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DMACC SET TO LAUNCH 2017 NATIONAL COURT REPORTING/CAPTIONING WEEK

DMACC Newton Campus Hosts Program for Prospective Students

The 2017 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week kicks off across the nation Feb. 11-18. In conjunction with this Week, the Des Moines Area Community College's (DMACC's) Newton Campus will host separate events for high school students, parents, adult learners and area residents.

"DMACC is the only college or university in Iowa to offer realtime court reporting," said Dr. Patricia Ziegler, DMACC Realtime Court Reporting Department Chair. "Our Court Reporting graduates offer tremendous value throughout the public and private sectors. A critical shortage for realtime court reporters exists in Iowa. In an effort to meet the needs of the Iowa judicial system, we are eager to share information about this program and introduce prospective student and our communities to an excellent career."

This year's National Court Reporting & Captioning Week marks the fifth year the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has sponsored the celebration designed to increase the public's awareness about the growing number of employment opportunities the profession offers. In fact, NCRA estimates that some 5,500 court reporting jobs are expected to become available nationwide over the next five years.

"The participation in the event by our members, state affiliates, and court reporting programs around the country will showcase this unique and rewarding profession as a career choice offering many opportunities," said NCRA President Tiva Wood, a freelance court reporter from Mechanicsburg, Pa.

DMACC will host the following events during 2017 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week (All events will be held at Newton Campus (600 N. 2nd Ave. West):

- DMACC Court Reporting Information Session
 - Tuesday, **February 14**; 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (panel discussion of court reporters – lunch provided)
 - Saturday, **February 18**; 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- Criminal Justice Demonstration
 - Thursday, **February 16**; DMACC Court Reporting students will meet with DMACC Career Academy Criminal Justice students for a hands-on demonstration.

- Career Discovery Day
- On Thursday, **February 23**, DMACC's Newton Campus will host *Career Discovery Day* for Jasper County high school students. As part of the career exploration activities, DMACC Court Reporting students will host several information sessions and provide hands-on demonstrations.

The court reporting profession dates back to the 4th Century B.C. and through generations has served the public by making accurate records of critical events. For more information contact Nicole Kalkwart at the DMACC Newton Campus, nkalkwart@dmacc.edu or (641) 791-1723.

About NCRA

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 16,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership. Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit NCRA.org.

About DMACC

Des Moines Area Community College, a public institution serving the educational and career training needs of Iowans, is committed to the lifelong success of its students. As Iowa's largest two-year college, DMACC offers 222 programs, certificates and transfer degrees, annually serving more than 70,000 credit and noncredit students on six campuses and six learning centers. Thanks to college-wide innovation, new programs and affordable tuition, DMACC continues to experience solid growth. For more information, please visit www.dmacc.edu.