



"I truly admire the courage, dedication, and resilience displayed by our HiSET and ESL students every time they walk in the door," said Sundermeyer. "It is awesome for our team of faculty and coaches to see them experience success and help them with that next step – whether advancing in their career or continuing their education."

He said, so far this program year, 1,790 have enrolled in DMACC's AEL programming. Fifty-six percent of those students are between the ages of 18 and 34, and overall 60 percent are female and 40 percent male.

"With Iowa's Adult Education and Family Literacy Week taking place, there is no better time for students without their high school diploma to join us as our Bridges to Success partnership with the United Way of Central Iowa now allows for free classes, textbooks, testing and support from their very own Career Coach," said Sundermeyer. "To any of you considering a return to the classroom, reach out as we'd love to talk with you about our upcoming sessions at DMACC."

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was passed in 2014, requires states to seamlessly deliver integrated job-driven services, including postsecondary education and training, to help those with significant barriers to employment earn marketable credentials to secure high-quality jobs and careers.

For more information about Iowa's adult education and literacy programs, visit the Iowa Department of Education's [website](#). In addition, the Your Future Starts Here [website](#) features student success stories and provides resources to help Iowans start the path to earning high school equivalency diplomas, head to college, or launch their careers.

For more information on Adult Education and Literacy programs at DMACC, contact 287-8700 or visit [www.dmacc.edu/ael](http://www.dmacc.edu/ael).

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