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Dennis and Susan Albaugh

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Director's Message

In this issue of *DMACC Magazine*, we are proud to share an in-depth look at the generosity of one of our most famous graduates, Dennis Albaugh.

Along with his wife, Susan, the Albaughs have helped DMACC improve its facilities with a series of major capital gifts, while providing critical support to students by providing funding for scholarships.

Legendarily among the first graduates of the DMACC Ankeny Campus Agribusiness program, Dennis took what he learned here and combined it with a passion for his work to build an international success story. And in doing so, he remained loyal to his roots.

Time and again, Dennis and Susan have stepped up to make an investment in excellence here at DMACC, in Ankeny, and across Iowa. We appreciate Dennis sharing his story and our hope is that it will inspire you to make an investment in our students as well.

Our donors enable us to serve students in vital need of financial support to pursue a postsecondary education. In the last decade alone, giving to the DMACC Foundation has enabled us to nearly triple our annual allotment for student scholarships.

That investment in an average of 2,000 students annually ensures that individuals have the means necessary to acquire the skills and knowledge required to be competitive in today's job market—regardless of the financial circumstances they may be facing. It also ensures that businesses have access to a workforce that is motivated and has the ability to navigate successfully in even the most complex industries.

During this holiday season, please know that we are thankful to have such a loyal and giving group of donors. We are appreciative each day that we have the opportunity to work with you in helping students get ahead.

Thank you for your investment in excellence and please enjoy a holiday season filled with family, fun and fellowship.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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14th Annual CEO GOLF Invitational

Together Again ... Thank You for Your Support of DMACC Students!

It felt so good to be together again at the DMACC CEO Golf Invitational in 2021! After taking a mulligan due to the coronavirus pandemic last year, we hosted our 14th annual event on June 24 at the Talons of Tuscany golf course in Ankeny. The response was beyond anything we could have imagined. The camaraderie and laughs on the links were long overdue. And the support was nothing short of spectacular.

The final total of **$407,320 raised from this year's event** pushes the overall dollars raised to more than **$3.6 million** since the event's debut in 2008. We cannot thank our golfers, private donors and corporate supporters enough.

Thank you to all who turned out in support of students this year!

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The Albaugh Family

Investing in Excellence

Passion meets purpose as Albaughs provide generous support for DMACC students and programs.

The thing about extravagant visions is that while many people are excited by them, only a select few have the passion, purpose and expertise to bring them to fruition.

Dennis Albaugh is one of those few.

The son of Dean and Lorna Lee Albaugh, Dennis was raised on a farm just northeast of Ankeny. He gained an appreciation for hard work and a love for the land at a very young age. Coupling the lessons learned on that farm with his love for all things Ankeny, Albaugh has given life to a vision that exceeds the imagination of even the biggest dreamers.

A Love for This Land

As one of the wealthiest families in all of the Midwest, Dennis and his wife, Susan, could choose to set down roots anywhere. Their choice to headquarter their business here stems from a deep appreciation for the area in which Dennis and Susan were raised.

In Dennis's formative years, Ankeny was still a small town positioned close enough to Des Moines to have quick access to all of the conveniences of the big city, but far enough away that it retained its own identity. Out on the farm, Dennis's dad made sure he and his siblings gained an appreciation for hard work.

"My dad didn't believe in days off," Dennis says from the conference room of the headquarters of Albaugh LLC, which is located mere minutes from the farm where he grew up. "I was a farm boy, walking beans, baling hay, corn, crops, livestock, everything. We'd often work until after dark, go to bed and then get up and do it all over again. I loved it."

For Dennis, it fueled his passion for the land. Sure, he enjoyed heading out to the football game on a Friday night, or catching a show with friends, but he lived for his life on the farm and he loved everything about growing up around Ankeny.

A New Opportunity

While he loved life on the farm, Dennis was excited about the prospect of going to college and gaining additional knowledge and skills. As he was finishing high school, a "new" college opened its doors in his hometown, close to home.

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), which had launched in Des Moines in 1966, expanded to open its main campus in Ankeny in 1968, and it had an Agribusiness Operations program.

"My first classes were at the Ankeny Methodist Church," Dennis recalls. "But I was able to spend my last year in the first building [now Building #14]. It was neat to watch DMACC grow back then, and it is still neat to watch it grow today."

Dennis says he never considered going anywhere else.

"It was right there in my hometown," says Dennis, who received the first Agribusiness Operations degree DMACC awarded. "I was able to go to school and still live and work at home. I earned an ag degree there and that is where the seed for my main business got started."

The seed for Dennis's business was planted during one of several field trips led by his instructors at DMACC. He learned plenty during visits to fish hatcheries, feed mills and more. It was during this time that he learned about using chemicals to kill weeds—and a light bulb went on.

"When I was young, it was one of my jobs to go out in the fields and cut weeds," Dennis says. "When I saw how they were being treated by being sprayed and you could eliminate that manual labor, I was intrigued."

Shortly after completing his studies at DMACC, Dennis began work at a local grain cooperative, selling supplies to growers. He worked there for about seven years before he started to feel like life was getting "a little stagnant."

He continued to have an interest in the concept of the chemical

A Different Kind *of Development*

When DRA Properties, headed by Dennis Albaugh, set out to develop more than 1,000 acres near the geographic center of Ankeny, the vision was that it would provide more than just homes, shops, parks and gathering places. The vision was for a different kind of development—a development that gave back to its community.

With few examples of similar developments to guide them, Albaugh and his team jumped in to developing Prairie Trail in the area just north and west of the DMACC Ankeny Campus. At the heart of the development was the creation of a fund that would support educational endeavors at high schools in Ankeny and provide postsecondary scholarship support to students who are residents of the development.

"Education is an important part of every person's life," said Albaugh, a 1970 DMACC graduate, at a press conference (pictured above) announcing the scholarship fund in 2007. "I received my higher education degree on DMACC's Ankeny Campus. I am a firm believer in providing support for the students and teachers who live in Ankeny. The Prairie Trail Scholarship Program and mini-grant project is designed to accomplish just that."

The scholarship fund is now administered by the DMACC Foundation and awards scholarships annually to students attending DMACC or any other college in Iowa. To date, nearly 300 scholarships have been awarded through the fund, amounting to $711,000 distributed to students since its inception.

2019 Prairie Trail Scholarship Recipients with DMACC President Rob Denson (far right).

treatment of weeds, and researched opportunities that could help him gain greater insight and experience in that niche. He eventually settled into a sales job with a chemical company. After about three years, he again began asking himself questions about his own future.

"I thought, why don't I try this on my own," Dennis recalls. "And the rest, as they say, is history."

An Industry Leader

While Dennis's first delivery as a business owner was memorable—for all the wrong reasons—he eventually found his stride. With Susan's tireless support, Dennis grew the business steadily.

When the opportunity presented itself for Dennis's company to produce a generic version of a popular herbicide and sell it nationally, then internationally, he jumped at the chance. From there, the business grew beyond anything Dennis or Susan could have imagined.

Their hard work and tremendous success allowed the Albaughs a number of opportunities. In addition to purchasing land in and around their beloved Ankeny, they began actively seeking opportunities to support causes throughout the area.

Giving Back

For the Albaughs, sharing their success has always been a priority. Dennis and Susan are generous supporters of initatives in Ankeny and across Iowa, and have nurtured a spirit of giving in their daughters' families, both of whom have chosen to put down roots in Ankeny.

Among the first and largest gifts the Albaughs made was a $250,000 donation to the State Historical Society of Iowa. On the heels of that gift came significant contributions to projects ranging from a Senior Center in Ankeny to renovations to the Ankeny High School football stadium. DMACC has also been one of the Albaughs' philanthropic priorities.

In 2014, Dennis and Susan made a $1 million lead gift in support of the expansion of the Iowa Culinary Institute. They also made a land transfer gift that made the FFA Enrichment Center on the Ankeny Campus a possibility, provided critical support for the expansion of the Karl Chevrolet Automotive Technology Center and Health Sciences Building, and launched one of the most innovative scholarship programs anywhere in the country.

A Vision to Give Back to the Community

Located just north and west of the DMACC Ankeny Campus, Prairie Trail is a 1,031-acre planned community built on the tradition of Iowa's great town centers and neighborhoods. It's a tapestry of diverse and distinctive homes, neighborhood stores, nearby offices, a library, schools and parks. It's a walkable development with less traffic, more sidewalks and trails that connect the entire development to the City of Ankeny and beyond.

Developed by the Albaughs' DRA Properties, it also serves a philanthropic purpose. The land on which the development is built sits near the geographic center of Ankeny. It could have been parceled into a thousand different purposes, but the Albaughs had a vision.

"We were looking to bring connectivity to the entire community," Dennis says. "We wanted to create something that gave Ankeny a whole new distinction and destination. We wanted a true dynamic town center and we wanted it to be a champion for small businesses. We wanted to do it right."

The value of the Prairie Trail development and improvements currently total more than $500 million.

Behind Dennis's leadership, they achieved the vision. And more.

The Innovative Prairie Trail Scholarship

Along with a new economic and residential district in town, the Albaughs added a philanthropic twist with the creation of The Prairie Trail Scholarship.

Its purpose is to provide financial

"I tell everyone that DMACC is my favorite university in the state of Iowa."

—Dennis Albaugh

support to those pursuing post-secondary schooling. Scholarship awards are available to residents and the dependents of property owners of the entire Prairie Trail Development. Selected recipients are eligible for a maximum lifetime award of $10,000 for their education. Students attending Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) are eligible for a maximum lifetime award of $12,000. The general scholarship is distributed in increments of $2,500 per year ($1,250 for each of two consecutive semesters). Students attending DMACC can receive $3,500 per year ($1,750 for each of two consecutive semesters). Scholarship preference is given to students who attend an accredited two- or four-year educational institution in Iowa.

In 2007, the Albaughs committed $100,000 as the initial deposit into the fund. Additional funding for the scholarship program is generated by a 1/2 of 1% fee on the transfer (sale or resale) of all real property within Prairie Trail. The fund is managed by the DMACC Foundation.

'My Favorite University'

The Albaughs' fond spot for DMACC goes back to Dennis's college days. To this day, he appreciates the quality education he received and the way his schooling at DMACC prepared him to launch what is today an international business.

"I got to watch that first building go up on the DMACC campus and I was able to spend my last year in that first building," Dennis says. "I tell everyone that DMACC is my favorite university in the state of Iowa."

Having the resources to give back in such a big way provides the Albaughs a great feeling.

"You work hard and you earn money, and then all of a sudden you figure out you have an opportunity to give back," Dennis says. "We've been fortunate to give back a lot over the years and we still have more to give. It's just a very rewarding feeling to give back to this town. Ankeny has given us so much and we are humbled to pay it back."

Loyal to DMACC, Iowa

Whatever the future holds for DMACC and its students, the Albaughs are sure to be a big factor in it. In addition to their capital gifts and the establishment of the innovative Prairie Trail Scholarship, Dennis also serves on the DMACC Foundation Board of Directors and hosts one of the Foundation's biggest fundraisers at his Talons Golf Course. Now preparing for its 15th year, the event has raised more than $3.6 million for student scholarships, averaging more than $400,000 annually for the one-day event.

Humble as always, Dennis says he is just happy to help his college, his hometown and his home state continue to thrive.

"I've achieved a lot of success right here in Iowa, and I've given a lot of it back right here in Iowa," he says. "I want to continue to do that. As I've gotten older, I've continued to look for projects that have a positive impact on the community. Our vision is to keep doing that."

Investing *in DMACC*

In addition to providing generous scholarship support, Dennis and Susan Albaugh have been instrumental in the development of a number of facilities on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The Albaughs have invested in these capital projects.

Iowa Culinary Institute

FFA Enrichment Center

Karl Chevrolet Automotive Technology Center

Health Sciences Building

Zahnar Orynbay

In her native Kazakhstan, Zahnar Orynbay was a teacher. When she married in 2013 and moved to the United States, she knew she would have difficulty teaching in her new country.

"I have dyslexia, so teaching math in my third language was not going to be possible," she says. "I visited with the advisors at DMACC and they recommended that I try accounting. My goal is to have a better life here in America and that depends on a good education."

Zahnar feels like she is receiving that good education at DMACC.

"I am really thankful for my professors," she says. "They are so passionate about their classes and so willing to spend time to help students out, especially students like me. From my teaching background, I know how important that is."

A DMACC Foundation scholarship recipient, Zahnar says the financial support has also been important.

"The scholarship allows me to work part-time so I can spend more time on my schoolwork," she says. "Without a scholarship, I would have to work full-time. This speeds up the time it takes to get my degree."

Pursuing *Excellence*

Generous support from private donors ensures students can dream big

Kylie Rink

Kylie Rink, whose career goal is to be a teacher, has been helped tremendously by DMACC Foundation scholarships.

"I come from a low-income family, so without scholarships, I'm not sure I could afford to go to college," she says. "The scholarships have helped me to pay for my classes, but not just that. They have also helped me with my books and some other expenses so I can focus on my studies."

Inspired to become a teacher by some incredible instructors while she was in high school, Rink says she has also been motivated by those leading her classes at DMACC.

"I think I am even more motivated now than I was in high school," Rink says. "DMACC is really good at keeping you engaged in your classes and wanting to learn more. Over the years, a number of teachers have become like family to me. That has made it my goal to go back and teach at my old high school or somewhere in this area."

Mackenzie Campfield

After graduating from Lincoln High School in Des Moines in 2014, Mackenzie Campfield decided that college wasn't for her. But after a few years of working, Mackenzie couldn't shake the feeling that she wanted to be back in the classroom—first as a student and eventually as a teacher.

"One morning I woke up and said to myself, 'Why am I not an elementary teacher,'" she says. "I love teaching children. Both my mother and stepmother ran in-home daycares, so kids have always been a natural part of my life. It is my dream to put my passion for guiding children to work as a teacher."

DMACC scholarships have been instrumental in helping Mackenzie make ends meet.

"Scholarships have helped me tremendously," she says. "Rather than focusing on picking up another shift, I can pick up another course to help me move closer to my career goal more quickly."

Brandt Damman

When Brandt Damman started his studies on the DMACC Boone Campus in the fall of 2018, it was brand new experience. A home school student, Brandt had taken four DMACC classes during his high school years, but being on campus daily was an eye-opener.

Brandt jumped into campus life with both feet, joining a number of organizations including the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Student Activities Council, the Social Justice Club, the newspaper, theater group and more.

Brandt says choosing DMACC was perfect for him, especially with the help he received from the DMACC Foundation.

"The scholarships reduced the financial burden I was facing," Brandt says. "Every little bit helps and I am very thankful for the support of the Foundation, my instructors, the faculty and everyone on campus. I felt fully supported at all times."

Keely Murphy

After a couple of starts and stops, Keely Murphy is closing in on completing her studies and moving into the workforce full-time as an automotive technician. Keely says she is excited for what the future holds.

"I've always had an interest in cars, and it is a really good profession and job market," she says. Keely currently works part-time at an all-female auto repair shop in Clive.

Keely is thriving in the program now, which is made possible in part by support from a DMACC Foundation scholarship.

"I'm a single mom and I work as well as going to school," she says. "And when I'm in school full-time, I can't get as many hours at work. The DMACC Foundation scholarship, along with some grants and loans, have really helped. The scholarship especially because it means I don't have to take out as many loans."

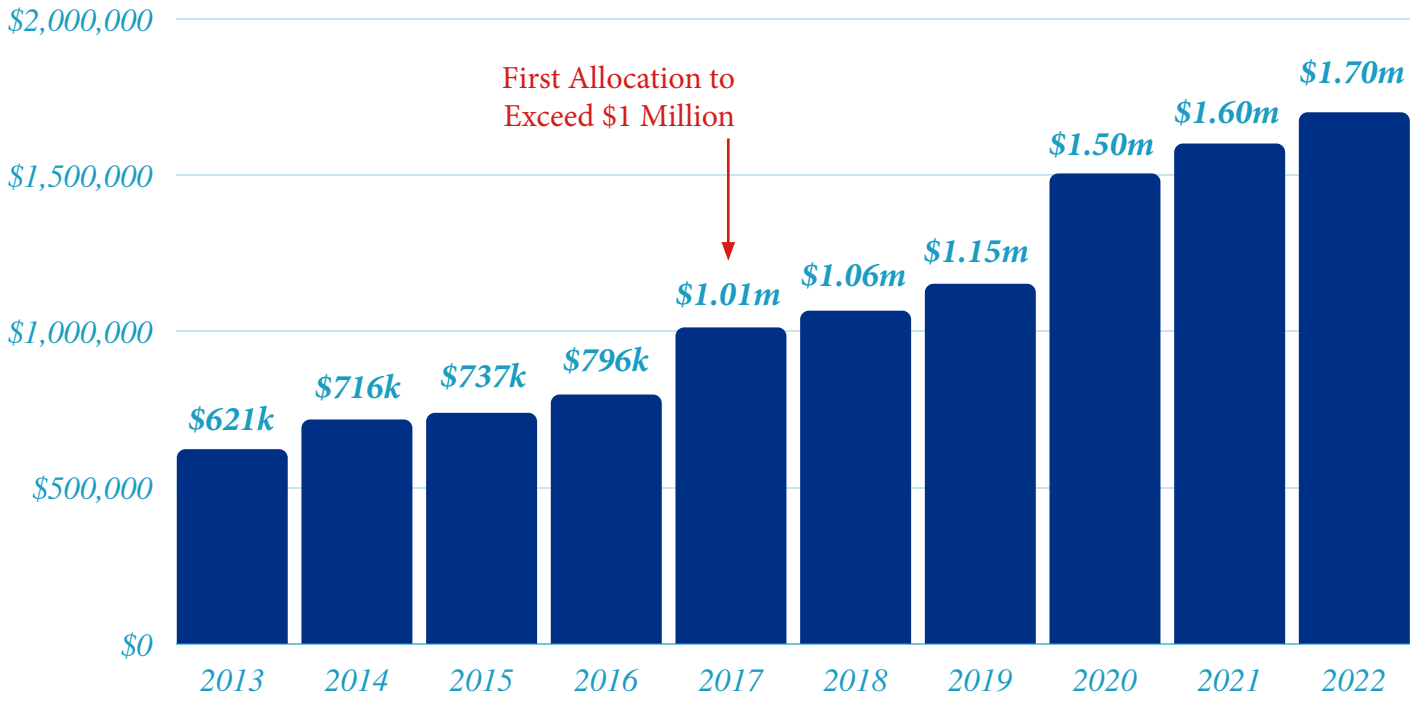
Looking back on her journey, Keely says she is proud to be where she is today.

"I didn't see myself going in the direction I am now a few years ago," she says. "My family has always had financial problems so there wasn't any help for me to go to college. But now that I am in the program, there is so much support for me. From my instructors in the program, from my family and from my work."

Generous donors to the DMACC Foundation help us remove financial barriers, enabling students to change the course of their future. Presented here is a closer look at how we are funding excellence at DMACC.

Funding *Excellence*

Scholarship Allocations by the Numbers



Scholarship allocations have increased steadily in the last decade, topping $1 million for the first time during fiscal year 2017. The fiscal year 2022 allotment represents a record amount of support and a nearly 300% increase in support when compared to fiscal year 2013.

Scholarship *Impact*

Through the DMACC Foundation, students from nearly 100 academic and technical programs receive scholarship support. Numbers below are from calendar year 2021.

$1,700,000

A record scholarship allotment.

1,580

Nearly 1,600 students benefited from a DMACC Foundation scholarship.

95%+

More than 95% of DMACC graduates remain in Iowa to live and work after completing studies.

Top Award Recipients *by Program*

$1,075

Average scholarship award.

1. **Liberal Arts (AA)** ---------- 435
2. **Associate Degree Nursing (AAS)** ---------- 199
3. **Associate General Studies (AGS)** ---------- 154
4. **Liberal Arts (AS)** ---------- 83
5. **Accounting Specialist (AAS)** ---------- 32

According to the Census Bureau, over an adult's working life, high school graduates earn an average of $1.2 million, while Associate's degree holders earn about $1.6 million, a gain of $400,000.

$174 credit hour

Lowest cost of tuition for residents in Iowa.

355

DMACC Foundation scholarships available.

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There is no fee to apply for DMACC Scholarships.

Back on Campus

DMACC Alumni Association 5K Walk/Run Hosted October 2

After being forced by the pandemic to go virtual in 2020, the annual DMACC Alumni Association 5K Walk/Run in support of students returned to the Ankeny Campus on October 2.

Absolutely perfect weather greeted nearly 200 runners and walkers as they hit the pavement for a loop around campus in support of student scholarships.

The event raised more than $8,000 for student scholarships.

In addition to the participants, we offer a hearty thank you to the volunteers who made it possible, and our generous corporate supporters including Presenting Sponsor GreenState Credit Union, and sponsors DMACC Wellness Committee, Choice Creative Solutions, Hazel Creative, Vernon Promotions, HiTouch Business Services, Fleet Feet Des Moines and Fitness Sports.

If you couldn't make it this year, we hope you'll join us next year!

Coming Events

ICI FLEUR DE LYS GALA

Saturday, April 9, 2022
DMACC Ankeny Campus
Iowa Culinary Institute, Building #7
Reservations required.
Please contact the ICI at 515-965-6566
or email ici@dmacc.edu

DMACC CEO GOLF INVITATIONAL

Thursday, June 23, 2022
Talons Golf, Ankeny
Details:
www.dmacc.edu/foundation/golf

STAY UP TO DATE!

For the latest information on Foundation and Alumni Association events, visit dmacc.edu/foundation or call 515-964-6229.

Maximizing Your Impact

As DMACC President Rob Denson and his wife, Pat, were looking for ways to magnify the impact of their gifts to the College and its students, they learned of a unique giving opportunity that fit perfectly with their giving plan.

If you have an individual retirement account (IRA), at some point the federal government mandates an annual required minimum distribution (RMD) from that account, whether you need the income or not. But you have a unique opportunity to support your favorite nonprofit organization (DMACC) with those funds without paying a tax on the distribution, allowing more of the amount to go to DMACC. It's called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

A QCD is an option that Rob and Pat have now taken advantage of for several years and can be used for all or part of your RMD. Again, it's great because, as a QCD, the entire amount of the distribution goes to the College and no taxes are due or paid, increasing the amount of the gift at no cost to you.

"There will be some paperwork as you work with your bank or IRA holder, but it's worth it," Pat says. "Rob and I are very happy that this option is available to us. We love supporting the College and our DMACC students. Seeing them succeed gives us an incredible sense of pride."

To learn more about leaving a legacy by making a gift to DMACC, visit dmacc.myfuturegift.org or call the Foundation at 515-964-6229.

Rob says: "Pat and I will continue to use this vehicle for making our annual gift. It is a great opportunity, and you can direct your QCD to a variety of DMACC uses, like scholarships, capital projects, etc. This year, our QCD will go to the Urban and Carroll expansion projects."

Do You Have an Estate Plan?

When you include the Des Moines Area Community College Foundation in your estate plan, your generosity provides quality, affordable, student centered education and training to empower all students.

We are proud to provide a number of free resources to help develop an individualized gift plan. One of our top resources is our personal estate planning kit available at dmacc.myfuturegift.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Have you already included DMACC in your will or estate plans? If so, complete the Bequest Intention form at dmacc.myfuturegift.org or contact us at 515-964-6229 or foundation@dmacc.edu to let us know of your generous gift intention.

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Our Leadership

As 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:

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To learn more about Foundation governance, please visit us online at **dmacc.edu/foundation**.

Banzhaf Joins Foundation Board

Rebecca Banzhaf, Head HR Business Partner at Principal Financial Group, has joined the DMACC Foundation Board. Rebecca says she looks forward to helping the Board continue to help students achieve their academic goals.

"I have to admit when I was approached about joining the DMACC Foundation Board, I was unaware of the impact that the Foundation had on providing students the opportunity to attend college," she says. "Once I researched and learned more, I wanted to be part of enriching the lives of others."

In her role in Human Resources at a company with an international scope, Rebecca has a special appreciation for the role colleges like DMACC play in boosting the local workforce.

"DMACC's impact is twofold: it provides opportunities to students and to employers," Rebecca says. "DMACC does a commendable job of preparing qualified and diverse employees for a competitive workforce."

On a more personal level, Rebecca is looking forward to the opportunity to give back as a member of the Foundation Board.

"For me, giving is receiving," she says. "I believe giving is the best way to add value to our shared community. I'm excited to help DMACC both reflect and strive to meet the growing needs of our evolving, multicultural society."

Shop & Support

As more and more folks turn to Amazon for their shopping needs, thousands of nonprofits are benefiting from the use of Amazon Smile. This program donates 0.5% of eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. You can now select Des Moines Area Community College Foundation as your charitable organization.

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You can direct your support to the DMACC Foundation at: smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7229486

You don't need to create a separate account. Simply shop as you normally would, and the donation will be made at no expense to you. This is a simple way to generate dollars for scholarships, facilities and program enhancements while shopping for your favorite things!

Let's Go!

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

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
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Honoring Excellence

We had the pleasure of honoring our 2021 Alumni Award Recipients at a reception on the Ankeny Campus September 2.

This year's class of award recipients have gone above and beyond—in their professions, in their communities and in support of others. They epitomize all that is great about this institution, and we are proud to count them among our esteemed alumni. Here are this year's winners:

Outstanding Alumni Award

- Steven G. Barger, Program Chair and Professor, DMACC Criminal Justice Program, Indianola, IA
- Katelynn E. Davis, Chief Pathology Resident, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- Don Tate, Author-Illustrator and Public Speaker, Austin, TX
- Joseph Weber, Director of Youth Ministry, Prairie Ridge Church, Ankeny, IA

DMACC Alumni Early Achievement Award

- Hannah Jagler, Federal Official Court Reporter, US District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Fairview Heights, IL
- Mohsina Mandil, Executive Assistant at Earthschooling, The BEarth Institute & President of Waldorf Books, Windsor Heights, IA

Pictured left to right: DMACC President Rob Denson, Don Tate, Joseph Weber, Steven Barger and Mohsina Mandil. Not pictured: Katelynn Davis and Hannah Jagler.

Nominate Notable 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 April 11, 2022.