

# Danville Area Community College

## ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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### DAVE KIETZMANN DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Dave Kietzmann didn't see college in his future when he was growing up in East Lynn, Illinois. His father was a tenant farmer with an 8th grade education and a family to feed, clothe, and house. There was no college fund to cover educational expenses.

"The door opened to a new world of opportunities for me the day a counselor from Danville Junior College (DACC) addressed my high school senior class. The counselor told us that "college is a possibility for everyone" and my eyes were opened. For the first time, I began to consider the possibility that at least two years of college might be for me."

Dave enrolled at Danville Junior College in 1967. He chose to major in Information Technology because, "you could get a two-year degree and make excellent money in the computer field."

After receiving an Associate degree in Information Technology in 1969, Dave moved to Chicago to work as a computer programmer for Western Electric. He had a young wife and a baby on the way. Eight months later, he was contacted about returning to the College as a computer instructor. To say he was reluctant is an understatement! He had never considered teaching and had no background in education – and then there was the money. Teachers didn't make "excellent money." But the College offered to match his salary at Western Electric, so he accepted the offer and never looked back.

"It was the best career decision I made in my life," Dave said. "DACC is a fantastic place. It is really phenomenal. It has helped transform the lives of thousands of people, myself included."

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## ADONIS FULLER RECRUITING SUCCESS

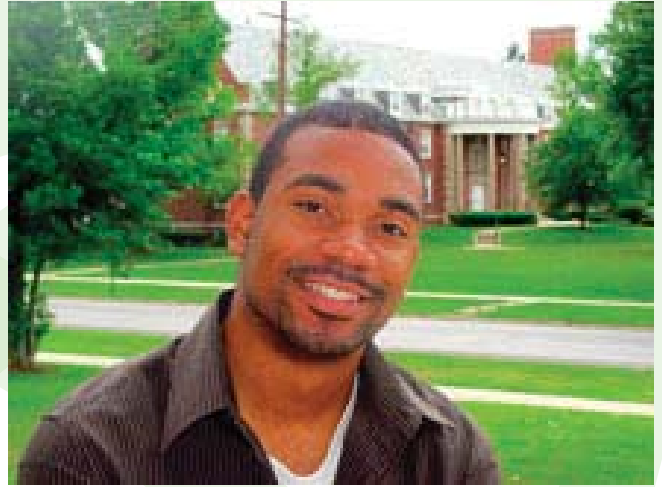
Adonis Fuller is a team player. He grew up with a good example. Adonis is the oldest of three boys raised by a single mom who is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army. Sgt. Fuller raised her boys, served her country, and still found time to pursue her education and instill the importance of education in her children.

Moving from one duty station to another, the Fuller family became a close-knit team. Sometimes they would only have each other for support and encouragement. As the oldest, Adonis had to be a team leader.

Adonis attended high school in two different states. A new duty assignment moved the family from Alaska to Danville. Adonis researched the area and the educational opportunities before making the move. He chose Danville Area Community College because it offered him the chance to get a solid, economical start on his education while allowing him to continue to help with his younger brothers at home.

At DACC, Adonis joined the Men's Basketball team under Coach John Spezia. He wasn't a starter for the team, but he didn't miss practice and he was always ready to work. Coach Spezia once told a colleague that he wished he had a whole team just like Adonis – committed to the team.

Adonis joined another team at DACC. He was hired as a student worker in the Student Support Center. In that position he was able to help his fellow students overcome barriers to their education. Dr. Penny McConnell, Dean of Liberal Arts, was his supervisor at the time. As Director of the Student Support Center, Dr. McConnell had an opportunity to see the way Adonis interacted with the other



students. She witnessed his efforts on the Basketball team, and heard about his commitment to his family. "Adonis is a wonderful young man and a marvelous role model," she said.

After graduation, Adonis transferred to MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, where he majored in Business Administration. He said, "I felt DACC prepared me well for the work once I transferred."

Once again, he was a team player. During his two years at MacMurray, Adonis played on the Basketball team, was selected to represent the student body on the College's Presidential Search Committee, and was selected by his peers as the student speaker for graduation.

Adonis still plays on the MacMurray team. Currently, he is an admissions counselor for the College. His duties include high school recruitment visits and college fairs, and he assists with open house and registration events at the College. He reviews admissions applications and meets with prospective students and their families, to insure that MacMurray will be the best choice for them. His primary focus is prospective students in the Chicago/Northern Illinois area.

Education is still a priority. Adonis plans to pursue an advanced degree in Human Resources as time permits. Of his time at DACC, Adonis said, "DACC helped me learn what it would take to be successful in the classroom and outside of it. The deadlines and tests in the classroom, the workouts and practices for basketball, and the day to day activities of the Student Support Center – they all helped me grow as a person and a professional."

# GRADUATION THOUGHTS FROM JON T. SATTERWHITE, D.M.D.

*The following is an excerpt from the address given by Dr. Satterwhite, DACC alumnus and former member of the Board of Trustees, during DACC's May 2008 Commencement Ceremony.*

I graduated in 1973 from Danville Junior College, and I have seen the world change in many ways since then. Some changes were good and some were for the worse. I thought I would pass on some of the thoughts I have accumulated during that time. First, congratulations, Graduates! Today should be one of the happiest times in your life. It's a time for celebration and rejoicing with family and friends. You made it, and you are now embarking on the most fantastic, wonderful journey of all – life.

Remember that education, both formal and informal, is the key that will unlock the doors to lifetime learning. If you fall on hard times, every material possession could be taken from you. No one can take away your mind, your beliefs, or any college or technical degrees that you earn.

Even though you and I were raised in a small town with seemingly little opportunity, the road in front of your house leads to other paths and roads that can take you anywhere in the world. You are limited only by your own imagination and desire. You can do anything and be anyone you wish. Today is always the first day of the rest of your life. You have the potential to do great good or evil. That choice is up to you.

You will experience great pleasure and certain hardship during your life. Enjoy and remember the good things, they will help you through the hard times. Use the hard times as a learning experience, they will build your character. Do not dwell on misfortune; it happens to all of us. One should never judge a situation, good or bad, until you have looked back on it from two years in the future.

There will be times when you will just want to give up and say, "I can't." This will be an opportunity to dig deep inside and come up with just a little more effort and ability in order to succeed at your task. If you fail, realize that you gave it every effort and it was not meant to be.

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It is during this trial that you will learn how strong you really are. Once you have gone through this you will never be afraid of your ability again. It is this extra effort that distinguishes those with ability from those without. Others will notice your effort and respect you for it.

Have respect and tolerance for those whose opinions differ from yours. Our society is very diverse and it makes for an interesting world. Never judge others harshly, but help them as you can. In this manner others will help you when you need it most in your lifetime journey.

Please realize that life is not a trial run. You do not get a second chance. No one is guaranteed tomorrow, only today. Learn to live your life so that it is meaningful to you. This is one of the keys to personal happiness. Realize that you are a special, unique person created by God to do and experience good things. Take the time to learn about the environment and your surroundings. We as humans are at the mercy of nature even though we try to control it. Do not get caught up in the rat race of economic fulfillment to the extent of ignoring everything else. You can have every toy imaginable and find that they are not the key to happiness. Believe me I know.

Have faith in God, yourself, and your fellow man. Forgive those that injure you and uplift those that are less fortunate than you. Consider people's faults as foot prints on the sand before a high tide and always remember love is the greatest healer of all.

Welcome to the first day of the rest of your life and I say again, congratulations, Graduates, the world awaits you.





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## MILESTONES

### DO YOU KNOW DACC?

How much do alumni really know, or remember, about Danville Area Community College? Try your luck with the following DACC trivia questions, then check your answers on page 6.

1. When was DACC founded?
2. When did DACC move to its current campus?
3. Where was the College housed previously?
4. Who was the first President of DACC?
5. How many students enroll at DACC annually?
6. How many national William H. Meardy Outstanding Faculty Award winners are currently teaching at DACC?
7. How many scholarships were given by the DACC Foundation in 2007?
8. What percentage of recent area high school graduates are currently enrolled at DACC?
9. How much does it cost for a high school student to attend College Express classes at DACC and earn college credit as well as high school credit?
10. How much money will a student save by attending DACC for the first two years of a Bachelor's degree and then transferring as a junior?



#### New Faces...

Danville Area Community College welcomed a number of new faces during the Spring and Summer semesters.

**Tracy Wahlfeldt** joined the DACC Foundation as Executive Director in April.

**Justin Wilderman** joined the Financial Aid department as Assistant Director in April.

**Lisa Osborne** joined the Business & Technology division as Office Specialist in May.

**Melissa Hollingsworth** joined the Child Development Center staff as the 4-and5-year old teacher in June.

**Amie Maul** was joined the Admissions and Records department as the Receptionist/Telecommunications Specialist in July.

**Kasey Moore** joined the faculty in the Math & Science divisions as a Diagnostic Medical Instructor in July. Kasey is responsible for the new Sonography program which launched in August.

**Brian Pollitt** joined the Administrative Data Systems department as a Database Administrator/Programmer in August.

**Mike O'Brien** took the lead as Director of the Small Business Development Center in August. The SBDC office was relocated to the Village Mall in June.

#### Familiar Faces in New Places...

The College is happy to welcome back some familiar faces who have taken on new challenges at DACC.

**Tina Biesecker** returned to DACC as the Administrative Assistant in the Finance and Administration department. Tina served as the DACC Foundation Office Manager for more than 20 years.

**Laura Williams** returned to DACC as the Director of Grants and Planning in June. Laura is well-known around DACC for her years as the Adult Recruiter.

**Laura Hensgen** returned to DACC as the Coordinator of Community Education in August. Laura previously worked in the Instructional Technology department. The Community Education office is located at the Village Mall.

Tina, Laura Williams, Lisa, Melissa, Amie, and Brian are DACC alumni.

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Dave never let obstacles stand in his way. When he first started teaching, he had only his Associate degree. He returned to college at the University of Illinois, taking night and weekend classes, to get his advanced degrees. A dedicated instructor, he would stay in the classroom very late in the night to allow his students time to complete their projects. His wife Glenda recalled, "I remember many times taking (son) Kyle out to DACC to have dinner with Dave because his students' had a project or program to complete."

After teaching for fifteen years, Dave was named Dean of Community Services. In 1987, he was named Executive Director of the Danville Area Labor Management Council, a ground-breaking organization committed to strengthening labor-management relations. Two years later he was named Dean of Career and Technical Education. Dave was named Vice President of Instruction in 1997, and in 2002 that title was changed to Vice President of Instruction and Student Services.

Dave is a dedicated leader who has earned the love and respect of the faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Trustees at DACC. He is the "go-to" person who gets things done and solves the problem. He is an entrepreneurial educator who doesn't make excuses, but gathers his team and asks, "How can we make this happen for the College and the community."

Current DACC President Alice Jacobs said, "Innovation is the cornerstone of Dave's leadership philosophy. The level of respect he enjoys from the faculty has allowed for success during trying economic times."

Dave worked with area superintendents and school boards to bring area high school vocational students to DACC for dual credit career courses. Traditional transfer dual enrollment courses have been added, also, and opportunities for high school students in the college district have increased exponentially. As a result of the new atmosphere of district-wide cooperation, most high schools in the area now bring their sophomores to tour the DACC campus, regardless of their preference for career or transfer education.

Dave is so respected by the k-12 school boards and superintendents in the area that he is often asked to facilitate board planning and faculty bargaining events. These same skills are requested by many area businesses and community organizations. His success can be attributed to his abilities as strategist and statesman. While he is a force behind so many initiatives, he typically gives the credit to others. He is a creative thinker, always looking at the larger picture.



**Dave Kietzmann shakes hands with Senator Barak Obama during an August 2005 Town Hall Meeting held at Danville Area Community College.**

Dave possesses the ability to inspire others. During his tenure as Vice President, a record-breaking four members of the DACC faculty have been named ACCT William H. Meardy Award winners. Not only did he provide the support and encouragement necessary to nurture these outstanding educators, he served on the teams that hired half of them. His never-give-up, can-do, chance-for-all attitude makes him the epitome of the community college graduate.

"The past 38 years have flown by. I look back on my career and cannot imagine doing anything more meaningful, worthwhile, and significant with my life," Dave said. "Not only has Danville Area Community College helped me, but several members of my family also turned to the College for educational opportunities. My son, my sister, my niece, and numerous cousins have significantly improved their lives by attending Danville Area Community College. I will be forever grateful for the positive impact that this community college has had on my life."



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## DID YOU KNOW DACC? *(questions from Pg. 4)*

1. When was DACC founded?  
**1946**
2. When did DACC move to its current campus?  
**1965**
3. Where was the College housed previously?  
**Danville High School**
4. Who was the first President of DACC?  
**Miss Mary Miller**
5. How many students enroll at DACC annually?  
**More than 8,000**
6. How many national William H. Meardy Outstanding Faculty Award winners are currently teaching at DACC?  
**Four: Professor John Hoagland, Biology & Zoology; Professor Lori Garrett, Anatomy & Physiology; Professor Kathy Sturgeon, Engineering & Math; and Professor Glenda Boling, Speech & Theater**
7. How many scholarships were given by the DACC Foundation in 2007?  
**More than 230 scholarships totalling over \$250,000**
8. What percentage of recent area high school graduates are currently enrolled at DACC?  
**More than 40 percent**
9. How much does it cost for a high school student to attend College Express classes at DACC and earn college credit as well as high school credit?  
**College Express credits are FREE to the student and his/her family.**
10. How much money will a student save by attending DACC for the first two years of a Bachelor's degree and then transferring as a junior?  
**At least \$10,000 per year, in tuition alone, for a full-time student**

## MILESTONES *(continued from page 4)*

### Awards...

Pi Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at DACC received several awards at the 90th International Convention held in April and at the Illinois Regional Convention in June. International awards included:

- Fourth Finalist for PTK's Most Distinguished Chapter for 2008;
- Hallmark Awards in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service;
- Top 100 Chapter Award;
- Distinguished Chapter Advisor Award for Prof. Lori Garrett; and
- Jacob Lane, Pi Omega Chapter President, was named one of only 20 community college students in the nation to be on the USA Today All-USA First Academic Team.

Regional awards included:

- Illinois Region's Most Distinguished Chapter;
- Outstanding Member Award to Michelle Houmes;
- Outstanding Officer Award to President Jacob Lane;
- Outstanding Advisor Award to Prof. Lori Garrett; and
- Five Star Chapter Certificate.

### Retirements...

The College bid a fond farewell to members of the faculty and staff at the end of the Spring semester.

**Professor Jane Brown** retired from the Business & Technology division in May. Jane was an instructor in that division for 33 years, and continues to teach part-time and oversee the Success In College program.

**Carol Craig** retired from the Business & Technology division in May having served as the Office Assistant there for 30 years.

### In Memorium...

Danville Area Community College was saddened by the loss of two long-time, well-loved members of our faculty and staff during the Spring semester.

**Diane Milburn**, Information Specialist, passed away on February 15, 2008. She is survived by Pat, her husband of 30 years. Diane was 58 years old.

**Professor Mary Coffman** had recently retired from DACC after teaching in the Liberal Arts division for more than 30 years when she passed away on May 1. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Jim Mackey, and their 11-year old daughter, Elizabeth. The current issue of DACC's literary magazine, *Waiting for Rain*, is dedicated to the memory of Mary, who served as faculty advisor for the publication for 20 years.

## DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY AT DACC

The newest program at Danville Area Community College is Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), a one-year certificate program. This new specialty taps into the country's growing need for health care professionals.

Kasey Moore, a Hoopeston native, joined the faculty as the DMS instructor in July and immediately began developing the curriculum. Kasey attended the United Samaritans Medical Center School of Radiology and the Institute of Ultrasound Diagnostics. She has professional experience in the hospital setting, having worked at both Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Iroquois Memorial Hospital.

DMS officially got underway during the fall semester with an initial cohort of ten students, full capacity for the program. A new cohort will begin each fall. Applicants to the program must have a degree or certificate in Radiologic Sciences, Nursing or another Allied Health field, or a Bachelor of Natural Science. Applicants who aren't graduates of a Radiology Technology program must complete an observation session in the imaging department of a clinical site.

DMS, or Ultrasound, uses sound waves instead of radiation to obtain detailed images which provide views into the inner workings of the body. Sonographers must know about anatomy, physiology, machine instrumentation, and patient care. In Illinois, this field is experiencing faster than average employment growth. Nationally, the median salary for sonographers is \$59,881.

The demand for this specialty is steadily rising as the country's population ages and grows. Graduates are immediately employable as staff sonographers primarily in hospitals, clinics, imaging centers, and physician's offices, but facilities needing these specialists are expected to grow as the trend moves toward more outpatient care.

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Physicians are increasingly turning to ultrasound in order to avoid radiation exposure for patients. Sonographers can also be considered for additional training in specialty areas such as vascular and echocardiography. Further career opportunities exist in administration, education, sales and marketing, and applications training for sonographers with more advanced degrees.

If you are interested in enrolling in the program, call DMS Instructor Kasey Moore at 217-554-1652, [kmoore@dacc.edu](mailto:kmoore@dacc.edu), or Radiologic Technology program Director Al Bello at 217-443-8552, [abello@dacc.edu](mailto:abello@dacc.edu).



## MEN'S & WOMEN'S ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES & 50/50 RAFFLE

Join the DACC Men's & Women's Jaguar Basketball teams on Saturday, October 25th for their annual Alumni games. The Women's game begins at 5:30PM, with the Men's game following at 7:30PM. The winner of the 3rd Annual 50/50 raffle will be announced at the games. Tickets are available now for \$25 for one ticket or \$100 for 5 tickets. Last year's winner received \$1,250. Contact the DACC Athletic Office at 217-443-8807.



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## CELEBRATING DACC'S FOUNDERS

In 2006, while celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the College, DACC began a new tradition of honoring people who had been instrumental in the founding and success of Danville Area Community College. The second biennial Founders' Day Celebration will be held on Friday, October 17, in the Bremer Conference and Workforce Development Center. A buffet lunch will begin at 12 Noon in the conference rooms, with the Founders' Ceremony commencing at 1:00 pm in the Bremer Auditorium. The 2008 honorees are Mr. Wilbur Dickson, former Vice President for Instruction; Mr. Leonard Jaffe, founding President of the DACC Foundation; Ms. Annabelle Neel, long-time DACC Registrar; and Ms. Alice Lee Morrison-Guin, Liberal Arts Instructor.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$12 per person; admission to the Founders' Ceremony *only* is free. Anyone interested in making a lunch reservation should phone the DACC Marketing office at 217-443-8798, or send an email to [marketing@dacc.edu](mailto:marketing@dacc.edu). Reservations may be paid in advance at the DACC Cashiers office with cash, check, or credit card; or a check may be sent to the DACC Marketing office, 2000 E. Main Street, Danville, IL 61832. **Please make checks payable to DACC.** Please note the names of those planning to attend when you RSVP, so nametags can be prepared in advance.



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