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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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## THE LEGEND AND THE LEGACY

Mary Miller was a high-school teacher with a vision to bring higher education to her beloved Danville and Vermilion County.

In 1946, more than 12 million men and women who had served in World War II were returning to America. A majority of them would rely on the G.I. Bill to fund their dream of a college education. Danville High School teacher Mary Miller saw this sudden influx of veterans as an opportunity to launch what would become Danville Area Community College.

Ms. Miller formed an alliance with the University of Illinois' extension site and began leading a group of teachers to teach College courses to veterans and local residents

By 1965, Otto Schafer of the Veterans Administration in Danville offered local business owner Lou Mervis and Ms. Miller seven buildings and 50 acres of land that the VA owned along Danville's East Main Street corridor. Ms. Miller moved her College from cramped high-school classrooms to what would eventually become a beautiful 75-acre campus featuring grassy knolls, gardens, and red-brick buildings that were built in the 1890s.

Seventy-seven years later, Mary Miller's college continues to flourish. DACC would evolve from a junior college known as DJC to the comprehensive community college of today. DACC serves thousands of students each year on the Danville Campus and at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center.

Thanks in no small part to more than \$7 million in donations from philanthropist Julius W. Hegeler II, the historic buildings have been renovated. In addition, the College invested significant capital funding to bring the facilities to good repair and to install state-of-the-art educational technology. Mary Miller also would have been proud to see that the iconic clock tower presiding over the grassy quad continues to keep perfect time.



### **OUR MISSION**

Danville Area Community College is committed to providing quality, innovative, and accessible learning experiences that meet the lifelong academic, cultural and economic needs of our diverse communities and the world we share.

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# DEAR FRIENDS OF DACC



Dr. Stephen Nacco has been DACC's president since 2016

The portrait of Mary Miller hangs prominently in the second-floor corridor in Vermilion Hall. Every day on my way to my office, I pass by the founding president's picture and wish her "good morning." Every so often, she even answers me back with something like, "DACC is a wonderful college that has been the lifeblood of this community for 75 years. Don't screw it up."

Since its inception in September 1946, DACC has been a "student-centered" institution. First and foremost, Ms. Miller was a teacher who was committed to fostering student learning. Even so, she also possessed a remarkable amount of business acumen. She was able to leverage relationships with the University of Illinois, the City of Danville, Danville High School, and the Veterans Administration to deliver a college to Danville.

During its early days, the College consisted of a handful of high-school classrooms. Over the next two decades, the College evolved into a junior college with a primary focus of helping students earn an associate degree and transfer to a senior institution to complete a baccalaureate degree.

By 1965, the College found its permanent home on what was originally 50 acres of land and seven vacant buildings that the federal Veterans Administration transferred to College District 50. As DACC's services expanded beyond transfer education to career-and-technical education, corporate education, developmental education, and community enrichment, DACC became a comprehensive community college. In 1979, to reflect this new mission, the Board of Trustees changed the name to Danville Area Community College.

Those of us currently employed at DACC are charged with keeping the light of education burning brightly throughout District 50. Throughout DACC's 77 years, we pay tribute to Ms. Mary Miller—an American educator who had the courage and the vision to guide DACC from its inception and through its first 26 years.

Ms. Miller's legacy is alive and well at DACC as we take to heart the mantra that Ms. Miller expressed in her seminal work titled, *A Chance for All*. DACC gives residents the opportunity for a better life. By virtue of our "open door" mission, the College gives everyone access to affordable and excellent education.

You can well appreciate why Ms. Miller reminds me on a daily basis not to "screw it up."

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Nacco President Danville Area Community College



The portrait of DACC's founding President Mary Miller, who led DACC originally with the title of dean but later as president from 1946-1972.





Dr. William J. Langas 1972-78

Dr. Joseph A. Borgen 1978-81





Dr. Ronald K. Lingle 1981-88

Dr. Harry J. Braun 1989-99



Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs 1999-2016

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



The Board of Trustees for Danville Area Community College, attending Commencement on May 19, 2023. From left: Chair Dave Harby, Maruti Seth, Tracy Cherry, Terry Hill, student trustee Decarlo Flagg Jr., Vice Chair Greg Wolfe, Sandra Finch, and Dylan Haun.





#### Mr. David W. Harby - Chair | Term runs to 2029

Reelected to the DACC Board in April 2023, Mr. Harby is the longest-serving member at 24 years. He has recently retired as a Country Financial representative in Danville. He has served as DACC's Board Chair since 2013. Mr. Harby graduated from DACC and Illinois State University. He was a Distinguished Alumnus at DACC. For the Illinois Community College Trustees' Association, he served as president from 2010 to 2011. He has won numerous awards from the ICCTA, including the prestigious Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award.

#### Mr. Greg Wolfe - Vice Chair | Term runs to 2025

Mr. Wolfe is a DACC graduate—with honors. This is his second year as vice chair to the Board. He was originally elected to the Board in 2013 and re-elected in 2019. Over the past few years, he has served as liaison to the Illinois Community College Trustees' Association and has served as a member of the ICCTA Executive Board. He formerly chaired the Trustee Education and Leadership Committee. Mr Wolfe currently chairs the ACCT Nominations committee for the Central Region. Mr. Wolfe is a senior product consultant for Watts Copy Systems. Mr. Wolfe continues to participate in a number of community service projects. He also helps boost corporate sponsor sales for the Danville Dans—a minor-league baseball team. Before his election to the DACC Board, he had served 12 years as president of the Oakwood Community Unit School District #76.



#### Ms. Tracy Cherry | Term runs to 2025

This year, Ms. Cherry retired as the principal of Danville High School, having served for more than 33 years as a teacher and administrator for Danville District 118. Before becoming the DHS principal, she had been the principal for the Kenneth D. Bailey Academy for 11 years. Ms. Cherry was appointed to the DACC Board in September 2018 to fill the unexpired term of Tonya Hill after Ms. Hill became executive director of the DACC Foundation. The following year, Ms. Cherry was elected to a six-year term on the DACC Board. Ms. Cherry first came to Danville in 1990 as an elementary physical education teacher. Before Danville, she taught in the Kansas City, Missouri, public school system and was the first minority teacher hired by the Barstow School, a private preparatory school. As a college athlete, she was an All-American field-hockey player.

#### Ms. Sandra Finch | Term runs to 2027

Elected to the DACC Board in April 2021, Ms. Finch is the Human Relations Director for the City of Danville. Over the past seven years, she has served on DACC's Access, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, which provides community input to the College regarding its efforts to provide outreach to underrepresented groups in the community and to build greater diversity in its workforce. A Danville resident, Ms. Finch also serves on the United Way Community Investment Committee; she serves as Treasurer for the Vermilion County Unmet Needs Committee, which provides financial resources to individuals in the community whose situations do not qualify for local resources; and she is the Program Chair for the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee.



#### Mr. Dylan Haun | Term runs to 2027

Mr. Haun became a firefighter for the Danville Fire Department in 2023. He was elected to the DACC Board in 2021. A DACC graduate, in 2015-16, he served on the DACC Board as student trustee. After earning an associate degree, Mr. Haun received a bachelor in science in occupational safety from Columbia Southern University. He is currently matriculated in a master in business administration program at the University of Illinois' Gies Business School. His younger brother Logan was also a student trustee at DACC.



#### Mr. Terry Hill | Term runs to 2029

Mr. Hill is a DACC Athletics hall-of-famer and a four-time national-championship winning coach in track-and-field and a four-time "coach of the year" from 1993-96. Mr. Hill was inducted into the NJCAA National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2005 and into the Greater Illiana Sport Hall of Fame in 2022. Mr. Hill was elected to the DACC Board in 2017 and reelected in 2023. A DACC graduate, he earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan and a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University. After a 30-year career as a teacher in Oakwood, he became athletic director at Danville High School, retiring in 2007.

#### Mr. Maruti Seth | Term runs to 2029

Mr. Seth was elected to the DACC Board in April 2023. He is the owner and operator of Burger King restaurants throughout Central Illinois and has been an independent business owner for more than 20 years. Born in New Delhi, India, Mr. Seth emigrated to the United States in 1988 and lived in New Jersey and Delaware before making Danville his home in 2003. While in NJ, he attended Middlesex County College followed by Kean University, earning his bachelor's degree in computer science in 1994. Mr. Seth firmly believes that community colleges can be a springboard to a better life especially for underrepresented, low-income, and nontraditional students. He has been a three-term member of the DACC Foundation board. He and his wife established an endowed scholarship for DACC students. He also serves on a number of other local boards, including the Vermilion County Workforce Innovation Board.



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Region Champions

1991 1992 1998 1991

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2023

On June 26, 2023, DACC sophomore Decarlo Flagg Jr. received a certificate from Illinois Senator Paul Faraci (right) to recognize his election to the DACC Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee. On the left is Senator Faraci's legislative aide Betty Seidel. The Senator and Ms. Seidel met Decarlo in the TRIO offices for the ceremony.

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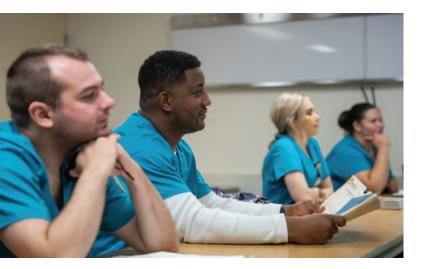


#### Mr. Decarlo Flagg Jr. | Student Trustee

Term runs from April 2023 – April 2024

Mr. Flagg enrolled in DACC in 2020. While attending Danville High School, he took CNA classes through College Express. Since joining DACC, he has participated in a number of activities, including the Men's Iconic group and as a TRIO Leadership Ambassador. In addition, as a work-study assistant in the Counseling & Advising Department, Mr. Flagg has earned the appreciation of many of his fellow students for the service he provides. If a student is lost, Mr. Flagg will invariably get up from behind his desk and personally escort that student to the desired destination. A member of the PTK National Honor Society, Mr. Flagg's high grade-point-average and interest in the field of healthcare have him on track toward achieving his career goal of becoming a physician.

# STUDENT LEARNING





Interim Dean of Liberal Arts Ryan Wyckoff (left) and Biology Professor Dr. Wendy Brown (third from left) led the "Learning Community" expedition that visited the Exotic Feline Rescue Center.



DACC's HVAC Instructor Jonathan Daugherty (left) has revitalized the program for students seeking careers as heating and air-conditioning technicians. Students are shown here preparing a schematic board for display in a County-wide Science Expo.

#### THE MAGIC NUMBER

51%

More than half of the collegebound students in Vermilion County attend DACC.

# Key Accomplishments for 2022-23

#### **Career Preparation Program**

DACC revamped the INST 101 course to focus on more relevant information and technology competencies.

#### **Community Outreach**

DACC participated in the Oct. 27, 2022 Carle HealthCare Fair at Danville High School, promoting HIT as well as medical imaging. After a three-year hiatus, DACC resumed the annual Health Professions Day, attracting dozens of local high-school students and college express. For the first time in three years, DACC hosted Academic Challenge, which took place on Feb. 7. 2023, and featured more than 200 students from 11 County schools.

#### **Danville Correctional Center**

DACC launched a mechatronics program in the DCC in January 2023. DACC also hired a director for the Department of Corrections transfer programs. This year, more than 20 inmates graduated with a DACC associate degree.

#### **Dual Credit**

The College hosted a District-wide meeting with school superintendents to focus on new DACC programs and courses for dual credit. High-school dual-credit hours at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center increased by 11 percent in Spring 2022.

#### **Early Childhood Education**

As a member of the State-wide Consortium, DACC enrolled 20 students in the program, leading to an associate in applied science—relying on grant funding to provide tuition waivers and full wrap-around services.



Agriculture Professor Brandy Marron hosted the second annual Agriculture Drone Competition & Career Fair on May 11, 2023. Students from several high schools displayed their skills piloting drones through the obstacle course Prof. Marron built. Partnering with DACC in the event were the University of Illinois and the 4-H youth organization.



At the Danville Correctional Center, DACC is the first college in Illinois to offer mechatronics and manufacturing training for inmates.



The \$300,000 Illinois WorkNet grant is providing free apprenticeship training in building trades for nearly 30 students at DACC this year. Plumbing and carpentry will be two of the featured certifications in the program. Shown here are DACC College Express students building a miniature house. THE MAGIC NUMBER

The number of bachelor's degree programs that DACC students have available locally and affordably thanks to DACC's 3 + 1 partnerships with Franklin University, lowa Wesleyan University, and Eastern Illinois University. Students earn a bachelor's degree by completing a DACC associate degree and then an additional year of DACC classes. The remaining 30 credits are through online classes.

#### Engineering

DACC developed a hybrid engineering program that offers fast-track completion. The College also saw success with the discount program as a pipeline to an engineering major for students achieving a B or better in Physics and Calculus.

#### **Grant Support**

The College received a \$424,000 Illinois State PATH grant to fund recruitment, teaching, and student completion in healthcare professions. To boost manufacturing enrollment, DACC received a \$12,000 donation from the Haas Corporation to provide scholarships for manufacturing students. DACC was awarded a \$170,000 Illinois Innovative Bridge and Transition Grant to provide technology support for Adult Education students. With the receipt of a \$300,000 Illinois WorkNet grant, the College began proving apprenticeship training for up to 30 students with tuition and all wrap-around costs paid through the grant. The focus is on construction trades—plumbing, electrical, carpentry—in alliance with local unions.

#### Heating-Ventilation-Air-Conditioning

DACC began providing daytime HVAC classes to college students and College Express and purchased a full complement of HVAC training equipment.

#### **Higher Learning Commission**

In anticipation of the Higher Learning Commission's March 2024 review, DACC formed five Criteria teams under the leadership team of Dr. Carl Bridges, Dr. Penny McConnell and Maggie Hoover. The co-chairs for each team selected committee members and began preparing their section of the assurance report, which is due in February 2024.

#### In Memoriam

On Oct. 29, 2022, in honor of deceased student Alex

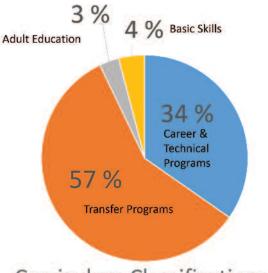
# STUDENT LEARNING



VVEDS Principal Nick Chatterton (left) packed the Bremer Theater on May 10 with morning and afternoon awards sessions for College Express students. Faculty for more than 20 programs gave out certificates for completers and plaques to their program's "Student of the Year." Also on stage helping with the awards is VVEDS assistant Connie Cannon.



To help meet a steep increase in both student and employer demand for CDL operators, DACC bought a new tractor with an automatic transmission along with a used trailer. Even with the enrollment boom, DACC's CDL program continues to enjoy high success rates for students taking CDL exams at the State's Tilton Testing Center. The first-time passing rate for Class A and Class B students in the six-week training course is about 95 percent.



**Curriculum Classifications** 

**1 to 15** DACC's Faculty-to-Student Ratio

#### **Most Popular Majors at DACC**

1. Nursing 2. Business 4. Criminal Justice5. Psychology

**3. Education** 

### Program Offerings

Associate Degrees:	34
Certificates:	51
Bachelor's Degrees	
(3 + 1 partners):	36

Dinger, Auto Tech hosted one of the most successful car shows in DACC history with more than 150 entries. The event attracted more than 1,000 visitors and raised \$4,400 for the Alex Dinger Scholarship.

#### **Job Placements**

Over the past three years, more than 90 percent of the employees at NexLAN are graduates of DACC's coding program. NexLAN is a multi-million dollar computer software company with 300 clients across 35 states and three continents.

#### **MyDACC Portal**

DACC implemented myDACC, a student portal through Ellucian Experience technologies. It provides timely services and information to students on a PC and mobile friendly platform. The system is fully integrated with Colleague, degree audit, Student Planning, and Blackboard.

#### **New Programs**

Academic affairs has introduced Music Production, Music for Business, Cancer Registry, CCMSI Claims Representative Certificate, and Barbering Certificate. The Computer Science Department developed courses in Python, Power BI, Introduction to Unreal 3D Engine (for game design), Introduction to 3D Graphics, and a Design and Computer-Aided Drawing degree. DACC appointed a director of sonography to lead the accreditation process that would lead to the introduction of an associate in applied science degree.

#### **Promoting Agriculture**

As an exhibition of precision ag, the College held a Drone-flying competition in the Gym with more than 30 students from six local high schools in Spring 2023.

#### SkillsUSA

College Express, in conjunction with the American



On Apr. 20, 2023, the Business & Technology Division hosted a tour throughout the Tech Center to showcase the College's marquee career-and-technical programs, including wind and solar technologies, construction, manufacturing, computer programming, information systems, welding, automotive technologies, electronics, and robotics. Shown here is student worker Lorenz Tiu demonstrating DACC's new "Boss Laser" machine.



Health Information Technology Professor Marcie Wright received tenure during the Oct. 20, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting. Standing with her as she thanks the DACC Trustees is Academic Affairs Vice President Carl Bridges, who gave Professor Wright flowers to commemorate her promotion. Professor Wright also received recognition from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association as one of the top faculty in the State of Illinois.

#### **FY 2023 Enrollment in** 41.534 **FY 2022** 37.011 **Credit Hours FY 2021** 40,378 **FY 2020** 48,799 **FY 2019** 50,852 **Enrollment in FY 2023** 5.425 **FY 2022** 5.184 Headcount **FY 2021** 5,369 **FY 2020** 7,663 **FY 2019** 7,913 **FY 2018** 8,182 **FY 2017** 8,265 **Average Age FY 2023** 21 **FY 2022** 22 of Credit FY 2021 23 **Students FY 2020** 27 **FY 2019** 27

**Courses Taught at DACC** 

**Full-Time Faculty** 

70 %

30 %

**Part-Time Faculty** 

Job Center and Vermilion Advantage, sent a team of students to compete in SkillsUSA Illinois, for the second year in a row. Four finalists from DACC were from Early Childhood Development and the fifth was from manufacturing. The manufacturing student earned a Bronze Award. It's the first award that a DACC/College Express student has ever won.

#### **State ICCB Recognition**

DACC formed a small senior-leadership team to prepare and submit a report to the ICCB that mirrors the HLC reaccreditation process. After six months of research and reporting, DACC earned Recognition from the ICCB.

#### **Teaching and Learning Center**

VP of Academic Affairs has established a steering committee of faculty to guide the Center. The first topic that the committee has addressed is the threat and potential benefits of artificial-intelligence devices.

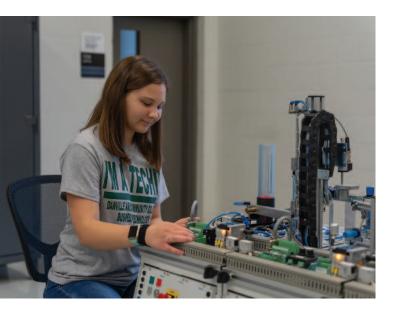
#### **Tractor-Trailer (CDL) Program**

The CDL director purchased a third cab and hired an additional instructor to expand training to six days per week and most evenings.



Increase in DACC enrollment in credit hours during Fiscal Year 2023 (compared to FY 2022). Overall headcount in 2023 increased by 5 percent.

# STUDENT SUCCESS





On Fri., Nov. 4, 2022, TRIO hosted an event in the Student Union to honor DACC students, faculty, staff, and graduates who were the first in their family to attend college. TRIO's "First-Gen Friday" panel, from left: Isela Rangel, Alexis Simmons, Devontay Carpenter, Decarlo Flagg Jr., and Dr. Jonathon Wade.



May 11, 2023, was the first-ever "Assessment Day" at DACC as the College prepares for the HLC's March 4, 2024, periodic review. Shown here are four of the featured Assessment Champions donning barnyard-themed garb: Dr. Wendy Brown, Stephanie Loveless, Ryan Wyckoff, and Jen Slavik.



DACC students are amazing! Shown here are Josephine Kamwela, Jalon Glover, and Maddy Wells holding up collection boxes for the All-Star Jaguars' campaign to collect warm socks for needy families. The students dedicated this year's drive to Scott Bennett, the late Illinois Senator who enlisted DACC for the project.

# Key Accomplishments for 2022-23

#### Athletics

DACC sports teams excelled in 2022-23: the men's basketball team earned a #3 national ranking, the softball team placed #7 nationally, the women's basketball team was #8 in the nation, and the men's golf team qualified for the national championship. Of DACC's 83 student-athletes, 54 had a grade-point average of 3.0 or better. The women's basketball team's collective GPA was 3.14, the softball team's was 3.09, and the baseball team's was 2.97.

#### **Career Guide**

Produced and widely distributed "Great Careers in the Danville Area" is a guide to opportunities for job seekers in manufacturing, transportation, banking, education, retail, and more.

#### "College Day"

"College Day," a longstanding DACC tradition that the pandemic interrupted, returned to the College on Sept. 15, 2022, with nearly 60 colleges and universities participating.

#### **Customer Relationship Manager**

To improve student retention and completion rates, the College completed technical implementation and integration of CRM Advise system with our ERP (Colleague) and LMS (Blackboard). This system will automate the former, manual Operation Graduation process, sharing data in real time with each students' identified success team and setting various retention strategies into place as needed (some automatically and some through assigned alerts to staff). CRM had a "go live" on May 18, 2023.



The December graduation for Middle College produced 14 new high-school graduates. Kudos to the team of Dean Terry Goodwin, Supervisor Kathy Leary, Case Manager Autymne Huerta, Instructor and Lab Monitor JR Scruggs, and Instructor Rhonda Royce.

THE MAGIC 37%

The 2023 graduation rate for first-time, full-time degree seekers who entered DACC in the Fall of 2020. Despite enrolling at DACC during the height of the pandemic, this cohort graduated at a rate that nearly doubles the 22-percent national average among community colleges and only six percentage points away from the College's all-time record, which was set in 2022.



DACC's women's and men's basketball teams both thrilled the community during the 2022-23 season. The women's team finished 8th in the nation while the men's team finished 3rd.

#### **Embracing Diversity**

DACC introduced the Ally program to advance a culture that is inclusive for LGBTQ+ students and employees. As a follow up, on Oct. 11, DACC students hosted Coming Out Day with a panel discussion consisting of LGBTQ+ students. In addition, the Chief Diversity Officer and the Diversity Team led monthlong events for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct 15, 2022) and African American History Month (February 2023).

#### **Enrollment Incentive**

To encourage students to enroll early and keep on track for graduation, for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters DACC introduced the "Early Bird" \$600bonus program. Along with boosting overall credit enrollment by more than 20 percent during the Spring 2023 semester, the program significantly increased fulltime enrollment.

#### **Graduation Rate**

This year's 37-percent graduation rate is nearly double the national average among community colleges. Even so, this is 6 percent lower than the pre-pandemic record of 43 percent set in FY 2019. The current rate is based on a three-year cycle for students who entered the College full-time during the Fall 2020 semester—which was at the height of Covid. For the next cohort (FY 2024 graduates), student completion is trending well and is on track to achieve the 45-percent goal.

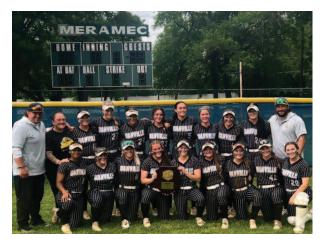
#### Iconic

Under the Chief Diversity Officer and the Middle College coordinator, DACC has introduced "Iconic," a self-named cohort for African American males. With TRIO support, members receive personal academic counseling, tutoring, and other services as needed.

# STUDENT SUCCESS



The DACC Pep Band and DACC Chorale Singers—under the direction of Steve Meadows, Guido Esteves, and Dr. Eric Simonson—included more than 20 singers and musicians.



For the second straight year, DACC's softball team earned a trip to the national championship and wound up with a stellar #9 ranking.



As one of their community-service projects, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society students picked up trash along their "adopted" roadway on Oct. 1. The students have adopted the portion of Main Street in Danville from Virginia Street to Brewer Road, which runs in front of the College. Led by PTK adviser Ronnie Johnson, the group (from left) included right: Hoang Nguyen, Tyler Danzl, Nick Garman, Lindsey Franz (Chapter President), Mason McMasters, Jay Gross, and Makenna Fletcher-Champion.

#### Number of DACC Grads 2023

Associate of Arts	112
Associate of Science	12
Associate of Applied Science	101
Associate in General Studies	48
Certificates	298
TOTAL	571

#### **Most Graduates by Program**

General Associate in Arts (Transfer)	112
General Education Core Curriculum	92
Tractor/Trailer Certificate	55
Associate in General Studies	48
Nursing AAS	35
Level 1 Nursing Certificate	24
Construction Occupation Certificate	16
Applied Computer Science	12
General Associate in Science (Transfer)	12
Certified Nurse Assistant Certificate	11

#### **Job Fairs**

The American Job Center and Vermilion County Works hosted two-day "Drive-by" job fairs in August and October of 2022. Then on Apr. 28, 2023, the AJC and VCW collaborated with Vermilion Advantage for an 80business job fair that drew more than 2,000 job seekers to the Palmer Arena.

#### **Learning Communities**

The Biology and Speech learning community led by Dr. Wendy Brown and Speech Professor Ryan Wyckoff participated in a field trip to Indiana's Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Indiana.

#### **Mental Health**

Dr. Jonathon Wade's Connection Café holds coffee socials and seminars every other month to help draw out students and employees who are willing to discuss mental-health issues. Along with offering online therapists at all times of day or night, Student Services hosts a certified therapist from Crosspoint three days per week.

#### **Post-Covid Boot Camp**

On Aug. 3, 2022, the College held the first in a series of open houses targeting students who dropped out during the 2020-21 pandemic. The first event attracted nearly 50 students who registered for classes totaling 432 credit hours. A subsequent Tech Center Tour on Apr. 3, 2023, attracted more than 100 community members for demonstrations in career and technical programs like construction, manufacturing, and computer programming.

#### **PTK Honor Society**

PTK students participated in the national convention, which took place in Colorado. During FY 2023, the honor society inducted 48 new members.

#### **DACC Student Athletes**

NJCAA Academic All-Conference (3.50 minimum GPA)

2006-7	2	2011-12	4	2016-17	7	2021-22	25
2007-8	1	2012-13	3	2017-18	11	2022-23	18
2008-9	2	2013-14	4	2018-19	8		
2009-10	2	2014-15	4	2019-20	16		
2010-11	1	2015-16	4	2020-21	19		



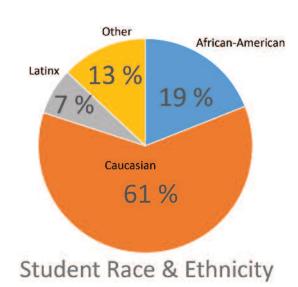
Chief Diversity Officer Stephane Potts and the Black History Month Planning Committee brought the fun back to Black History Month with a series of events that attracted not only crowds of students but also community members.

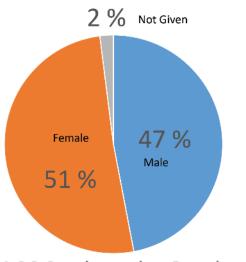


Nurses' pinning ceremonies traditionally conclude with the newly pinned nursing students reading the "Nightingale Pledge" with candles lit by a lamp that Florence Nightingale used to signify the sharing of knowledge. The May 18, 2023, pinning featured 26 nursing graduates, with Penni Saul as the student speaker.



Student Services' Becky Doss (left) earned accolades for taking the initiative to create and implement an online application system that became an instant hit with prospective currents. Prior to the Fall 2022 semester, applications were submitted exclusively on paper either in person or via fax.





DACC Students by Gender

#### Recruitment

The College added student-engagement responsibilities to the Coordinator of Recruitment position. In addition, DACC hired a second Recruiter/Student Engagement employee to help improve and grow the department. One of this employee's chief responsibilities is to capture data through the Colleague Campus Organizations module. By tracking clubs, membership, and activities, Recruitment can integrate the data into CRM Advise and assess what activities are making positive contributions to student retention.

#### **School Outreach**

DACC hosted elementary-school-age children from the 3 Kings of Peace mentoring center and children from Meade Park Elementary School. The populations served by both are predominantly African American and Latinx.

#### **Volleyball Returns**

DACC reinstated the Women's Volleyball program which had been discontinued in 2014—and hired a coach in advance of a Fall 2024 return to intercollegiate competition.

#### **Youth Conference**

After a three-year absence, the Vermilion County Youth Conference returned to DACC on Jan. 3, 2023, for daylong discussions with elected officials, civic leaders, educators, ministers, and the media. One area of focus was student homelessness.

#### Graduation Rates (3-year, First-time, Full-time)

Class of 2023 (Fall 2020 cohort)	37%
Class of 2022 (Fall 2019 cohort)	43%
Class of 2021 (Fall 2018 cohort)	36%
Class of 2020 (Fall 2017 cohort)	37%
Class of 2019 (Fall 2016 cohort)	42%

# INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE





TV Broadcasting Instructor Pete Barrett is demonstrating the digital camera on the set that DACC received from WCIA via Pete. On the left is broadcasting student Nomorya White. On the set for an interview are Creative Content Coordinator Emily Jordan and Foundation Executive Director Tonya Hill.



Thanks to the efforts of DACC's Board of Trustees Vice Chair Greg Wolfe, Chair Dave Harby, and Chief Diversity Officer Stephane Potts, the College delivered a memorable presentation on the College's Equity Plan during the Oct. 28, 2022, National Convention for the Association of Community College Trustees. The Convention was held in Midtown New York and included more than 1,800 trustees and other community-college officials. DACC's Equity Plan identifies seven strategies for advancing a culture of inclusion at DACC.

# THE MAGIC NUMBER

Percentage of DACC students who said they would recommend Danville Area Community College to a friend or family member, according to the 2023 report from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement.

# Key Accomplishments for 2022-23

#### Budget 2023

To balance the FY 2023 budget, the College increased tuition by \$5 per credit hour, effective Summer 2022. The FY22 operating funds ended with a surplus of \$1,436,317 (after utilizing HEERF Grant funds for lost revenue), of which \$1,425,000 was transferred to the Board Restricted Fund to utilize in future years. Overall the fund balance of Unrestricted Funds (Operating, Auxiliary & Board Restricted) increased by \$885,698.

#### **Clock Tower/Horticulture Center**

The \$4 million, Phase 1 renovation of the Clock Tower building and Horticulture Center is expected to begin in the Fall 2023. The Capital Development Board has approved architecture for the project, which will upgrade the HVAC, infrastructure, masonry, and install ADAaccessible restrooms.

#### Construction

The 2022-23 year featured the completion of the following capital projects: renovation of the Lincoln Hall Food Service Area; construction of a Media suite in the Mary Miller Complex; installation of a new sun shade in the Child Development Center playground; replacement of a light pole in the Mary Miller parking lot; renovation of the Village Mall rooms to accommodate the new Barber School; removal of asbestos from all main domestic water lines in Mary Miller Complex; replacement of the roof on the Hegeler Center.

#### Cybersecurity

Following up last year's migration to Cloud computing, the College adopted a multi-factor authentication system for email, Web services, and SharePoint.



DACC art students and Phi Theta Kappa students hosted the Fall Flair Art Show and Sale on Nov. 16, in the Student Union. Art Professor Ronnie Johnson is the PTK advisor and was able to bring the two groups of students together for the event. Student artists presented works for display and sale that they created during this past semester. The works included drawings, paintings, ceramics, and crafts. PTK students offered tasty baked treats for sale during the show, and Behavioral Sciences Professor Dr. Jonathon Wade opened his Coffee Cart for the afternoon to complement the goodies.



On Tues., Feb. 7, 2023, Academic Challenge came back to DACC for the first time since the prepandemic days. Under the leadership of co-chairs Chemistry Associate Professor Dr. Amy Nicely and Math Associate Professor Marjorie Larson, with able assistance from other DACC faculty, the Mary Miller Complex hosted a competition involving more than 200 students from 11 County schools competing to demonstrate the most knowledge in the following fields: biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics, and physics.

#### Financial Aid Facts at DACC (2022-23)

Pell Grant Recipients:	617
Monetary Assistance Program Recipients:	458
MAP Disbursements:	\$936,495
Pell Disbursements:	\$2,373,888
Loan Recipients:	135
Loan Disbursements:	\$375,381

#### **THE MAGIC NUMBER**



Percentage of full-time DACC students who are eligible for federal Pell grants based on low socioeconomic status.

#### **Hegeler Hall**

DACC's architect for the \$3 million Hegeler Hall project completed buildable plans for a full first-floor renovation and a general contractor was selected. Renovation is expected to be completed in nine months, by early spring.

#### **Labor Negotiations**

The Classified Staff Association extended its current contract for two additional years, through FY 2026. Engaging in an interest-based bargaining process, the Faculty Association and the DACC Board have agreed on a three-year contract for faculty, which will also run through FY 2026.

#### Mascot

DACC's video-production team utilized Mick Jaguar in several social media campaigns and activities throughout 2023.

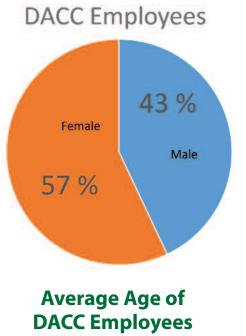
#### **Media Booth**

A broadcast booth was installed along the south wall in the Mary Miller Gymnasium. The booth overlooks the gym floor and is equipped to broadcast television and radio and to operate cameras and the "Jumbotron" video board. Work was completed in advance of the Vermilion County High School Tournament in January and performed exceptionally well during the March NJCAA Division II men's basketball championship tournament.

### **Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services**

Dr. Carl Bridges was named the College's first-ever provost to oversee the consolidated academic affairs and student services divisions. In addition to his prior role as chief academic officer, Dr. Bridges will also be responsible for overseeing the staff that provides

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#### **Employee Education Level**

	Faculty	Admin	Staff
Doctorate	24%	6%	0%
Master	<b>49</b> %	36%	2%
Bachelor	10%	45%	21%
Associate	15%	11%	<b>49</b> %
High School	2 %	2%	<b>28%</b>

Full Time Faculty	60
Administrator/Professional Employees (includes Department of Corrections)	84
Support Staff Employees	53
Total Full-Time Employees	197
<ul> <li>Part-Time Employees</li> <li>Part-Time Faculty</li> <li>Federal Work Study and Student Workers</li> <li>Continuing Part-Time Support Staff</li> <li>Tutors and Coaches</li> </ul>	57 47 2 23

#### **Illinois Education Association**

#### **DACC Faculty Association**

President - Kathy Hunter Vice President - Marla Jarmer Treasurer - Burcu Carlon Secretary - Doug Hunter Membership Coordinator - Marcie Wright IEA Representative - Alan Wilson

#### **Classified Staff Association**

President - Brandon Tuggle Vice President - Angel Fellers Treasurer - Brittany Hopkins Secretary - Jessica Aquino IEA Rep. - Lisa Osborne admissions, registration, counseling, financial aid, recruitment, veterans' affairs, career services, testing, disability services, TRIO, and athletics. In his new role, he will manage a division with 200 employees and an annual operating budget of more than \$12 million.

#### **Robotics Upgrade**

The robotics lab underwent a \$50,000 overhaul that included the installation of current software and mechanical equipment and a new network. In-house facilities maintenance staff completed the rehabilitation work in May 2023 in advance of the Fall opening for the program.

#### **Safety Upgrades**

Facilities Department developed a scope of work for fire-system upgrade to be done in conjunction with the installation of the new video-surveillance system. The College installed and activated the Alertus emergency mass-notification system.

#### Technology

DACC hired a consultant to conduct a thorough analysis of the College's technology. Finance Assistant Vice President Carl Lewis became the Chief Information Officer and addressed vulnerabilities that the consultant identified. Two key positions were added to the technology team: a network specialist and a helpdesk coordinator.

#### **Telephone Upgrade**

DACC purchased and received more than 300 new Voice Over Internet Protocol telephones to install in every office and classroom on the Danville Campus, the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center, and the American Job Center.

# THE MAGIC NUMBER \$11,946

Annual amount that DACC employees contributed to United Way in 2023.



For the Oct. 27 Carle HealthCare Fair at Danville High, Health Information Technology Director Kelly Johnson, Medical Imaging Director Tammy Howard, and Office Assistant Angel Fellers did the College proud, connecting with more than 600 DHS juniors and seniors.



For more than 20 years, DACC's Classified Staff Association has brightened up the holiday season for local children and women in poverty with "Operation Santa." In December 2022, they collected gifts for more than 20 children at local homeless center as well as gift bags for the mothers of these children. Margie Arlington (left) leads the drive with this team which includes Stephen Scott, Susan Cox, and Mary Jo Gentrup.

#### **Voluntary Separation Program**

The Board adopted the Voluntary Separation Program, which ran between Dec. 2022 and June 2023. Fifteen employees with 15 or more years of service accepted a buy out as severance.



# ORGANIZATIONAL ADVANCEMENT





The DACC Library won a State-wide photo contest to win the "Libraries have school spirit" championship. DACC will get to hold the NILRC Rock trophy for a year, thanks to the efforts of Library Assistant Kathy Hantz, Creative Content Coordinator and photographer Emily Jordan, and student-athletes Alexus Mobley, Sky Kubwalo, Maria Sobany, and Hana Isahac.



Danville has once again earned the right to host the NJCAA men's national Division II basketball tournament. The award is for the next two years, through 2025. Shown here from this year's tournament is DACC's Mar. 21, 2023, opening victory over Johnson College.



DACC began providing in-house dining services with the Oct. 11, 2022, grand opening of the Jaguar Café in the Student Union. Jaguar Café Food Service Manager Suzette Carpenter is third from right and Assistant Manager Tiffany Crosby is third from left. The student workers are Laia Vidaller, Tahyah Rose, Devontay Carpenter, and Maria Sobany.

# Key Accomplishments for 2022-23

#### **All-Star Jaguars**

In the second year for the All-Star Jaguars initiative, the All-Star Care Team selected 22 students to serve in this role. These students assist in high-school outreach, appear on marketing materials, and promote DACC to their peers via social-media posts and videos.

#### **Athletics Hall of Fame**

For the first time in four years, the College hosted an induction ceremony for noteworthy DACC student athletes. This year's hall-of-fame class included alumna Jeana Alexander, alumni David Harrell and Corey Fox, and community icon Buzz Cassady.

#### **Carle Healthcare Grant**

DACC's \$255,000 allocation over five years from Carle Healthcare's Vermilion County Community Health Collaborative Project includes more than \$72,000 the first year and an average of \$46,000 for each year during the four subsequent years. As a project partner, DACC is committed to building and maintaining a community vegetable garden that abuts the Carle campus and to developing and introducing a new associate in arts degree leading to a career in treating mental health.

#### **Casino Support**

Since January 2023, the College hosted casino training in dealing, game operations, machine repair, and security. Career Services and the American Job Center helped recruit trainees.



On Sat., Oct. 29, 2022, DACC Automotive hosted a car show that had 150 entries. Dedicated to the memory of Alex Dinger, his fellow Auto students and faculty organized this amazing event in just a week. Shown here are student Lenox Li and Instructor Alan Wilson.



A new Corporate Education class that has caused quite a splash (of Vermouth) is the new bartending class, which began on Aug. 3. Shown here with Mixology Instructor Ian Lewis are Corporate Training Coordinator Kirsten Jurczak and Executive Director Brittany Woodworth.



Community Education's College for Kids program enjoyed one of its most successful summers ever in 2023 with every class filled at or near capacity. Shown here is the daughter of Institutional Research Director Tom Carey, Cielo Carey, who proved to have amazing aptitude for welding. With the guidance of Welding Instructor R.J. Rowland, she produced a steel fire pit that will serve up campfires at the Carey house for years to come.

#### Corporate Education Facts (FY 2023)

<b>Companies Served: (unduplicated)</b>	56
Employees Trained:	2,060
Contract Revenue (Gross):	\$379,051
Contract Revenue (Net):	\$112,677
Additional State Revenue Earned:	\$34,114

#### **College for Kids**

Athletics programs in College for Kids nearly tripled the number of registered students during the summer of 2023. Programs include sports camps, Lego robotics, First Gig Rock Camp, and eSports.

#### **Corporate Education**

The Corporate Education Division provided customized business training for 56 local companies, training more than 2,000 employees and generating nearly \$150,000 in net revenue (through private contracts and State reimbursement).

#### **Dining Services**

To provide affordable, quality food service for students and employees, the Office of Finance hired a manager and assistant to introduce daily dining services in the student commons. The service has proven cost effective for the College and provided a greater variety of affordable meals. The service also provides catering for most on-Campus functions.

#### **Donor Recognition**

In the lobby of the Bremer Center, the Foundation renovated the displays and plaques for donors. With the renovation of the displays in the Bremer Center lobby came a prominent new board that lists Mary Miller Society members.

#### **In-Service**

Spring 2023 In-Service featured College-wide participation of faculty and staff in SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to help inform the master-planning process. Following that were SWOT surveys of students, Board members, and community members.

# ORGANIZATIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Tyler Taylor (left) of Danville-based Awebco, receiving the "Entrepreneur of the Year" award from Small Business Development Center Director Earle Steiner.



The 2022-23 DACC All Star Jaguars included 22 students who have the drive and pizzazz to help in recruiting high-schoolers to DACC. From left, back row: SaMiya Patterson, Josephine Kamwela, Briana Hernandez, and Noah Gomez; middle row: Cassidy Helferich, Laia Vidaller, Autumn Lange, Kelsey Martlage, Danielle Shuey, Maria Sobany, and Devontay Carpenter; and front row: Rowan Clawson, AJ Ryan, Naomi Dolan, Madison Wells, Savannah Mattingly, Raven Morrison, and Caden Shepherd. Not in the photo: Candela Nevares-Garcia, Tamara Jimson, Jalon Glover, Shemiah Howard, Trevin Williams, Martez Rhodes, and Ahmoni Weston.



The billboard poster on Route 1 in Hoopeston demonstrates how DACC promotes its brand and marketing message, "Write Your Own Story." This year, the Marketing Collaborative created and disseminated a guide to the DACC Brand.



Nearly 60 colleges and universities from across the country participated in the Sept. 15, 2022, College Day that DACC hosted in the Mary Miller Gymnasium.

#### **Integrated Marketing**

Under Operations Vice President Kerri Thurman, the College established the Marketing Collaborative as a team of employees with a wide range of marketing and recruitment skills.

#### **Minority Businesses**

In FY 2023, DACC increased Business Enterprise Program spending to support minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled-person-owned businesses. Of note, a BEP vendor is the architect for the \$240,000 Hegeler project and another BEP vendor was awarded the \$800,000 door lock/camera project.

#### **Retirees' Luncheon**

A new tradition was born on Oct. 4. 2022, with more than 50 of the College's former employees attending the DACC-culinary-catered luncheon in the Bremer Center.

#### **Small Business Development Center**

In 2022-23, the SBDC gave awards to four businesses: Awebco, Newton's Cleaning and Restoration, Owens Excavating and Trucking, and "It's In Your Head."



Effective Aug. 17, 2023, Dr. Carl Bridges became the first provost in the history of Danville Area Community College. He is shown here during the Board of Trustees meeting with Student Services Vice President Stacy Ehmen, who won a national NISOD award in advance of her retirement.

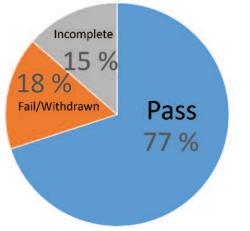


After a three-year absence, the Vermilion County Youth Conference returned to DACC on Jan. 23. The day-long event gathered more than 100 high-school students from County schools to conduct small-group "think tank" discussions with elected officials, civic leaders, educators, ministers, and media people.



Two key hires during 2023 were Dr. Manny Rodriguez (standing, center) who became the new dean of math, science, and health professions. Seated in the center is Dr. Derek Watson, the new dean of nursing. Joining the two new deans are fellow dean Terry Goodwin of Adult Education & Middle College and Administrative Services Coordinator Katie Mickle.

# Students' Grades



#### 2023 College Cabinet

As the College's leadership team, the Cabinet includes the heads of academic divisions and administrative divisions.

President:	Dr. Stephen Nacco
Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services:	Dr. Carl Bridges
Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer:	Tammy Betancourt
Vice President, Human Resources:	Jill Cranmore
Vice President, Student Services:	Stacy Ehmen
Vice President, Operations and Board Secretary:	Kerri Thurman
Assistant Vice President, Liberal Arts, Library & Assessment: D	r. Penny McConnell
Assistant Vice President and Executive Director, American Job Center:	Brian Hensgen
Assistant Vice President, Finance/Chief Information Officer:	Carl Lewis
Executive Director, DACC Foundation:	Tonya Hill
Executive Director, College Relations:	Lara Conklin
Executive Director, Facilities:	Douglass Adams
Chief Diversity Officer/Director of Academic Advisement/Counseling:	Stephane Potts
Dean, Math, Sciences, and Health Professions: D	r. Manny Rodriguez
Dean, Adult Education & Middle College:	Terry Goodwin
Dean, Business & Technology:	Terri Cummings
Dean, Nursing:	Dr. Derek Watson
Interim Dean, Liberal Arts:	Ryan Wyckoff
Cabinet Secretary:	Katie Mickle

# CAMPUSES

### **Danville Campus Buildings**

#### Bremer Conference & Workforce Development Center

- Conference Rooms
- Corporate & Community Education
- Culinary Arts
- Theater

#### **Cannon Hall**

- Testing & Academic Services Center
- Developmental Education
- Student Success Center
- Institutional Research

#### **Clock Tower Center**

- Art/Ceramics/Painting
- Audio-Visual
- Distance Learning
- eSports
- Instructional Media Center
- Liberal Arts Division
- Library
- Vermilion Room
- Writing Center

#### **Jacobs Hall**

- Classrooms
- Art Gallery
- Performance Center

#### **Lincoln Hall**

- Bookstore
- Business Division
- Career & Veteran Services

- College Express
- Copper Penny Room
- Counseling/Advisement
- Jaguar Café
- Laura Lee Room
- Recruitment & Retention
- Security
- Shipping & Receiving
- Student Union

#### **Mary Miller Complex**

- Athletics
- Engineering
- Fitness Center
- Gymnasium
- Health Careers
- Math and Science Solutions (MASS) Tutoring
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Sciences

#### **Ornamental Horticulture**

• Julius W. Hegeler II Greenhouse

#### Prairie Hall

- Adult & Basic Education
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- High-School Equivalency Test Prep Services
- Literacy
- Middle College
- Online Services

#### **Technology Center**

- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Business & Technology Tutoring
- Drafting/CAD
- Electronics
- Industrial Training Center
- Information Systems
- Manufacturing
- Online Learning Lab
- Tractor Trailer Driving
- Welding
- Wind Technology

#### **Vermilion Hall**

- Administrative Offices
- Admissions & Records
- Business Office & Cashier
- Financial Aid
- Foundation Office
- Human Resources
- College Relations

#### **Hegeler Hall**

• Under construction: future home of Corporate and Community Education



#### **Hoopeston Higher Learning Center**

847 E. Orange Street, Hoopeston, IL

Director: Karla Coon Office Assistant: Anna Silver







HLC Director Karla Coon and Office Assistant Anna Silver

Hoopeston Higher Learning Center Director Karla Coon knows that nothing brightens up a student's day quite like ice cream.

#### How the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center Came to Be

The idea for the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center surfaced in 2008 when DACC President Alice Marie Jacobs met with Hoopeston leaders who told her they were interested in a satellite DACC location. By 2009, DACC's Board of Trustees' pledged their support. The Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center donated the 4,900-square-foot building to the College. From 2012-13, the College renovated in the facility. Work included the construction of five classrooms and a student commons.

Funding the new Center came from a variety of sources, including \$206,000 from the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation and \$30,000 from the Hoopeston City Council.

Classes began in September 2013 at the renovated facility, which is located at 847 E. Orange St.

Bill Nicholls, a community leader in Hoopeston, broached the idea of the portrait when he was a member of the DACC Foundation Board. "Dr. Jacobs has done so much good for Hoopeston with the development of the center. Having her picture displayed inside is a fitting way to pay tribute to her contributions."

Most Popular Credit Classes at the HLC

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Business Computer Systems
- English Rhetoric and Composition I
- Introduction to Fiction
- Introduction to Psychology

# DACC FOUNDATION



The 2023-24 Foundation Board: seated, from left: President Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Executive Director Tonya Hill, Vice President Cory Acton, and Treasurer Chris Kittell. Standing, from left: DACC Board Chair Dave Harby, Scholarship Coordinator Gina Davis, Controller Sandra Dreher, Jim Anderson, Jacob Jackson, Esq., Sybil Mervis, Jane Towne, Dick Cheney, Ryan Wilson, Gardner Peck, Lois Wise, Gary Resh, Nancy Dahlenberg, Jackie Vinson, Hon. Rita Garman, Secretary Dave Kietzmann, Larry Jahn, and Ed Layden Jr.

#### 2022-23 Highlights

Total Scholarships Awarded	716
Total Scholarship Dollars Awarded	\$758,403
Grants and Capital Contributions to DACC	\$414,678
Value of Instructional Materials and Equipment Donated to DACC	\$101,383
Training and Professional Development Grants Provided to DACC	\$5,450
Student Emergency Funds Spent	\$2,040
Total Disbursements to DACC from the Foundation	\$1,281,954



Tom and Beth Chamberlain (right) were featured in the 2022-23 "Why I Give" campaign. This year, they established the Harold and Emily Jean Hull Endowed Scholarship, so named in honor of Beth Chamberlain's parents. On the left are President Nacco and Foundation Executive Director Tonya Hill.



Student scholarship recipient and nursing student Hailey Hill offered an inspiring testimonial during the DACC Foundation's Sept. 16, 2022, Honors Program. The DACC Foundation had another amazing year in 2022-23. They awarded 716 scholarships totaling \$758,403.

# THE MAGIC NUMBER

Percentage of DACC students who applied for and received a DACC Foundation scholarship in 2023.



Old National Bank donated \$200,000 to the DACC Foundation to help fund the College's successful Middle College program over the next four years. Middle College has achieved an astounding 80-percent high-school graduation rate for students referred to DACC by County school districts.



During the June 22, 2023 meeting, the DACC Foundation honored retiring Board Members Marilyn Tucker (lef) and Theta Lee (second from right), and also recognized Lesley Shore (second from left) with a plaque to commemorate the conclusion of her two-year presidential term. On the right is Executive Director Tonya Hill. Also retiring from the Board was former DACC President Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs, who served on the Foundation for two three-year terms.



On Apr. 12, 2023, DACC's Manufacturing Engineering Technology Program received accreditation for the next five years from the National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS). This accreditation results from a rigorous examination determining that the program meets the quality standards established by NIMS on behalf of the Nation's Precision Manufacturing Industry. The program first became accredited in 2009, but has been an approved credentialing site since 2003. This year marks 20 years that DACC Students have received NIMS Credentials.

#### **OFFICERS**

Ryan O'Shaughnessy, President Cory Acton, Vice President Chris Kittell, Treasurer Dave Kietzmann, Secretary Lesley Shore, Past President

#### STAFF

Tonya Hill, Executive Director Sandra Dreher, Controller/Office Manager Gina Davis, Scholarship Coordinator

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Cory Acton Jim Anderson Richard Cheney Nancy Dalenberg The Honorable Rita B. Garman Diane Hampel Jacob Jackson Larry Jahn Dave Kietzmann Chris Kittell Edward Layden, Jr. Sybil Mervis Vickie Miller Dr. Jaya Nelson-Ellington Ryan O'Shaughnessy Gardner Peck Gary Resh Maruti Seth Lesley Shore Jane Towne Jaclyn Vinson Ryan Wilson Lois Wise DeMarko Wright

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Dr. Stephen Nacco - President, DACC David Harby - Chairperson, DACC Board of Trustees Nancy Bates, Director Emeritus\* Julius W. Hegeler II, Director Emeritus\* Dr. John Mason, Jr., Director Emeritus\* Thomas (Tuck) Meyer, Director Emeritus Judd Peck, Director Emeritus Dr. George Richards, Director Emeritus W. John Shane, Director Emeritus\*

\*deceased

# FINANCIALS

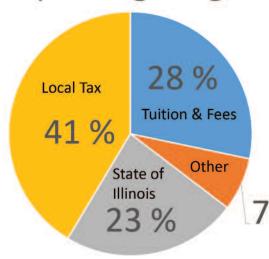


Through their conscientious efforts, DACC's Finance Office once again earned a clean annual audit from an independent auditing firm. Shown here (from left) with certificates issued by the U.S. Government Reporting Office are Office Specialist Kelley Simmons, Accounts Payable Specialist Johna Bolton, Cashier Julie McClintock, Assistant Vice President Carl Lewis, Purchasing Coordinator Sherri Grubbs, Controller Whitney Yoder, Vice President Tammy Betancourt, and Office Specialist Carol Neff.



This year, the Finance Department's Assistant Vice President Carl Lewis (right) has become DACC's chief information-technology officer and has made great strides securing computer systems and the network. Mr. Lewis is shown here with Vince Frost, DACC's computer network and institutional technology technician.

### Source of DACC's Operating Budget



#### Danville Area Community College Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenses For the Operating Funds FY 2022-23

Revenues	FY 2023
Property Tax Revenue	\$5,602,588
Personal Property Replacement Tax	1,940,583
ICCB Base Operating Grants	1,614,776
ICCB Equalization Grant	2,522,630
Career-Tech Vocational Credit-Hour Reimburse	196,410
Tuition	5,951,421
Fees	1,762,729
Institutional Waivers (Less)	(2,862,560)
Transfers	1,392,114
Facility Pant Payanua/Interact/Other	229,713
Facility Rent Revenue/Interest/Other	229,713
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$18,350,404
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Utilities

Capital Outlay/Transfers/Other

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

# DACC HISTORY



DACC's Founding President Mary Miller, shown here during the April 30, 1970, opening of Mary Miller Complex.



DACC Provost Dr. Carl Bridges (left) was paid a visit during the winter by DACC's retired chemistry professor John Hoagland, the first of four DACC faculty to be winners of the nationally prestigious William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award. The Association of Community College Trustees has conferred one Meardy Award each year since 1982 and DACC is the only community college with more than two winners. Following Professor Hoagland's award in 2001, Lori Garrett won in 2003, current Engineering Professor Kathy Sturgeon won in 2006, and Glenda Boling in 2007. **May 13, 1946**: Mary Miller founds DACC as an extension center of the University of Illinois in 1946.

**August 22, 1949:** DACC becomes a public junior college under Danville Public Schools.

**September 30, 1951:** The College receives the name Danville Junior College.

**January 11, 1964**: The Danville Area Community College Foundation is formed as a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 to support student scholarships.

**August 1, 1965:** The College acquires seven historic buildings from the Veterans Administration on East Main Street, moving to its current 75-acre campus.

**September 12, 1965:** The Danville Junior College Foundation launches a fundraising drive to support the move to the new campus.

**April 11, 1966:** DACC becomes an independent two-year area college with the election of its first Board of Trustees and the establishment of District 507.

**May 17, 1969:** Dedication of the Ornamental Horticulture Center.

**April 30, 1970:** Opening of the Mary Miller Center and Gymnasium.

**July 1, 1972:** Dr. William Langas becomes DACC's second president, replacing founding President Mary Miller after her 26-year tenure. **July 9, 1972:** Completion of the Technology Center, which includes the South Bay, Weld Shop, Machine Shop, and offices.

**June 15, 1979:** Dr. Joseph Borgen becomes DACC's third president.

**September 1, 1979:** The name Danville Junior College is changed to Danville Area Community College to be more reflective of the services rendered as a comprehensive community college.

**September 3, 1981:** Dr. Ronald Lingle becomes DACC's fourth president.

**June 1, 1982:** Renovation of the Bremer Theater and construction of conference rooms.

**September 10, 1982:** Renovation of the Clock Tower building.

**February 14, 1987:** Completion of the expansion of the Mary Miller Center's first and second floor for Math and Science education.

**July 1, 1989:** Dr. Harry Braun is named DACC's fifth president.

**September 3, 1992:** Expansion of the Technology Center and dedication in the name of former DACC President Harry Braun to open classrooms and offices on the north and west wings. **March 16, 1994:** DACC hosts the first of what will be 24 consecutive years (including this year) as host of the NJCAA Division II national men's basketball tournament.

**August 18, 1997:** Dedication of the Child Development Center.

June 11, 1997: The TRIO program begins at DACC. TRIO Student Support Services is a federally funded program offered by the United States Department of Education and is a part of a network of over 2,800 TRIO programs serving nearly 850,000 students throughout the country.

July 1, 1998: The Bremer Theater renovation is completed.

**December 15, 1998:** Job Training Partnership/Vermilion County Works moves to new location at 407 N. Franklin Street.

**September 1, 1999:** Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs becomes DACC's sixth president.

November 1, 1999: Opening of Lincoln Hall.

**May 17, 2000:** Remodeling completed for the first floor and basement of the Clock Tower Library.

**April 1, 2001:** Remodeling of the art and painting rooms in the Clock Tower building.

**October 24, 2002**: Completion of \$30 million in renovations to Cannon, Prairie, and Vermilion halls.

# DACC HISTORY

**September 30, 2004:** Dedication of the First National Bank Collection of Public Art in the Clock Tower Center.

**September 10, 2005:** Community Education begins holding classes in a store at the Village Mall.

July 15, 2007: DACC becomes an Achieving the Dream College, joining more than 200 other community colleges in a nation-wide initiative that Lumina Foundation and seven founding partner organizations launched in 2004.

**November 7, 2007:** Dedication of the Bremer Conference and Workforce Development Center.

**July 31, 2009**: Demolition work completed on buildings 5, 9 and 10 as well as underground tunnels.

**October 10, 2009:** Julius W. Hegeler II Garden Gateway is dedicated.

March 29, 2011: Opening of the Julius W. Hegeler II Greenhouse.

**July 11, 2011:** Construction of the Wind Turbine Training Tower, which is located on farm ground.

**October 24, 2012:** Completion of Mary Miller Complex renovation and the naming of the William B. Black Health Professions Center. **September 16, 2013:** Opening of the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center: first day of classes.

**December 10, 2014**: Dedication ceremony to open the Julius W. Hegeler II Advanced Technology Center.

August 15, 2016: Dr. Stephen Nacco becomes DACC's seventh president, replacing Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs, who retires on Aug. 30 after 17 years as DACC's president.

**November 1, 2016:** DACC dedicates the Bobette Steely Hegeler Memorial Bench in front of the Clock Tower.

**February 15, 2017**: DACC opens a classroom in the center of Fair Oaks, a series of projects that the Housing Authority manages. The classroom has been outfitted with technology sufficient to accommodate up to 15 students.

**July 1, 2017:** DACC becomes one of the nation's few community colleges to become a regional one-stop operator for a federally mandated American Job Center.

August 31, 2017: After receiving an official notice of transferring the former Carnegie Library from the Veterans Administration to DACC, the Board of Trustees holds a ceremony to dedicate the building in the name of Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs. A \$2 million bequest from philanthropist Julius W. Hegeler II will fund the renovation of Jacobs Hall. **August 25, 2018:** The College hosts its first annual "Farm to Fork" dinner to raise money to support the Sustainability Farm, a hands-on agricultural learning lab for students that the Foundation's Kristy Herr and her husband Jerry Bartos have provided for College use.

**October 25, 2018**: The DACC Board approves the creation of the College's first-ever women's golf team and restores men's golf, which had been discontinued since 2013.

**May 5, 2019:** The installation of HVAC units on the roof of the Mary Miller Gym completes a \$600,000 capital project that results in bringing air conditioning to the Gym.

August 19, 2019: DACC begins offering night classes in English, math, sociology, and highschool preparation at Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School.

**November 7, 2019:** The Board of the Higher Learning Commission reaffirms the reaccreditation of DACC through 2029. The Standard Pathways will require a comprehensive visit on the fourth year, 2023.

**March 30, 2020:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College ends all classroom instruction and delivers all courses exclusively online for the remainder of the spring semester.

June 30, 2020: The College receives the deed to the U.S. Army Reserve upon completing a \$150,000 purchase of the two building, 3.5acre property located on the northeast corner of the Danville Campus. **May 15, 2021:** Under the direction of Facilities Executive Director Doug Adams, DACC completed the \$2 million renovation of Jacobs Hall—on time and within budget.

June 25, 2021: Dedication of Hegeler Hall in honor of Julius W. Hegeler II, whose Foundation pledged \$3 million over three years to fund the renovation of the former U.S. Army Reserve to become DACC's new home for healthcare education.

**February 12, 2022:** DACC paid tribute to the College's first two African-American athletes during a special presentation at the Mary Miller Gym: Robert Williams and Clifford Dupree.

January 13, 2023: Facilities workers team up with Athletics and Broadcast staff to open a media suite overlooking the Mary Miller Gym. The new booth is completed in time for the Jan. 13-21 basketball tournament for Vermilion County schools.

January 24, 2023: DACC begins providing mechatronics and manufacturing training for inmates at the Danville Correctional Center the first community college in Illinois to provide this training at a State correctional facility.

**August 17, 2023:** Vice President Dr. Carl Bridges becomes DACC's first-ever provost. As such, he is responsible for also managing both academics and student services at the College.

#### Honorary Degree Recipients at DACC

Dale Foster	1966
Annabelle Neel	1966
Vivian Schultz	1972
Mertin Hoskins	1975
Vickie Miller	2017
Louis Mervis	2017
Julius W. Hegeler II	2018
Dr. George Richards	2019
Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs	2019
Dick Cheney	2020
Phyllis Rogers	2021
Robert Williams and W. John Shane	2022

# DACC "BY THE NUMBERS" IN FY 2022-23

2,402,077 Total value, in dollars, of the DACC Foundation Endowm
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- 18,341,409 DACC Operating Budget in FY 2023
- 7,543,171 Local Tax Revenue Received, in Dollars
- 4,851,590 Tuition and Fees Received, in Dollars
- 4,137,406 State Revenue—Credit Hours, Equalization, CTE Formula
- 2,373,888 Federal Pell grant dollars awarded to DACC students
- 758,403 Scholarship Dollars Awarded in FY 2023 by the DACC Foundation
- 379,051 Revenue (Gross) in Dollars from Corporate Training (FY 2023)
- 41,534 Total student credit hours
- 39,400 Number of local residents annually receiving DACC services
- 5,245 Total Students 2022-23
- 2,225 Non-Credit Enrollment Headcount
- 1,118 Internet and Hybrid Students in FY 2023
- 716 Number of Students Receiving DACC Foundation Scholarships
- 571 Number of Graduates with associate degrees or certificates
- 197 Full-time Employees
- 84 Administrator/Professional Employees
- 60 Full-time Faculty
- 58 Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate for full-time students
- 53 Support Staff Employees
- 48 Average Age of DACC Employees
- 41 Percentage of Vermilion County High School Grads who choose DACC
- 37 Graduation Rate (based on full-time, first-time in Fall 2020)
- 23 Tutors and Coaches
- 21 Average Age of DACC Credit Students
- 1 DACC Students—They're truly Amazing!



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