Yvonne Fielder, Virginia Swenson, Barb Schmidt and Mark Schmidt. **6.** Danny Beyer and Anthony Paustian. **7.** Dennis Albaugh ('70), Neville Mangra ('68) and DMACC President Rob Denson . **8.** The Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra. **9.** Jim Wohlpart, Provost and Executive Vice President, University of Northern Iowa; Kim Linduska, Executive Vice President Academic Affairs, DMACC; Rob Denson, President DMACC; Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President and Provost, Iowa State University; and Barry Butler, Executive Vice President and Provost with the University of Iowa. **10.** Simon Estes, DMACC Visiting Professor of Music.


“In today’s world, which is becoming increasingly diverse and more connected, there is value in being proficient in multiple languages.”
Setting Students Up for Success

Inspired by their work with refugees, Bill and Cathy Eddy have stepped up to provide funding to support dual language learners with the hopes of building a greater sense of community.

Bill and Cathy Eddy have never shied away from offering their time and talents to help others get ahead. From Bill's volunteer work helping refugees learn English, to Cathy's lifelong passion for early childhood education—she worked for years developing programming to serve children from birth to four years old for the Heartland Area Education Agency—the couple has always been passionate about giving a hand up.

When the opportunity presented itself for the Eddys to combine their passions in support of a new program at DMACC, they leapt at the opportunity.

"When we were exploring our options for setting up a fund, we weren't entirely sure what the emphasis would be," Cathy says. "But after giving it some thought, we landed on providing funds to develop programming that would help dual language learners."

A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Bill began volunteering for Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) earlier this decade. In his role, he was helping refugees gain skills in speaking, reading and understsanding English. With their proficiency tied closely to their prospects for finding work and building a new life in the United States, Bill says it was tremendously rewarding.

"When you don't speak the language and are unaware of cultural norms, it can be difficult to integrate," Bill says. "While the work I have been involved in at LSI is valuable, we saw an opportunity to reach out to children to help them begin to build their literacy skills. That's why we contacted DMACC."

Cathy says the fact that DMACC has an established and respected Early Childhood Education (ECE) program encouraged them to provide funding for the course that provides educators with the tools and detailed information necessary to successfully support and educate young dual language learners.

SUPPORTING EDUCATORS

"By helping educators and child care providers understand why dual laguage learning is important, we can establish a firm foundation with children during their most formative years," Cathy says. "There is plenty of research that shows a number of benefits of dual language learning, especially in very young children."

The course funded by the Eddys is offered through DMACC's ECE program.

"While our courses have traditionally touched on dual language learning, the generosity of the Eddys made it possible for us to hire a nationally recognized expert, Dr. Lillian Duran, to develop a course specifically focusing on dual language learners," says DMACC ECE Professor Delora Hade. "Because the population in the state and across the nation is increasing in diversity, and increasing most rapidly in young children, it is important for early childhood professionals to know how to support children who are learning two or more languages."

AN AMBITIOUS VISION

The class is currently offered as an elective and in addition to providing strategies to assist dual language learners, educators are also provided with encouragement and tools to involve families. The vision is to also offer a continuing education class to serve child care providers and other education professionals. Long-term, the Eddys would like to see the class offered at institutions across the state.

They say they are excited to see the impact the class will have.

"When we reach dual language learners at an early age, we are able to set them up for success in their formal schooling," Cathy says.

"And it's about so much more than the children," Bill adds. "This is about setting the entire family up for success. In today's world, which is becoming increasingly diverse and more connected, there is value in being proficient in multiple languages. It's not only a benefit in school and society, but it can help build a bridge between generations."

DMACC DELIVERS

DMACC offers more than 160 degree programs and certifications, along with a variety of continuing education, business resources and technical training programs.

In the midst of celebrating 50 years of serving students and the community, a vision for the future of DMACC was shared. The vision included the launch of the DMACC Delivers campaign, publically announced at the 50th Anniversary Gala in April.

The DMACC Delivers campaign is a multimillion-dollar initiative that will help in serving our students, our businesses, our communities and the state of Iowa as a whole. ***The $50 million campaign will last five years and will provide essential funding in these areas:***

- Annual scholarships
- Endowment building
- Construction and facilities projects on each of the DMACC campuses
- Services to underserved populations
- Technology

"DMACC Delivers provides the framework for us to better serve students, our communities, employers and the state of Iowa by providing access to education through scholarships, enhanced programming and state-of-the-art learning facilities," says DMACC President Rob Denson. "We are proud to provide a high-quality education for the people who make our communities go and our economies grow."

Please show your support for the DMACC Delivers campaign with a tax-deductible financial contribution.

For information, please contact: DMACC Foundation, 515.964.6229 or foundation@dmacc.edu

HOPE

DMACC fulfills the needs of Iowa, while fulfilling the dreams of Iowans. As a community college, DMACC creates opportunity for all, including diverse populations and nontraditional students, which leads to meaningful employment.

OPPORTUNITY

A DMACC education puts students on the path to personal achievement and professional success. With the lowest tuition in Central Iowa, DMACC is helping establish Iowa as first-in-the-nation in qualified workforce.

TALENT

DMACC plays a valuable role in closing the skills gap in Iowa and across the nation. Many of our fastest growing industries rely on employees with skills that require more than a high school education but can be gained in fewer than four years—the same expertise DMACC delivers through its certificate, diploma and two-year programs.

VALUE

Scholarships enable DMACC to remain accessible, affordable and competitive. Students take advantage of DMACC's unparallelled educational value, small class sizes and exceptional faculty.

RESULTS

"I like the young, ambitious workers who come from DMACC. Their training is excellent! I would hire DMACC graduates in the future."

—Bruce Zimmerman
Maintenance Shop Manager, McAninch

"We started with three students and now we have more than 200."

—Chef Robert Anderson

Top: The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated Iowa Culinary Institute (ICI®) on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Those taking part in the ceremony included DMACC Chef and Program Chair Robert Anderson; Jeff Reeser, husband of the late DMACC Chef Lori Dowie-Reeser; DMACC President Rob Denson; DMACC supporter Dennis Albaugh; DMACC Foundation Board President Curtis Van Veldhuizen; DMACC Academic Dean Jim Stick; DMACC French Professor and coordinator of the ICI French Chef's exchange Maura Nelson; and DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kim Linduska.

Middle: Chef Anderson addresses the crowd at the April Open House celebrating the opening of the remodeled facility.

Bottom: The $5.5 million facility upgrade includes a new wall made out of wooden wine crates.

At Right: An exterior photo of the newly remodeled ICI on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

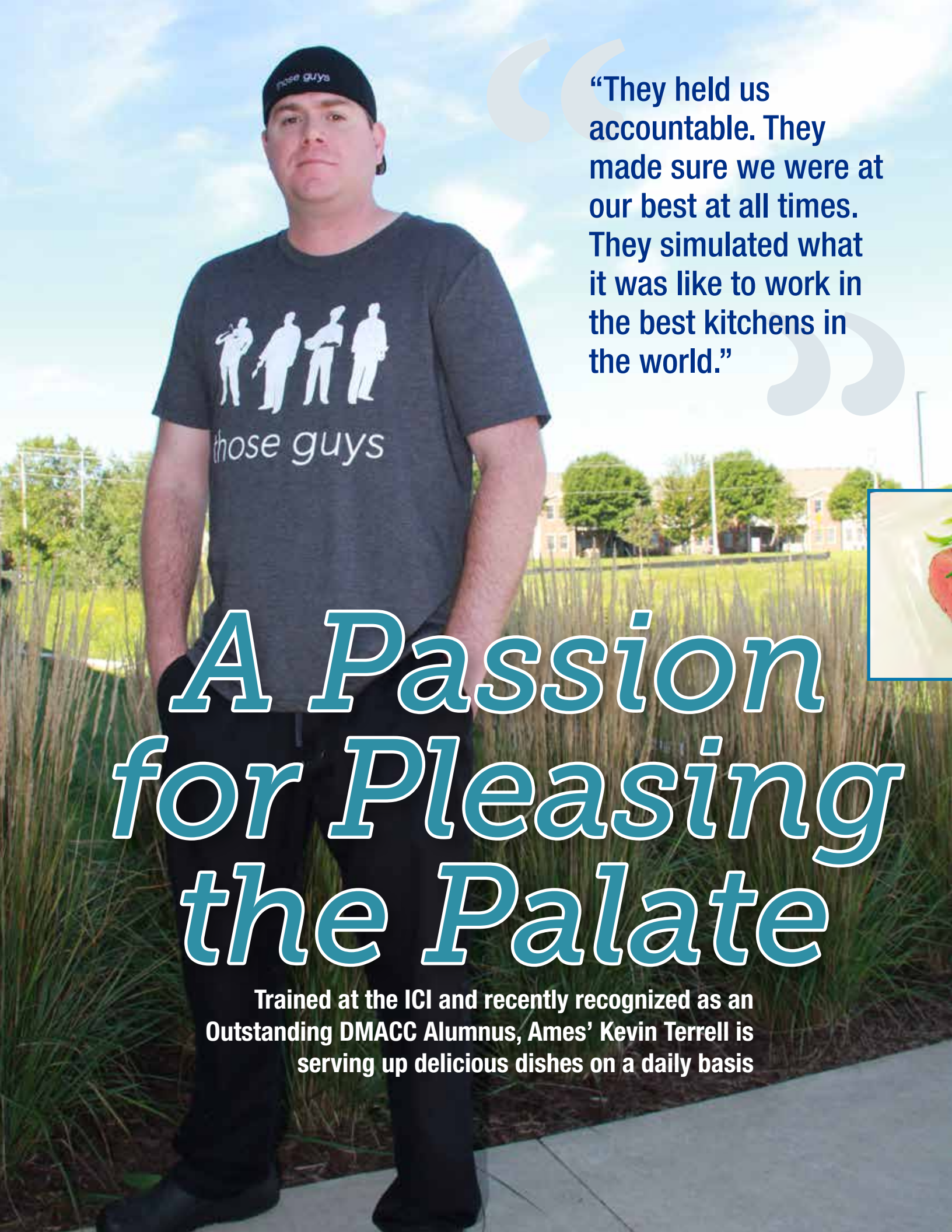
Opening *New Doors*

In April, the Iowa Culinary Institute (ICI®) cut the ribbon on its remodeled facility and opened the door to give an up-close look at the project to more than 100 generous supporters. Renovations were made possible by a lead gift from DMACC alumnus Dennis Albaugh and his wife, Susan, as well as a number of other generous donors.

The enhanced space includes:

- A new grand entrance and reception area with a 30-foot glass wall on three sides and views of the DMACC Ankeny Campus Lake.
- Exterior lighted seating wall and new plaza
- An impressive wine crate feature wall with wine boxes from around the world.
- A student study and collaboration space that doubles as a reception area for DMACC dinners and events.
- Remodeled and enlarged classroom spaces.
- Updated and energy-efficient mechanical and electrical infrastructure.

Thank you to all who supported the project!



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A Passion for Pleasing the Palate

Trained at the ICI and recently recognized as an Outstanding DMACC Alumnus, Ames' Kevin Terrell is serving up delicious dishes on a daily basis

As he strolls through the kitchen minutes after lunch service at Workiva, Kevin Terrell looks right at home. The Executive Chef at the Ames-based tech startup weaves his way past his dedicated crew—many of them, like him, graduates of the Iowa Culinary Institute (ICI®) at DMACC—making preparations for the next day's meal. Tomorrow, staff will be treated to pot roast, seasoned to perfection with a marinade that transforms it into a heavenly, just-like-home-cooked delight.

It doesn't take long to recognize Kevin is a man who loves his work. And as he ducks into the walk-in cooler, he pops open a container and offers up a small, green treat.

"Taste these," he says. "They're Mexican cucumbers. We sourced them locally. Incredible. So fresh. So good."

Yes, Kevin is home in the kitchen, doing exactly what he envisioned during stops in France, Las Vegas and a handful of other locations. He is introducing the art of food to scores of people each day both in his role at Workiva and on his own through his private chef/catering company Kevin Terrell & Those Guys.

A Passion for Food

After working in a few restaurants around Ames during his college years, it didn't take Kevin long to acquire a passion for food preparation and service. He so enjoyed the atmosphere that he left his studies at Iowa State University and enrolled in DMACC's ICI in 2005.

"There are so many I learned from at the ICI," Kevin says. "From Lori Dowie-Reeser and Bill Easter to Robert Anderson and others. They are the kinds of professional I aspired to be.

"And while they were all full of tips and tricks and knowledge to help me in the professional world, it was about more than that," Kevin adds. "They held us accountable. They made sure we were at our best at all times. They simulated what it was like to work in the best kitchens in the world."

Kevin was fortunate to cap his practical training by participating in the prestigious French Chef Exchange offered by DMACC. In France, Kevin's internal fire for creating palate-pleasing dishes and serving others was further stoked.

Kicking It Up a Notch

In 2008, Kevin moved to Las Vegas and it was there his career took off. After starting as a line cook at the Delmonico Steakhouse in the Venetian, he was soon promoted to sous chef at the Emeril Lagasse-owned-and-operated restaurant. He soaked in all he could in that position, spending four years perfecting his craft with an eye open for the next opportunity.

"In February of 2013, I moved back to Ames to open a restaurant-level service within Workiva," he says. "Initially it was just me. A plan was in place, but at the time, Workiva was really just steel and cement. The building wasn't there, the kitchen wasn't there. We started it from scratch."

Changing Perceptions

Whether it's in his work at Workiva or in serving an ever-growing list of clients in his work with Kevin Terrell & Those Guys, Kevin says he is always looking to push the envelope with fresh flavors featuring locally sourced foods. In addition to working with local farmers and producers, he has leveraged contacts made in Las Vegas to find suppliers for everything from fish to specialty fowl.

"I get everything I can from local farmers," Kevin says. "Not only does it offer the opportunity to serve the freshest food possible, it helps us to support the community we live and work in."

Branching Out

And as word gets out about Kevin's culinary talents, his work is more and more in demand in the community. Kevin Terrell & Those Guys has been honored for its work at the Foodies & Brew event in Ames multiple times and just recently won the People's Choice Award at the annual Cyclone Gridiron Club Coaches Cook-off. Kevin and his team partnered with Iowa State football assistant coach Louis Ayeni.

"My work with Kevin Terrell & Those Guys allows me to change things up a bit from my work at Workiva," Kevin says. The "those guys" are a rotating band of assistants, many of them grads of the ICI.

"There is an adrenaline rush being so hands-on in putting the menu together and preparing the meal. You have to be on your game at all times," he says. "It may sound cliché, but it's the ICI staff and program that prepared me to excel under that type of pressure."

Des Moines Area Community College

CEO GOLF Invitational

A Perfect Match!

The DMACC Foundation & Our Generous Supporters

The DMACC CEO Golf Invitational was bigger and better than ever. Our generous supporters contributed more than $340,000—a new record! That pushed the total amount raised since the tournament began nine years ago to $1,550,000. We are continually humbled by the generous contributions of so many individuals and organizations, providing scholarship funds for DMACC students.

On behalf of our alumni, students, faculty and staff, we thank you for your tireless support of DMACC!

Tony Baxter presents a bonus $25,000 check to Dennis Albaugh and Rob Denson for topping $300,000

John Sarcone, Dr. Susan Beck, Shari Avis Horner and Jim Sarcone

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SAVE THE DATE!

2017 DMACC CEO Golf Invitational is June 22!

Supporting Our Students

Thank You, Wells Fargo!

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) President Rob Denson (second from right) accepts a $25,000 donation from Wells Fargo Great Plains Region President Don Pearson (third from left). Others participating in the check presentation include (from left): iHeartMedia Account Executive Betsy Pearson, Wells Fargo Community Affairs Representative Sarabeth Anderson, Pearson, DMACC English Professor Dr. Eden Pearson, Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families Director Marvin DeJear, Denson, and Wells Fargo Vice President and Regional Marketing Manager Tony Dickinson. The funds will be used to support the Summer Youth Employment Program at the Evelyn K. Davis Center, the Mark Pearson FFA Scholarship, and ESL programming.

Thank You, UPS!

UPS Human Resources Supervisors Alyson Downing (left) and Blake Wilkerson present a check for $10,000 to DMACC President Rob Denson to support the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families. The funds will be used for the Summer Youth Program. The Summer Youth Employment Program serves youth ages 14 to 21 and provides participating students with life skills, job training, employment experiences, career guidance, financial literacy training, and social growth opportunities while helping them become better prepared for postsecondary education and high-quality employment opportunities.

Honored *for Excellence*

Today, as many as 45% of U.S. undergraduates are enrolled at a community college, and community colleges are even more important for first-generation and minority students: well over half of all African-American, Native American and Latino students are enrolled in community colleges, according to the American Association of Community Colleges Fact Sheet. Community colleges are central to social mobility, educational access and entry into professional careers.

And when it comes to delivering value, DMACC is among the best in the United States. In the recent ranking released by ValueColleges.com, DMACC was rated the 10th best value among community colleges across the United States.

Congratulations to the faculty, staff and students who prove time and again that DMACC is among the finest institutions of higher learning in the country!

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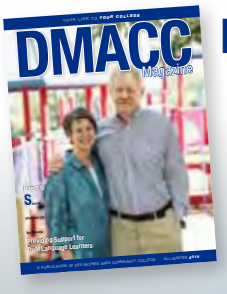

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Season's Greetings

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year!

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