“Decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life.”

Isa Adney, author of “Community College Success,” speaks with DMACC students on Monday, Sept. 17.

Photo by Cainon Leeds

Isa Adney visits Boone campus

By Kolby Vetter
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The author of a community college success book told about 230 students and staff that their time spent on campus now can be the key to success later.

“Decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life,” said Isa Adney, who’s “Community College Success” book was published this spring. “What you do now can end up being very powerful in upcoming years.”

Adney encouraged her listeners to make the most of their time on campus: join a club, be a leader and cut out fast-food, which is what she calls drive-thru education.

Adney visited the Boone DMACC campus on Monday, Sept. 17, as part of a speaking tour that included all six DMACC campuses. The White House calls Adney a “Community College Superstar,” according to a press release, and she shared her personal stories that led her to where she is today.

Adney said she had grown up with tough family circumstances. Neither of her parents went to college, her two brothers had illnesses that left the family with a mountain of medical debt. The money wasn’t exactly coming in fast.

Still, when it came time for college, “my parents said I could pick any college I wanted,” said Adney, “probably because they had so much debt, they figured what’s a little more.”

Adney, who is from Florida, wanted to attend school in state, and she picked a small, private college on the beach. The tuition for one year: $25,000. Days before she was set to start the semester she changed her mind. “I knew I couldn’t do that to my parents.”

Adney drove to her local community college, sat outside the advisor’s office and felt lost. “For the first time, I lost hope.” That’s when Adney had to come up with answers, and a question she challenged many of the students in the audience with was “Why are you here?”

“It has to be for you,” Adney said.

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Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Jerrine McCaffrey because she’s understanding and kind to students.

Diana Byriel. She was my 4th grade teacher and my son had her twice. She made learning fun and was a very compassionate teacher.

Nick Thorpe and John Doran. I finally loved math after having them.

My AP English teacher, Mrs. Robinson. She actually engaged me in the subject of English and made me want to become an English teacher.

Mr. Beacon, my choir director from high school. He brought energy and humor to the classroom.

Hydration Stations

By Elizabeth Wallerich
Staff Writer

The water fountain on the first floor in the main DMACC building was updated over the summer to include a bottle filler. The water is chilled and filtered.

“I wanted DMACC to be greener,” said Boone campus Provost Tom Lee. He got the idea after seeing the water bottle fillers at Des Moines University.

“I also thought people would be responsive to the idea,” Lee said.

Josh Bond, a DMACC student from Australia, said that because of the fountain he gets his water from the tap instead of buying one.

“It’s cool,” he said.

The fountain, called a hydration station, is a mix between a water fountain and bottle filler. There is also a hydration station in the new apartment building 1309 and another one outside the gym.

Lee asked Dean Hatch, head Building and Grounds Supervisor, if it was possible and feasible to install the stations. From there, Hatch was able to find a supplier in Ames. Then, Mark Schaudt, a physical plant tech was able to replace the old drinking fountain with the hydration station. It costs about $1,000 per station.

The college has ordered another station for the second floor and would like to have four.

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Representatives of the League of Women Voters encouraged students to register to vote as part of their table display in the Courter Center on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Students from the DMACC News Media and Politics class also volunteered to help register voters. Nancy Brown, Marcia Thompson and Linda Murken from the League of Women Voters help DMACC student Kevin Brown.

Voter registration drive

New voting laws for states

On Election Day, millions of voters could be affected by new laws that will make it more difficult to vote. States that passed such laws in 2011-12 or have legislation pending:

- Law passed
- Bill pending
- Swing state key to win in presidential election

**Photo ID**

Require government-issued photo ID in order to vote*

**Proof of citizenship**

Require proof, such as birth certificate, to register or vote

Before 2011 Two states had laws

Restrict registration

End Election Day and same-day voter registration or limit registration drives

Before 2011 Two states had laws

Early, absentee voting

Limit early voting periods or absentee voting opportunities

* Texas law struck down by federal court

- No restoration of voting rights Florida and Iowa now permanently disenfranchise most citizens with past felony convictions

NOTE: Some states with laws passed also have bills pending on the same topic

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Governor on campus for STEM discussion

By Caionn Leeds
Editor-in-Chief

Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds visited DMACC on Wednesday, Sept. 12, to talk to local educators about STEM. According to the STEM website, iowastem.gov, STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. The STEM Council, which consists of up to 40 members, is designed to encourage students, parents and educators to take interest in those four major areas of study. As an Iowa native, Branstad said, “I think the STEM Council will be good for DMACC.”

According to a study conducted by Harvard University in July of this year, Iowa has shown the slowest rate of improvement in math, science and reading compared to the 40 other states in those areas. Branstad said, “I don’t believe the Iowa students are working as hard as the students in other states.”

Mary-Beth Hanlin, a biology instructor at DMACC, was also present at the meeting. “It’s a great idea of getting people interested in STEM courses,” Hanlin said. “However, the STEM Council was also viewed with some skepticism and given some suggestions by the instructors.”

“Really we have two major problems facing STEM right now,” Branstad said. “The first is that standardized test scores in STEM areas are low and the second is that female students tend to avoid those four areas of study.”

Hanlin voiced similar concerns regarding standardized test scores. “If you look at the ACT scores, you’ll see that they are low in the STEM areas.”

“I think we need to quit putting so much stress on standardized test scores,” Hanlin added, pointing out that some schools teach primarily to pass tests, not learn the actual subject matter.

Nancy Woods, a physics and math instructor, echoed Doran’s concerns about female students in STEM courses. “The truth is that STEM areas are just not welcoming all students.”

She attributed the problem to the fact that, in comparison to other courses, there are fewer female instructors in science, technology, engineering and math at most universities.

Doran, Hanlin and Woods agreed that the STEM Council needs to encourage growth from elementary school through college, that everyone in the process needs to support the program if it’s going to work, and that it’s too early to tell if the STEM Council has had an effect on education.

College regulates bulletin boards

By Caionn Leeds
Editor-in-Chief

The bulletin boards on campus are reserved for materials related to DMACC – no business or political ads are allowed.

“The bulletin boards are for information or announcements relevant to the College, students and staff,” says the DMACC Student Handbook on page 36. The handbook also states that “items must not be affixed to glass or painted surfaces” on page 36.

For the material to be relevant, it must have something to do with DMACC.

For example, Tom Lee, provost of DMACC Boone, said, “We do not want business ads or political ads up on our bulletin boards.”

He explained that unfair or over representation would be the result of allowing ads not related to DMACC – no business or political ads are allowed.

“We want to promote a bulletin board specifically designed to address a topic of interest.”

There are several bulletin boards located around DMACC Boone, including two along the hallways, two in the center, and five in the nursing wing.

Some of them are specifically centered around sports, fitness, intramural activities, medical information, transfer information, job announcements, and travel.

Others provide general information regarding upcoming events at DMACC.

When asked about whether or not a class project could be put up on the bulletin boards for public attention, like a creative writing assignment that an instructor requires the student to share with the student body, Lee said, “That would be acceptable because it has to do with a DMACC class.”

However, students cannot simply post things up on the bulletin boards whenever they feel like it. They need to get them approved, otherwise the material will be removed. In order to post something on the bulletin boards, someone must submit the content to the front office for approval, have it stamped and dated.

If an unstamped, undated piece of material is posted on one of the bulletin boards, it will be removed.

“The bulletin board on the landing of the second stairway.”

I want to really enjoy what you really enjoy, you will make money. Figure out what you love to do.”

Adney ended her speech by telling students that getting advice is key. “You need to seek the advice of people that you look up to.”

Another thing that got Adney going were the professionals. She decided to pinpoint the things that really excited her and get ahead of people who are big in those areas. She contacted many big time public figures including the CEO of Disney, the Orlando Magic’s top executive, and fellow author Cal Newport, for advice and to get their stories.

Adney encouraged students to take advice when they hear it.

DMACC student Luke Eldred, an ag business major, said he enjoyed Adney’s speech.

She did a really nice job of explaining her story, and proving that finding success at community college is possible. Getting advice by talking to professionals about what you enjoy is key,” Eldred hopes to someday work at John Deere as a salesperson.

Adney ended her speech by telling students to really figure out what you love and work hard to get to there someday. “If you do that, you enjoy the money, will be there.”
DMACC student Bailey Arrandaie getting her charity drawn on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

As of press time, this fall, the hydration station on the first floor has saved about 2800 plastic bottles from going into the landfill.

Student responses have been mixed between not knowing about the stations and approval of them.

Bailey Smith said, “I’ve never been there. I bring a full bottle from home.”

Jeremy Weigel said, “It’s a good idea…better than spilling half your drink.”

Charles Mathews said, “It’s a very good idea and it keeps from damaging containers and making a mess.”

Mary Phipps said, “I hadn’t noticed it.”

The hydration station outside the library entrance.

John Smith gets his blood pressure checked by DMACC nursing student Emily Taylor on Monday, Sept. 24

The Bear Briefs

PBL BAKE SALE
Enjoy a sweet treat at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) students’ bake sale Wed., Sept. 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Fall Series
All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend any or all of the 2012 Lunch & Learns “Healthy Living.” You are encouraged to bring your own lunch and a healthy snack will be provided. These events are sponsored by the Student Activities Council and Fitness/Sports Management.

Wed., Oct. 3, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., Courter Center

“Healthy Walk”(1 mile outside)
Tues., Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Room 173

“Get Fit with Outdoor Resources” presented by Ledges State Park Manager Andy Badett

Author Event:
The Buried Life
Boone Campus
Tues., Oct. 16, 11:45 a.m.

Ankeny Campus
Tues., Oct. 16, 9:40 a.m.

Shuttle Service
A shuttle service is available for DMACC students traveling between Ames and Boone. The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency operates the shuttle bus service. The bus drop off and pick up will be at door #1 on the Boone campus. The cost is $2 per trip ($4 round trip) with DMACC student ID. Various times are available. See the display by the registration window for more details or call 1-877-686-0029.

Give A Can When You Can…
DMACC’s food pantry can always use non-perishable food items. A donation box is located outside room 123/124.

Former DMACC student Nate Andersen sings during karaoke on Thursday, Sept. 13

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Golf team places 2nd at ILCC

DMACC -- Sophomore Mackenzie Watts of Huxley shot an 85 and finished seventh overall as the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's golf team placed second at the Iowa Lakes Invitational Sept. 23 at Brooks National Golf Course in Okoboji.

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) won the six-team tournament with a score of 327. DMACC was second at 350 and Iowa Central Community College (ICC) finished third with 361 strokes.

Other DMACC scores included an 80 by sophomore Kelsie Berke of Algona, an 89 by freshman Jalyn Breiley of Boone and a 90 by freshman Miriam Riehart of Boone. Berke tied for eighth, Breiley tied for 11th and Riehart finished 14th.

NIACC's Alexandra Eckenrod won the individual competition with a score of 77.

The DMACC women's golf team will play in the AIB Invitational Sept. 28 and 29 at Lake Panorama National Golf Course in Panora.

Cross Country team finishes 7th in Heartland

DMACC -- The DMACC cross country team competed in the Heartland XC Classic Sept. 14 at Ames and came away with a seventh-place finish.

Competing against five teams from four-year schools and one community college team, the Bears scored 210 points in placing seventh.

Iowa State University (ISU) won the meet with 24 points and the University of Missouri finished second with 35 points.

"It was great to get to run on ISU's course," DMACC cross country coach Jim Dose said. "We practice there quite often so it was nice to run in familiar surroundings. Any time you run against Iowa State and the University of Missouri you know that it is tough competition, but our runners continue to improve."

Freshman Alissa Van Klootwyk of Knoxville was DMACC's top runner. She finished 36th with a time of 23 minutes, 16 seconds. Sophomore Brooke Schweikert of Ames was 41st in 24:08; sophomore Kirstin Angus of West Des Moines finished 43rd in 24:26; freshman Taylor Gwiasda of Ames was 44th in 25:36; and freshman Mary Prusa of Des Moines was 46th in 26:24. Freshman Anna Fleckenstein of Cedar Rapids finished 48th with a time of 28:15.

Men's golf finishes 3rd at Clarke

DMACC -- The men's golf team came away with a third-place finish at the Clarke University Fall Classic Sept. 16 and 17 at Thunder Hills Country Club in Prosta.

American Institute of Business (AIB) won the team championship with 583 strokes. St. Ambrose University finished second at 591 and DMACC was third with 594 strokes.

Sophomore Nate Schill of Gowrie and freshman Nico Costa of Anamosa led the Bears with 36-hole scores of 146 and tied for sixth place in the individual competition. Schill shot rounds of 72 and 74 on the par-71 layout and Costa shot a pair of 73s. Sophomore Andy Fraser of Huxley shot 147 and finished ninth. He carded rounds of 73 and 74.

Other DMACC scores included a 155 by freshman Nate Gute of Carroll, a 157 by freshman Brad Christensen of Carroll, a 161 by freshman Tanner Ludwig of Carroll and a 164 by sophomore Matt Lagrue of Algona. Gute had rounds of 77 and 78 and finished 20th; Christensen turned in scores of 79 and 78 and tied for 35th; Ludwig tied for 43rd on rounds of 80 and 81; and Lagrue tied for 48th behind rounds of 84 and 80.

Johnny Schwaller of AIB took medalist honors with a three-under-par 139.

DMACC will play in the AIB Invitational Sept. 28 and 29 in Panora.

Grand View Invitational

DMACC cross country runner Anna-Grace Fleckenstein competes in the Grand View Invitational on Sept. 21 in Des Moines.

Bears sweep

The DMACC volleyball team swept NIACC Sept. 19 at home. The set scores were 25-14, 25-18, 25-15. Pictured are Roxanne Grundmeier, photo at left, and Mia Pierson, above.
By Steve Capus
(MCT)

The first presidential debate is coming up the first week in October. The economy is the No. 1 issue on voters’ minds, but moderators and citizens alike should ask candidates to explain the connection between jobs, education and American competitiveness.

President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney will have a chance to address this issue when they participate this week at NBC’s “Education Nation” summit, but this important question deserves even more, it deserves a prime-time slot.

We’ve reported many stories about American businesses that are concerned as to whether the United States has enough qualified workers to stay on the cutting edge. There is good reason to worry: a recent Harvard University study found test scores for high school students in eight regions, including Hong Kong, are improving at twice the rate of our students’ scores. Furthermore, the United States still only graduates 73 percent of its high schoolers. That number is the highest since 1973, an achievement, certainly. But I have yet to meet a small-business owner or parent who considers leaving more than a quarter of our population behind a success or who thinks this persistent failure won’t eventually affect American livelihood and more broadly, U.S. competitiveness.

While our national unemployment rate is 8.1 percent, there are still companies struggling to fill certain jobs. U.S. manufacturers have an especially hard time finding qualified workers.

According to the Manufacturing Institute’s 2011 Skills Gap Report, 67 percent of respondents reported a moderate to severe shortage of qualified workers. If we don’t act soon, the situation could worsen. Technology is one area where we still lead the world. But, if we look at U.S. math and science scores, that advantage could soon vanish. U.S. students currently rank 23rd in the world in science and 30th in math. We must bring these rankings up or risk losing control of the one sector we still dominate.

As a journalist, reading and writing scores are just as troubling. The United States is tied for 15th internationally in reading and, according to the U.S. Department of Education’s latest results, only 27 percent of 12th graders are proficient in writing. While not every student will use advanced calculus after graduation, most fields require workers to communicate effectively.

The November elections are less than 50 days away, and the economy is at the forefront of the political dialogue. But as important as these current economic discussions are today, we as a nation must look ahead. The future will be shaped by our young people; they are in the midst of building their personal and professional futures.

However, while they go about their individual pursuits, there is a collective benefit that the nation will derive from a real commitment to improving the overall quality of education and our competitive standing in an ever-shrinking world. Surely, a robust discussion of these topics is essential when drawing the economic blueprints for the decades ahead.

ABOUT THE WRITER Steve Capus is president of NBC News. He wrote this for McClatchy-Tribune.
Boone campus theater goes to the dogs

Holmes’ ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’ is fall’s play

By Connor Nystrom
Contributing Writer

Forget elementary, my dear, Sherlock Holmes is going collegiate.

This fall, Sherlock Holmes will be the star at the Boone DMACC theatre for a play filled with suspense, mystery and...demonic hounds? “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” which was written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle -- the same author of the famous Sherlock Holmes books that have made their mark in the entertainment world, including two Hollywood films nominated for numerous theatrical awards -- is the theater department’s selection this semester.

Kay Mueller, the director of the show and also a speech and theater teacher, said this play was chosen for number of reasons. One of the most important aspects when Mueller is choosing a theater teacher, said this play was the show and also a speech and acting on stage is not really your thing, you’re more than welcome to help out with any of the other important aspects of the play: sets, lights, costume, hair and makeup, and many other exciting aspects that come along with getting ready for opening night.

Getting to that opening night also takes a lot of work for the students involved as well, Mueller said.

Abbey Brouwer is returning this year to DMACC for another round in the theatre department. She said last year it was a lot of fun to participate in theatre and she was also excited about Mueller’s play choice of “The Hound of the Baskervilles” because of her love for Sherlock Holmes.

Brouwer said her theatre experience at DMACC helps her on and off the stage.

“Theatre is a cool way to meet different people at DMACC. It’s really fun to see first timers step out of their comfort zones and perform in front of their peers.” Brouwer also said it helps you as well. “You bond so much with your cast and crew over the performances. It gives you a special connection to that show and those people.”

The play is scheduled for Nov. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 for the general public, and if you are a DMACC student and present your DMACC High-One card, admission is free.

Let the ‘Possession’ take hold

By Connor Nystrom
Contributing Writer

Jewish demons, thousands of moths, and 100-year-old teeth sure make for an interesting storyline in the recent horror film “The Possession.” On a cloudy Saturday afternoon, a friend and I decided to head over to Movies 12 to catch this new release. As a horror film fanatic, I was rather excited to see this one.

With recent horror movies such as “The Devil Inside” and “ParaNorman Activity 3” not making the top of my list, I had high hopes for “The Possession.”

Based on a true story, the movie follows a young girl named Em and her family: her father Clyde, mother Stephanie, and older sister Hannah. Set during the winter in upstate New York, the cold, cloudy weather and depressed storyline really sets the tone throughout the movie. With her parents recently divorced, Em and Hannah stay with their mother throughout the weekdays and with their father on the weekends.

After picking up his daughter for the weekend, Clyde, takes the girls to his newly-bought house for a “fun” weekend of unpacking boxes. Em wanders around and eventually finds an old-looking box with strange carvings all over it. Difficult to get open, Em stops at nothing to find the mysterious way to open the box. After finally opening the box, Clyde and Hannah notice strange behavior from Em.

After multiple violent occasions all revolving back to “the box,” Clyde takes it upon himself to find out what is happening to his daughter. He goes directly to a religion and history professor who tells him that the box was created hundreds of years ago to “realize” a Jewish demon that was tormenting a tribe in Israel. Fast forward to the present day, Clyde is told that he must find a genuine male of Israeli and Jewish decent to see what he can do for Em. After driving to Brooklyn to find someone to help him, he is told that the only way to get rid of the demon is to order it to leave Em.

After a grim series of events, the movie concludes in a rather shiplap manner. But, to see the movie for its full effect of horrific glory, you must see it in theatres or rent it on DVD when it is released within the next few months.

Overall, I would say that “The Possession” is definitely one to check out. It may not cause you to lose sleep at night, but will leave you with chills at some points.

But please, if you find an old mysterious-looking box in the future, keep walking.

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)**
--- Today is a 6 -- A friend leads you farther ahead (as if you’re not already super-efficient). Keep going, there’s more work coming in. Smile at your good fortune. Make plans with friends later.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**
--- Today is a 6 -- A friend leads you farther ahead (as if you’re not already super-efficient). Keep going, there’s more work coming in. Smile at your good fortune. Make plans with friends later.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**
--- Today is a 6 -- Intuition reveals an opportunity. You may discover that all is not as you’d expected, and that’s good. Delight in the new experiences. Contact associates for news or work.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**
--- Today is a 5 -- You all advance to the next level (even if you don’t feel like it). Don’t worry, you gain experience and it all turns out for the better. Allow others to contribute. Send a press release.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**
--- Today is a 6 -- You’re drawing a lot of attention. Your partner gets an interesting suggestion (and to your intuition). Your partner gets a lucky break.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
--- Today is a 5 -- Friends and family of friends are very helpful, if you allow it. Get in writing. Listen to an interesting suggestion (and to your intuition). Your partner gets a lucky break.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
--- Today is a 7 -- You’re becoming more interesting. Choose a person who’s fun and talented, create seemingly-impossible plans, and then make them happen together. Preparation and dedication make it work.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
--- Today is a 7 -- Create your own opportunities for financial success and fun. Surround yourself with friends that know what they want, and that bring you joy. Share the love. You can solve a puzzle.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
--- Today is a 6 -- Everything clicks in your communications. A lovely moment’s possible now. Improve your living conditions, and invest in new technology. Get another perspective before purchasing.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
--- Today is a 5 -- Stop, and listen. You get a brilliant idea. Keep working at it until you get it, trying new creative steps each time. No one expected this. An investment at home is okay. Expand your vision.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
--- Today is a 7 -- Every suggestion won’t work, but you won’t know unless you try. Your influences don’t go; be afraid to use this in a positive way. Your family and community want to help.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**
--- Today is a 5 -- You’ll get a lot of your questions answered when you listen. Don’t act yet. Share results first. Everything seems possible, but choose your next steps carefully.