

# Director's Message

One of the unique aspects of working at a college like DMACC is that we have campuses and centers spread out across a wide geographical region. This results in the development of an organic culture in each of our facilities and on each of our campuses. While we are all under the DMACC umbrella, there is a little bit different vibe, for example, in our DMACC Hunziker Center in Ames than on our West Campus.

One thing that is common across all of our campuses and centers, however, is the support of the communities they are in. This pride is evident from Des Moines to Ankeny to Carroll to Boone to Newton and everywhere between. A great example of the way the community routinely steps up in support of our programs and services is featured in this issue of *DMACC Magazine*.

When we set about building a vision for a new Student Activity Center in Boone, we had the luxury of thinking big because we knew the community was behind us. As we started scheduling meetings with prospective individual and corporate donors, we were met with open arms and a curiosity about how they could help to bring the vision to reality.

And that is not a unique experience for us. In recent years we have launched ambitious projects in Ankeny, on our Urban Campus in Des Moines, in Carroll



and more. In each and every instance, the

community has responded to our calls for assistance with a willingness to give.

We don't take this level of support for granted. We love the rich fabric that our many campuses and centers weave in the communities where they are located. We appreciate the way these communities embrace our students and do all they can to set each one up for success. We are humbled that each time we reach out to share information about a project that will have a profound impact on those we serve, you are a willing listener.

DMACC has a long and proud tradition in Iowa. But we have not developed it on our own. Supporters like you—and the communities you live in—have made it possible for us to impact generations of Iowans. We cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Tara K. Connolly Executive Director DMACC Foundation



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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 Foundation Board** Welcomes New Members

The DMACC Foundation Board of Directors has added three new members for 2020. Our 26-member board includes professionals representing a broad range of industries and organizations. The group meets on a regular basis, offering strategic leadership for a variety of iniatives of the DMACC Foundation. In addition, the DMACC Foundation convenes leadership committees for the Boone and Carroll campuses and the Alumni Association. Our new 2020 Board Members include:

#### Natalie L. Bachman

#### Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Pinnacle Fitness

As a Director of Strategic Operations at Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Founder of Pinnacle Fitness, Natalie brings the Board more than 25 years of professional experience focused on tackling large, complex issues ranging from strategic analysis to implementation. Natalie earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and is working on her Master's in Business Administration at the University of Illinois.



### Iim Heckman

#### **Ogden Telephone Company**

Jim has held a number of executive leadership roles in Central Iowa, currently serving as the General Manager of Ogden Telephone Company. In addition to executive leadership experience—including service as President of the Dayton Championship Rodeo—Jim is well traveled and has specialized knowledge in the areas of agriculture and agribusiness. He is a graduate of Northwestern Missouri State University.



#### Kim Butler Hegedus

#### **Community State Bank**

Kim has more than 30 years of banking experience in Central Iowa and is a devoted volunteer. She is on the board of directors for Variety, the Children's Charity, where she co-chairs the Two Days of Compassion Radiothon and serves as a VIP for the annual telethon. She also serves as the Chair of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation Board, is on the Advisory board for the Waukee YMCA, and more. Kim has a Bachelor's degree from Central College.



### **Foundation** Leadership

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

We thank these Board members for their vision and service:

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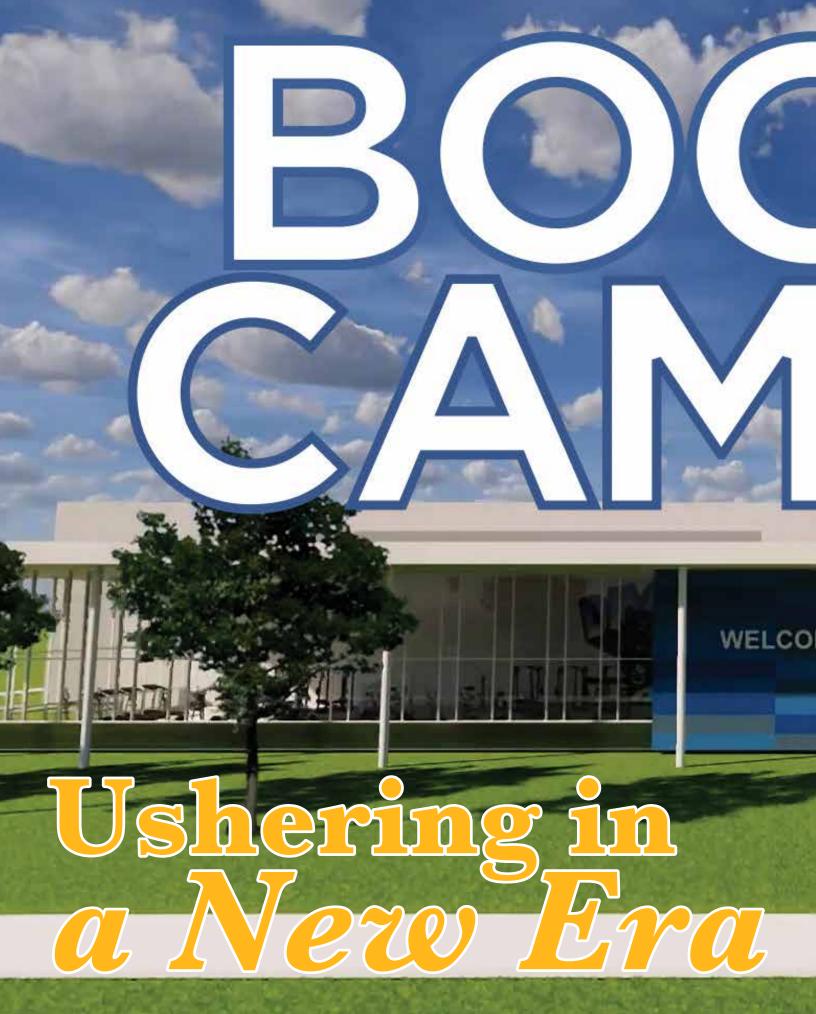
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President

To learn more about Foundation governance, and our boards and committees, please visit us online at dmacc.edu/foundation.





### **Boone Campus Student Activity Center**

The \$6.5-million Student Activity Center addition is financed in part by more than \$800,000 in private gifts to the DMACC Foundation. The centerpiece of the addition is the Fareway Fieldhouse, which includes two college-size basketball/volleyball courts, and three 40-foot by 70-foot batting cages that drop down from the ceiling. Additionally, the facility offers a state-of-the-art weight room, a contemporary sports medicine lab, an indoor golf performance center, storage space, office suites and a family room.

#### **Student Activity Center Donors**

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

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This list represents

donors to the project

as of October 1, 2020.

# Boone Campus Addition Nears Completion

As summer gives way to fall on the DMACC Boone Campus, the new Student Activity Center is coming to life. Great weather conditions from the groundbreaking in April right through September helped the construction crew keep the project on track for an opening during the Fall Semester.

In addition to providing enhanced space for recreation and sports, this project will also allow DMACC to host community basketball and volleyball tournaments, youth camps and more.

"The new Activity Center expands our ability to provide space and time for student wellness activities," says Boone Campus Provost Dr. Andrew Nelson. "The new space will also give our athletic programs the ability to stay on campus year-round for practice and training, plus give additional space for competition."

#### **New Era for Students, Athletes**

All DMACC athletics are located at the DMACC Boone Campus, including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's cross country, men's baseball, women's softball and women's volleyball.

"The new facility will be a great new addition for us as students and athletes. We will have a place to go and be active anytime of the year," says DMACC baseball player Dylan Voves. "It will enhance practices for our team as it eliminates having to travel off campus for practice during the winter months or when we can't be outside due to rain. Everything we need to get better each day will now be right on campus for us, which will definitely benefit our development as students and athletes."

#### MORE INFORMATION

We continue to accepts gifts for the Student Activity Center. To visit with a member of the DMACC Foundation about this project or other priorities in Boone, please call us at 515-964-6229.

Breck Danner



#### Fareway Donates \$250,000 to DMACC's New Boone Campus Student Activity Center

Fareway Stores, Inc., headquartered in Boone, provided a \$250,000 lead gift for the new DMACC Boone Campus Student Activity Center.

Fareway will be the sole and exclusive sponsor of the new competition gym and multipurpose area within the facility, which is named the "Fareway Fieldhouse."

"We are proud to partner with DMACC on their Boone Campus Student Activity Center," says Fareway President and CEO Reynolds W. Cramer. "Not only will the Center help add to the high-quality experience available at the DMACC Boone Campus, it is a public-private commitment to support the overall well-being of the Boone community."

Fareway and DMACC are also working out the details to hold a Fareway Night each fall or spring in the new facility for Fareway employees to attend an athletic event.

DMACC Director of Athletics BJ McGinn said the new facility adds more than 28,500 square feet to the existing gym.

"The current facilities on the Boone Campus are dated,

overcrowded and do not accommodate the current needs of the students," McGinn said. "DMACC's athletic teams practice off-site during much of the year, and when the facility is used by the student-athletes it limits the availability for our student population."

DMACC President Rob Denson says Fareway's gift helped bring the vision for the addition to reality. He adds that Fareway has been a longtime supporter of DMACC and particularly of the DMACC Boone Campus.

"I look forward to seeing Fareway's logo prominently displayed in the new gym and multipurpose area and on the exterior of the building," Denson says. "We want to thank DLR Architects, Construction Manager Baxter Construction and all of our contractors for their great work on this important project."

#### PICTURED ABOVE

DMACC President Rob Denson (third from left) accepts the lead gift for the Student Activity Center, presented by members of the Fareway leadership team.



# Get a sneak peek at the Student Activity Center!

You can get a look at all the new Boone Campus Student Activity Center has to offer on the DMACC Facebook page! Just navigate to Facebook.com/DMACCBears and click on "Videos" for a quick look at the new facility.



# Greiner Gift Gives Boost to Campus, Community

As long-time residents of Boone, it was an easy decision for Fred and Laurie Greiner to support the expanded and updated Student Activity Center on DMACC Boone Campus. The couple considered the vision for the nearly 30,000-square-foot addition—to provide a vastly enhanced recreation and athletics experience for students and the community—a big win for campus and for Boone.

"When you look at it as an addition to the Boone Campus, it is huge," Fred says. "When students and athletes are considering a college, it is important to have updated facilities. This is a big upgrade in that respect and will serve as a wonderful recruiting tool for students and athletes alike."

"It is also a great thing for Boone," Fred continues. "This will attract people to Boone where they will spend some time and money. It has the potential to take Boone to another level."

Fred and Laurie have been long-time supporters of DMACC Boone Campus. Their son played basketball for the Bears in

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the late 1990s and, more recently, Fred has served as a DMACC Trustee, and a member of the DMACC Foundation Boone Committee.

"This is clearly something we need on our Boone Campus," Fred says. "Compared to the other schools in our conference and community colleges in the state, we haven't been up to their level.

This will instantly move us up to the top level of community college athletic facilities in Iowa."

An added bonus for Fred is that the new competition gym will carry the name of his long-time employer. The former President and COO of Fareway, he was proud when the company made the lead gift.

"I'm in a really unique position," Fred says. "Working for Fareway and being in this community, I always felt it was important to give back. And as I became more involved at DMACC,

it just enhanced my appreciation for both organizations. I'm a big believer in Fareway and DMACC and I am so pleased the two were able to come together. The addition of the Fareway Fieldhouse is magnificent."

# Big Addition for Boone

#### Sally Courter

Seeing is believing for Boone resident and **DMACC** Foundation Boone Committee member Sally Courter. And it was a little show-and-tell offered up by DMACC Athletic Director BJ McGinn that made it clear to Sally the time had come to upgrade recreational and athletic facilities on the Boone Campus.

"BJ went around to colleges similar to the Boone Campus and took photos of their athletic and recreational facilities," Sally says. "He presented those to the Foundation Board and it was like, 'Wow,' We needed to do something because we didn't even compare to most of the other schools."

Sally, who has lived in Boone since 1959 and served the Foundation Boone Committee for nearly two decades, was among the first to make a gift in support of the new Boone Campus Student Activity Center.

"We attract very good students and very good athletes to our Boone Campus," Sally says. "This project will just serve to continue that."

She says catering to students who are seeking recreational and athletic outlets like those offered in the Student Activity Center also benefits the community of Boone as a whole.

There is also a personal connection for Sally. Her late husband, Lloyd, was an attorney and instrumental in the establishment of the Boone Campus Foundation, one of the first campus foundations at DMACC in 1971. In addition, one of her three sons graduated from Boone Campus and recently returned to give a commencement speech. Sally says she is excited to carry on her family's support of DMACC and of the greater Boone community.

"This is something for Boone to be proud of," she says. "When you bring in students and athletes, you also bring in the parents. And when you have strong athletic programs you bring in fans. All of that has a financial impact on the community of Boone. That is a wonderful thing."



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> —Sally Courter, DMACC Foundation Boone Committee member and Student Activity Center donor



Erik Miles, Lisa Kobernusz and Melissa & Ryan Moorman

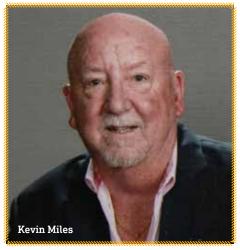
# Legacy Gift Honors Miles

There were few fans of DMACC athletics more invested than Kevin Miles. A regular at basketball games and a favorite of players and coaches alike, it was a great loss to the program and campus when he passed away suddenly this winter.

"I think Eric Ver Helst (DMACC's Sports Information Director) said it best when they memorialized Kevin at a game," says Lisa Kobernusz, Kevin's longtime girlfriend. "He said, 'Kevin Miles was a true ambassador for DMACC, DMACC Athletics, and in particular DMACC Men's basketball. His efforts on our DMACC Foundation Boone Committee and within the Boone community played and will continue to play a major role in the success of the College and our athletic programs'."

It was Kevin's genuine love for the DMACC athletic program that inspired his family to add to memorials in his name to make a gift to the new Boone Campus Student Activity Center.

"This is something Kevin wanted to see happen and it is," says Erik Miles, Kevin's brother. "With Kevin's excitement about



the project, we knew that he would like to support it. We did that with funds donated as memorials after his unexpected passing."

Their gift also sparked others close to Kevin to give, among them Ryan and Melissa Moorman. Kevin, who was Ryan's boss and Melissa's godfather, was instrumental in helping Ryan start the "Hooper Scooper" ball boy/girl program for home basketball games. Melissa said it was fitting to join Lisa, Erik and the family in

making a gift.

"The fact that we can help bring to fruition all of the hard work that Kevin helped put into this really means a lot to our family," Melissa says. "He was such a big supporter of everything that DMACC had to offer our community. It will be a truly bittersweet moment when they cut the ribbon, and he is not there to see what all of his hours of work helped to bring to DMACC and the Boone community."

Lisa says the memorial gift will result in Kevin's name being associated with the DMACC basketball programs in the future. She adds that it is a fitting way to honor a man who loved the DMACC Bears.

"Kevin was so committed to the success of this project because of what it meant to the overall Boone Campus athletic and educational environment and what it would mean to the Boone community," Lisa says. "It is meaningful to support a worthwhile project while giving back to a community that embraced me with open arms so many years ago when I began my professional career here."

# An Opportunity to Pay Ît Forward

#### Sheri Avis Horner

Editor's Note: Sheri Avis Horner submitted the following article detailing her support of DMACC. Over the years, Sheri and late husband, Bob, have been ardent supporters of DMACC and its students. We thank Sheri for repeatedly answering the call.

My husband, Bob Horner, and I have been passionate about supporting DMACC for the past 40 years. We love the numerous and diverse educational choices DMACC offers its students. It is so rewarding to be able to help provide an opportunity for students who may not otherwise have the chance to be able to pursue their dreams and goals through educational assistance.

Bob has since passed away, but would be so proud at the tremendous progress DMACC has made with their growth and many campuses! Over the years, many students sent letters of appreciation to us for their scholarship assistance. Those letters meant so much to Bob. He kept several in his briefcase so they were always with him. My personal goal is to help continue our mission.

I feel the youth we assist in educating today will be the people who give back to the community in the future. One testimony to this is my new neighbor in Arizona. He is a very large worldwide business owner and when I told him I was from Iowa, he said he employs many people from our state and specifically DMACC, because of the great work ethic.

I am so happy and honored to continue what Bob and I started together. I chose specifically to contribute to the Boone Campus Student Activity Center for several reasons.

Since most students have jobs and/or families in addition to their studies, having a place they can exercise, play sports, relieve stress and meet other students helps energize them and provide a balance to their work and study life. This all contributes to a healthy mind and body, which is so important. Especially now, having a place that provides camaraderie, physical activity, family activities, etc., is needed. The Boone activity center will be that place and I am grateful to be a small part of helping make this campaign successful.

For me, giving back means so much more than receiving. DMACC always has been and will continue to be very near and dear to my heart.



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—Sheri Avis Horner, longtime DMACC Foundation supporter and Student Activity Center donor

#### **END-OF-YEAR** Giving

# It's Easier Than Ever to Support **DMACC**

#### Make a Tax-Free **Gift From Your IRA**

You've worked hard, saved diligently and are ready to enjoy your retirement years. Maybe you're also looking for a way to give back to the organizations and causes that have been important to you. Consider making a gift from your IRA.

If you're 70½ or older, you can use the IRA charitable rollover to make a tax-free gift to the College. This law allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly to a qualified charitable organization without paying income tax on the distribution.

When you use the IRA charitable rollover to make a gift to DMACC:

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference you're making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer doesn't generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
- Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) guidelines for the year have been modified in response to the pandemic. We recommend you visit with your financial advisor or tax planner to discuss IRA charitable rollover gifts.

#### Not 70½ Yet?

You can still support our mission with your IRA. Simply name Des Moines Area Community College as a beneficiary of your account, and we'll receive the funds, or the portion you designate, after your lifetime.

# Ways to **Benefit From** a Year-End Gift

The final months of the year are traditionally considered the season of giving. In addition to the gifts we give to the important people in our lives, this season of generosity is also the prime time to show support for the causes we love. When you support our organization this year, not only will others benefit, but so will you.

#### **Explore Your Options.**

Although there may still be time to make several different types of charitable gifts, based on your unique situation and tax considerations, some gift types may be more practical than others.

The following options are popular among donors.

#### Make an immediate impact.

Cash is an easy way to give each year. You can receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full value of the gift. If you write a check for less than \$250, a copy of the check will suffice as a record of the gift. You should obtain a receipt for gifts of \$250 or more.

#### Save taxes on appreciated stock.

When you donate stocks to our organization that are worth more than what you originally paid for them, you can claim deductions for their full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

#### Avoid the hassles and costs associated with selling real estate.

Like securities, if you try to sell appreciated property, you will be subject to capital gains tax on the appreciation. By donating the property to charity, you can enjoy tax savings and relieve yourself from the hassles of selling or maintaining it.

#### Put an insurance policy to good use.

An old policy you no longer need can make a big impact on our work. To qualify as a deductible gift, our organization must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy—whichever is less.

It is more common for policies to still require premiums to be paid. When you donate these, the future premiums are tax-deductible as you pay them.

#### Repurpose special personal items.

Perhaps you have tangible items, such as artwork or other collectibles, that you would like to give to our organization to support our mission. Please contact us so that we can help you determine the charitable deductions for your personal property gift.

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# Recognizing Excellence

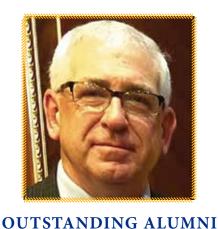
OUR 2020 DMACC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNERS



**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI** William Couser William is Owner of Couser Cattle Co. He earned a Diesel Mechanic Diploma at Ankeny Campus.



**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI** Jocelyn Kovarik Jocelyn is an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Advisor at Boone Campus. She earned an AS in Business Administration at Boone Campus.



Scott Ocken Scott is the retired DMACC Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Industry and Technology. He earned his AAS in Auto Technology at Ankeny Campus.



Taufeek Shah Taufeek is CEO and Founder of Lola's Fine Hot Sauce. He earned his AA in Liberal Arts at Ankeny Campus.



**Tiffany Allison** Tiffany is the Founder/Executive Director of Soaring Hearts Foundation. She earned her AA in Criminal Justice at Ankeny Campus.



Erica S. Carrick Erica is the Director of Nursing at Primary Health Care Inc. She earned her Diploma in Practical Nursing and AAS Nursing at Urban Campus.



**IMPACT AWARD** Nic Barrick Nic is the Head of Design and Innovation, All Square Cabinet Co. He attended **DMACC** Ankeny Campus for 57 credit hours.



& MORE! To see photos and learn more about winners, visit us online at DMACC.edu/alumni/awards

PHOTOS

#### **2021 Trips**

#### **Eastern Canada**

April 21-29, 2021 *Deposit Due Date:* November 14, 2020

#### **Coastal Maine**

June 13-19, 2021

Deposit Due Date:

December 6, 2020

## **Exploring Greece** and its Islands

July 22-August 5, 2021 Deposit Due Date: January 16, 2021

#### **Treasures of Egypt**

October 28-November 8, 2021 *Deposit Due Date:*April 22, 2021

#### **Southern Charm Holiday**

November 29-December 5, 2021 *Deposit Due Date:* May 22, 2021

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



If travel is your passion, the COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly impacted your ability to explore. As we approach 2021, we are excited to work with Collette Travel and Tours to begin to get back to normal.

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 to ensure you are comfortable when travel is anticipated to resume early in 2021.

And the best part? 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. Find full details at the link below!

#### MORE INFORMATION

For details and pricing, visit dmacc.edu/alumni/travel

# 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 January 22, 2021.

For more information and to learn the criteria for each award, visit us online at dmacc.edu/alumni/awards

#### STAY UP TO DATE!

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



# A Championship Response

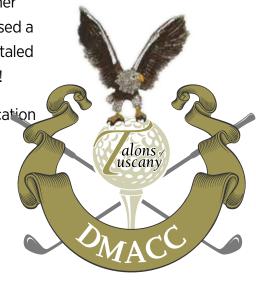
While the pandemic may have forced us to press "pause" on our plans to gather and golf in support of DMACC students, our sponsors and donors haven't missed a stroke and delivered . . . in a MAJOR way. Contributions to this year's event totaled \$350,000, which brings us to a lifetime total of more than \$3.2 million raised!

This support ensures that any student who dreams of attaining a college education has the means to do so, no matter what financial challenges they face. This is literally life-changing support for countless DMACC students.

We offer a sincere thank you to all of our supporters during this one-of-a-kind year. You are all champions in our book!









to these sponsors and individual supporters for making the DMACC CEO Golf Invitational a success. We are grateful for vour continued and loval support!

Sheri Avis Horner





































































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Watch for info on our 2021 event at dmacc.edu/foundation/golf



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# **DMACC Pioneers** Gather, Celebrate Giving Back

While the social distancing took a little getting used to for a group accustomed to hardy handshakes and warm hugs, the DMACC Pioneers held a fantastic kickoff celebration on September 1 to mark the start of the new school year.

Nearly 50 members of the group of DMACC retirees turned out at Ankeny's Bandshell Park to reconnect, celebrate accomplishments from the 2019-20 year and learn more about strategic goals for the year ahead. The Pioneers provide invaluable volunteer support and are also ardent supporters of students, faculty and staff as major donors to the DMACC Foundation.

At the event, Sue Gibbons was recognized as the 2020 Outstanding Pioneer Award recipient for her many contributions to DMACC and the Pioneers in both a leadership capacity and volunteer. Thank you, Sue, for all that you do!

In addition to comments from **DMACC President Rob Denson** and DMACC Foundation Executive Director Tara Connolly at the event,



Linda and Larry Clauson

Pioneers President Dana Zeiser shared a number of accomplishments from the past year. Most notable were more than \$25,000 in contributions to the Pioneer Scholarship fund, a more than \$3,000 increase in the Pioneer Endowment, and the launch of a new "Calling Campaign" that resulted in more than 240 phone calls in April 2020 with the purpose of maintaining connection with Pioneer members.

We thank the Pioneers for their tireless support of DMACC and for their generous contributions to the DMACC Foundation.



Dana Zeiser (left) presents the Outstanding Pioneer Award to Sue Gibbons.



Pictured above are (left to right): Vel Hans, Sharon Miles, Carol Wenndt, Linda Miller and Bev Andersen.