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CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM PREPARES TO BUILD FACILITY AIMED AT TRAINING THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS OF TOMORROW

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Director's Message

In this issue of *DMACC Magazine*, we share information about a project that showcases how big ideas can come to fruition when everyone pitches in their special expertise.

For years, DMACC's Criminal Justice program has been studying ways to meet the increasing interest in its degree and certificate programs. As law enforcement and public safety has changed, the program has gotten to the point where it has outgrown its current footprint on the Ankeny Campus.

Driven by the need for more space—and increasingly complex training tools—and inspired by a vision to serve both students and professionals, the Criminal Justice program is working with the DMACC Foundation and a number of other academic programs to build an additional facility.

The vision for the new Criminal Justice Training Facility will bring together faculty, staff, students and donors. Our Criminal Justice faculty and staff will offer input on what needs to be included in the building to enable the program to grow to serve the needs of those pursuing a public safety career, and the needs of those already in the field seeking continuing education opportunities or additional training.

Our donors will supply the financial means to see the project through. This much-needed expansion of the Criminal Justice program will be funded entirely through private support facilitated by gifts to the DMACC Foundation.

The students of DMACC's Architectural Technology program, with the assistance of a DMACC Architectural Technology Program Chair, will design the facility.

Once funding is secured, the DMACC Construction Trades students will build the structure.

This marks the first project of this scope, in recent memory, to bring together private support and so many different departments. All involved are confident it can become a model for similar efforts in years to come.

We are excited to kick off the project and invite you to learn more about the role you can play by checking out the feature beginning on Page 6.

Sincerely,

Tara Connolly
Executive Director

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Thank you to the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Office for sponsoring a portion of the costs to produce *DMACC Magazine*. Your support is greatly appreciated!

DMACC Student Evans Kollie, the first in her family to attend college, is completing coursework with the aim of becoming a Physican Assistant.

YOUR SUPPORT DELIVERS OPPORTUNITY

Your gifts to the DMACC Foundation support scholarships for students who may not otherwise have the financial means to pursue a college education. Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of the next generation of Iowa's leaders.

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Annual Scholarship Dinner

There are few events that showcase the spirit of our donors more than our Annual Scholarship Dinner. Held each fall on our Ankeny Campus, it allows the Foundation to offer a formal "Thank You!" to the generous donors to the scholarship fund, while shining a deserved light on the exceptional students who benefit from those gifts.

This year's event was hosted on November 20, 2017, and in addition to recognizing donors and students, the event included the presentation of the Partner in Education Award to Baxter Construction for its exceptional support of DMACC students.

Thank you to all who support our students and congratulations to all who were honored!

Left to right, Mark and Barb Schmidt.

Left to right, Macy Janssen and Carla Kuzynowski, Bank of the West.

Left to right, Megan Bluml and Kassidy Welsh.

Fast Facts

The DMACC Foundation allocated $1,000,000 in scholarships to DMACC students in 2017–the largest allocation in its history!

The DMACC Foundation provided scholarship dollars to more than 1,850 students during 2017.

Donors to the DMACC Foundation made it possible to create 12 new scholarships during 2017.

HONORING *Excellence*

Left to right, Elizabeth Su and Abel Kah.

Rob Denson and Tony Baxter.

Stan Zinnel.

Aarron Weets, Student Speaker.

Georgie McKnight,
Student Speaker.

Left to right, Don and Carolyn Zuck.

Curtis Van Veldhuizen, President,
DMACC Foundation Board of Directors.

Left to right, Tony Baxter, Pat Denson, Vada Grantham.

Thank you to all who attended!

Opening New Doors

NEW FACILITY, DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM, WILL SERVE AS A FOUNDATION FOR TRAINING THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS OF TOMORROW

The floor plan of the upper level of the DMACC Criminal Justice facility. The facility will offer a realistic environment to conduct training exercises for students and members of the law enforcement and public safety communities. Included on Page 7 is the floor plan of the lower level, including ample classroom space, a mock cell, a monitor room and more.

Preparing Public Safety Professionals

For almost five decades, the DMACC Criminal Justice program has been on the forefront of preparing students to become public safety professionals. With the addition of a new Criminal Justice Training Facility, the program is poised to expand its scope.

The Criminal Justice program is one of the largest at DMACC. With the third-highest enrollment at the College, the program has a long history of providing comprehensive classroom instruction and practical training for those focused on serving as police officers, detectives, homeland security officials, crime scene investigators and more.

"Our program is focused on providing the skills and tools necessary for students to be successful across a broad spectrum of public safety careers," says Jessica Cole, DMACC Criminal Justice Program Chair. "We hear regularly from our graduates that the coursework they completed at DMACC provided the foundation on which they built their career."

After training thousands of criminal justice professionals, the programming is turning an eye toward the future with a planned expansion.

Recently, designs were unveiled for a new Criminal Justice Training Facility on the DMACC Ankeny campus. The new facility—designed to look like an ordinary home from the outside, but with a bevy of instructional features on the inside—will benefit DMACC students as well as public safety agencies and communities throughout Iowa.

The facility is designed by students enrolled in DMACC's Architectural Technology program, with the assistance of a DMACC Architectural Technology instructor and direction from DMACC's Criminal Justice faculty. The building will be constructed by DMACC Construction Trades students, allowing the structure to be built for significantly less expense—essentialy just the cost of building supplies, indoor furnishings and classroom technology.

The new facility will allow the program to expand coursework by offering students real-world experience in proper investigation techniques, evidence collection/preservation and processing, and proper scene documentation. The facility will offer the flexibility to present programming specific to each of the four criminal justice degree programs at DMACC: Law Enforcement, Corrections, Electronic Crime, and Homeland Security.

Additionally, programming will be coordinated from the facility that is geared toward certificate programs in Crime Scene Investigation and Digital Forensics, and for the training of a wide array of professionals currently in the field.

Jasper County Sheriff John Halferty, who is a DMACC Criminal Justice graduate, says the proposed Criminal Justice Training Facility will be of great value to his officers.

"It is important our deputies have regular training," Sheriff Halferty says. "DMACC has always been a leader in educating students and I anticipate the training offered from the new facility will help our staff to hone their skills."

Supporting the Project

Proper handling of a crime scene is a critical skill for law enforcement officers, crime scene investigators and forensic scientists. Crime scene analysis promotes critical thinking skills and proper evidence handling techniques.

By providing funds in support of the Criminal Justice Training Facility, you can ensure that resources and advanced training facilities to support students pursuing this vital career path—and those professionals already in the field protecting our communities—are available in a central location.

The campaign goal is $300,000 and the entire project will be funded through private donations. If all funds are secured for the project, the facility will be completed and integrated into Criminal Justice programming by the end of summer 2019.

Proposed lower level

KEY BENEFITS

- Hands-on, realistic, practical training.
- Ability to videotape training for immediate feedback on performance.
- Potential to serve as a regional draw and recruiting tool for future DMACC students from Iowa and beyond.

To learn more about making a gift in support of the DMACC Criminal Justice Training Facility, please contact Tara Connolly at tkconnolly@dmacc.edu or (515) 964-6229.

DMACC Criminal Justice Training Facility

Taking a Closer Look

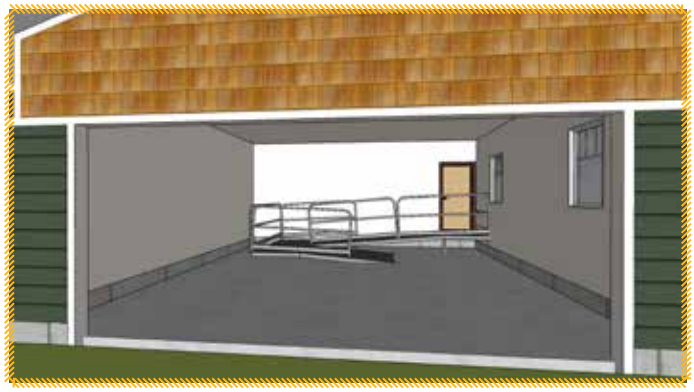
The back of the home includes a full deck accessible from the main level and a patio accessible from the lower level.

UPPER LEVEL

The view from the entryway shows an open floor plan, including a living area, kitchen and bedrooms. There are folding doors included on the main level to allow for a number of different configurations, based on the training taking place.

The view looking back toward the living area shows a master bedroom area and stairs down to the basement.

Accordion walls allow for maximum flexibility in altering the space to cater to specific training objectives.



The garage is handicapped-accessible, as is the rest of the facility.

The Criminal Justice Training Facility will look like a residence from the outside. In addition to providing practical training tools like a mock cell, the facility offers a realistic residential floor plan on the upper level. The lower level offers ample space for classroom instruction, to include the latest in monitoring technology to provide students and professionals practice instruction.

LOWER LEVEL

The centerpiece of the lower level is a large classroom space that includes the latest in technology.

A mock cell is included on the lower level to bring an authentic atmosphere to a variety of training activities.

A monitor room is included on the lower level, offering an opportunity for training on state-of-the art electronic equipment and to provide a "real-world" experience for students and professionals participating in continuing education or advanced training.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE: Jonathan Shuka

From a young age, Jonathan Shuka had an interest in criminal justice. A self-described "rule follower," he spent a lot of his formative years around law enforcement officers and developed a healthy respect for the role they play in maintaining order in his hometown of Ames.

After a short detour out of high school following another passion—music—Jonathan jumped into the DMACC Criminal Justice program in the Fall of 2016. He says his coursework has opened his eyes to the array of career options in criminal justice.

"When I started at DMACC, I was focused on being a police officer," Jonathan says. "Now that I'm more than a year into my studies, I have been exposed to so many different career paths. I have applied for positions in jails, looked into opportunities as a vehicle enforcement officer at the Department of Transportation, and more.

"It's exciting," he continues, "because there are so many different paths I can take."

In addition to being engaged in his studies, Jonathan is a member of the leadership of the Criminal Justice Club. He says the program has a close-knit feel to it and he appreciates the level of support offered from the instructors, his peers and in the form of scholarships.

"Our instructors are not just teachers, they are mentors," he says. "They have tons of experience and are so free in sharing that with us. They don't just care about us as students, but see us as future colleagues. I have no doubts they will be a part of my life long after I've finished my coursework at DMACC."

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-Jonathan Shuka,
DMACC Criminal Justice Student

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE: Sheriff John Halferty

Jasper County (Iowa) Sheriff John Halferty graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from DMACC more than three decades ago. While much has changed in law enforcement over the years, John still credits his college training for laying the foundation for what has been a rewarding career.

"I admit that I was an average student when I enrolled at DMACC," he says, looking back. "But when I got into the Criminal Justice classes, they piqued my interest and I did really well in all of them. Those classes confirmed for me that this is what I wanted to do. I can't put into words how much I appreciate what DMACC started for me all those years ago."

John graduated in 1986 and became one of the youngest officers ever to serve the Newton Police Department. He credits an internship he did with the department while he was at DMACC for opening the door to his first full-time law enforcement job. After 11 years there, he moved on to the Jasper County Sheriff's office. Throughout, he has held a healthy appreciation for the role DMACC plays in the region.

"DMACC has recognized how the field has changed and has acted to add programming to address the changing law enforcement landscape," John says, adding that the proposed Criminal Justice Training Facility will be an invaluable tool.

"Not only will the facility improve the level of education for students," he says. "But it will help those who have been in the field to maintain and develop skills that improve the way we serve our communities."

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-John Halferty,
DMACC Criminal Justice Alumnus and Jasper County Sheriff

Around DMACC

News & Notes from DMACC Campuses

In recent months, a few of our campuses have welcomed new members to the leadership team. Here is a look at three new faces.

Dr. Stanley Jensen / DMACC College Operations

The new year brought a new face to the President's office at DMACC. On January 2, Stanley Jensen, Ph.D., joined DMACC as the Vice President of College Operations. In his role, Dr. Jensen manages the day-to-day operations of the College.

Prior to joining DMACC, Dr. Jensen served as the president and CEO of Henry Ford College (HFC). In joining DMACC, he is returning to his roots.

"I grew up in Iowa and lived in Ankeny for 23 years," he says. "This is kind of a homecoming."

As a higher education administrator, Dr. Jensen has focused on strategic and process improvement planning for college growth, program development, resource development, strategic technology adoption and leadership. He has already leveraged that expertise at DMACC, launching five quality improvement teams to date. He says his priority is on serving students.

"DMACC is a catalyst for a lot of people in achieving their next phase of growth," he says. "I'm excited to work toward implementing programming that will meet students where they are while preparing them for success."

Dr. Anne Howsare Boyens / Urban Campus

Dr. Anne Howsare Boyens was not new to DMACC Urban Campus when she was named Provost in May of 2017. With a firm understanding of the important role Urban Campus plays for the community, Dr. Howsare Boyens was able to hit the ground running.

Her priority, as it has always been, is to ensure the College is meeting the needs of the urban community it serves.

"We truly serve our community," Dr. Howsare Boyens says. "We are always asking what we can do to better meet the needs of our students and that is what shapes us. We are in every sense a community college, serving our constituents right here in the urban core."

Dr. Howsare Boyens has worked in a variety of roles in her 14 years at DMACC. Now as Provost, she plans to continue to carry on the legacy Urban Campus has established.

"We are in a unique position to have a generational impact on the students we serve," Dr. Howsare Boyens says. "We have the ability to help families break the cycle of poverty and that is the most rewarding aspect of our work."

Dr. Andrew Nelson / Boone Campus

In his second school year as Provost of DMACC Boone Campus, Dr. Andrew Nelson is more impressed than ever at the level of support the College receives from the community.

"The community loves DMACC," he says. "I have been overwhelmed by the interest in what we do and in the sense of ownership the people of Boone have in the College."

The mutual appreciation shared by DMACC and the citizens of Boone has developed over decades and Dr. Nelson says he is focused on maintaining the harmony, while growing the academic and workforce training opportunities on the campus.

"We are probably one of DMACC's most traditional campuses, offering classes that prepare students for transfer to a four-year college," he says. "We will continue to serve those students, but we are also looking at ways that we can grow our strong nursing and CNA programs, and work with the business community to develop more opportunities for skills-based training and certificate programs.

"This is a special place," he continues. "We are small enough that no one is going to get lost in the shuffle. We are the right size to be able to provide a little extra in helping students find success."

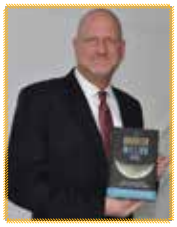
Honors Program Director Appointed

Dr. Laurie Linhart, Ph.D., was recently named DMACC Honors Program Director. Dr. Linhart began full-time at DMACC in August of 2013 and was an adjunct professor for more than 10 years prior to that.

The DMACC Honors Program, the first comprehensive honors program among Iowa's community colleges, started in the fall of 2012 with 58 students representing all six DMACC campuses. The DMACC Foundation provided $73,000 in seed money to fund scholarships for the first two years of the program.

"I'm looking forward to building on the many achievements of the DMACC Honors program, which now includes 14 Valedictorian Scholars," Linhart says. "The sky is the limit for both our program and the students."

Paustian Earns Another Honor



DMACC West Campus Provost, Dr. Anthony Paustian, has received a Reader Views Reviewers Choice Literary Award for the Best Business Book in 2017/2018 for penning *A Quarter Million Steps: Creativity, Imagination and Leading Transformative Change.*

Dr. Paustian's book was chosen from among hundreds of entries from the newest books by the nation's top authors. This is the third award for Paustian's book in the last three months. Paustian's other awards include an international 2017 Book Excellence Award out of Toronto for Best Management Book and a 2018 Axiom Business Book Awards Silver Medal for Best Motivation, Success, and Coaching Book.

The annual Reader Views Reviewers Choice Literary Awards was established in 2006 to honor writers who had books published by a subsidy publisher, small press, university press, or independent book publisher geared primarily for the North American reading audience.

Concert Supports New Scholarship

A holiday concert by world-famous bass-baritone Simon Estes raised $30,000 to support a new music scholarship dedicated in the singer's name.

The concert featured holiday songs sung by Estes, the DMACC Chamber Ensemble and choirs from Ankeny High School and Ankeny Centennial High School.

The performance was held Dec. 19 at the Des Moines Civic Center. Estes is a visiting professor of music at DMACC; the concert was part of his efforts to help young people pursue careers in music at DMACC.

Pictured above are DMACC President Rob Denson (left) and Estes.

Nominations Now Being Accepted

The DMACC Foundation is offering $10,000 to the winner of its 2018 Entrepreneurship Competition. The competition is open to DMACC students and alumni living in Iowa only. The winner will be announced at the DMACC Small Business Awards on September 13, 2018.

The $10,000 cash award was made possible by an anonymous gift.

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DMACC SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS
Applications are now open for the 2018 DMACC SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS
Recipients will be honored at the annual DMACC Small Business Awards Ceremony to be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018.
Award nominations will be accepted in the following categories:
- Most Innovative
- Young Entrepreneur
- Dennis Albaugh Award
- Top Growth Company
- Small Business of The Year(Premier Award)

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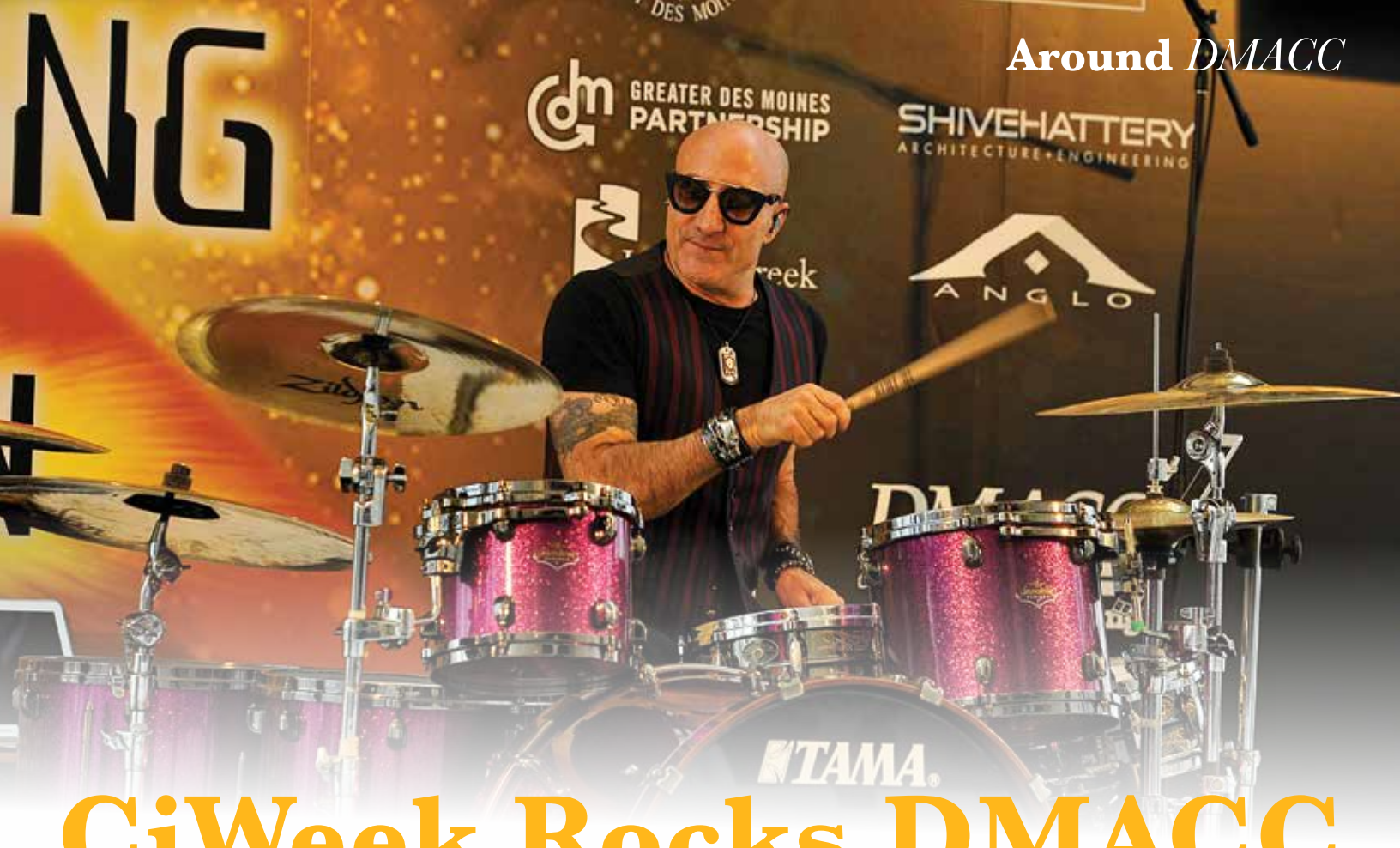

CiWeek Rocks DMACC

Now in its ninth year, Celebrate Innovation Week (CiWeek) was held in early March with presentations and activities at DMACC West Campus in West Des Moines. The theme for CiWeek9 was "Exploring the Unknown" and the event was presented by Microsoft.

Featured speakers included Josh Gates (pictured bottom, left) of the television program "Expedition Unknown," science writer Nathalia Holt (pictured bottom, right) who penned the New York Times bestseller *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us from Missiles to the Moon to Mars*, actor Jonathan Frakes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (answering a question in photo at middle, right), world-renowned drummer Kenny Arnoff (pictured at top), and a host of others.

In addition to educating and motivating, CiWeek also provided an opportunity for our sponsor organizations (pictured top left and right) to network with students.

Thanks to all who attended and so generously supported CiWeek including Microsoft, Anglo International, City of West Des Moines, West Bank, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Jordan Creek Town Center, ShiveHattery and Holiday Inn.

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DMACC CEO Golf Invitational
June 21, 2018
Talons of Tuscany Golf Course
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DMACC Small Business Awards
Thursday, September 13, 2018
FFA Building
DMACC Ankeny Campus *I*

DMACC Alumni Association
5K Walk/Run
Saturday, September 29, 2018
DMACC Ankeny Campus

DMACC Foundation
Scholarship Dinner
Monday, November 12, 2018
FFA Building
DMACC Ankeny Campus

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