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Preparing Students
for Careers Rooted
in Iowa's Heritage

Director's Message



As we share the Spring/Summer 2025 issue of DMACC Magazine, I'm proud to highlight how the DMACC Foundation is aligning its efforts with the College's strategic plan to support students, strengthen communities, and invest in programs that are shaping Iowa's future.

This issue centers on the Agriculture, Animals & Natural Resources pathway—a vibrant area of study that is both rooted in our state's heritage and positioned to solve the challenges of tomorrow. From greenhouse cultivation to veterinary technology and water quality management, DMACC students are gaining hands-on experience and building the foundation for meaningful careers.

These success stories are the direct result of strategic investments—many of which are made possible through donor support. Whether it's expanding access, improving facilities, or creating scholarships, the Foundation is focused on funding high-impact opportunities that reflect DMACC's mission.

One such effort is the expansion of the DMACC Transportation Institute. With private and corporate contributions helping fund a planned \$9 million project, we are preparing to triple our capacity

and respond to the growing need for skilled transportation professionals across Iowa.

In Newton, we're excited to support the Legacy Plaza Greenspace—part of the Newton Legacy Reinvestment District. This initiative will create a welcoming hub for students and the community, helping to spur economic revitalization in Jasper County while enhancing the DMACC student experience.

Looking ahead, we're also proud to support the development of a bold new vision for our Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene programs. This ambitious project will reimagine the way we prepare students for careers in oral health—meeting workforce demand and improving access to care in communities across the state.

These efforts—and so many others—are only possible because of your continued belief in our work and your generous support of our students. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tara K. Connolly
Executive Director



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New Board Members Join the Foundation

Ashley Arellano

Ashley Arellano brings deep financial expertise to the board, drawing from her leadership roles at Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield and The Wellmark Foundation, as well as her past experience as a senior audit manager at KPMG. A longtime advocate for education and community impact, Arellano is also the current president of the CFA Society of Iowa.

"I'm excited to support an organization that plays such an important role in expanding access to higher education and economic mobility across our state," she says.



Travis Lautner

A familiar face at DMACC, Travis Lautner has been part of the college's Agribusiness faculty since 2012 and now serves as Co-Chair of the program. A strong advocate for rural Iowa, Lautner has also played a key role in fundraising efforts supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities and conservation projects on the DMACC Dallas County Farm. Travis will serve as the Faculty Appointee on the Board.

"We're building rural America one student outreach at a time," Lautner says. "I'm excited to contribute to the Foundation's mission and help expand opportunities for DMACC students."



Chris Vernon

Chris Vernon brings decades of executive leadership to the Foundation Board. As Chairman and CEO of the Vernon Company, he has cultivated a nationally recognized culture of excellence and community support while advancing sustainable and socially responsible business practices.

"I believe in giving back—and DMACC's impact on students and communities aligns perfectly with our company's values," Vernon says.



Meet Our Leadership

As the preferred giving channel for all DMACC initiatives, the DMACC Foundation works cooperatively with individual donors, local businesses, and support organizations to ensure funding is available for student scholarships, facility and program enhancements, and more. We thank these Board members for their vision and service:

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Growing the Future

In the heart of the DMACC Ankeny Campus, tucked between greenhouses and gardens, the Horticulture program is planting more than flowers—it's planting futures.

With deep roots dating back to 1970, DMACC's Horticulture program continues to prepare students for a growing industry that touches nearly every corner of Iowa's landscape. Whether students dream of owning a greenhouse, restoring native prairie, or building sustainable landscapes, they find both inspiration and practical training within this hands-on, high-touch program.

Hands in the Dirt, Eyes on the Future

Jim Mason, department chair and associate professor, says the program's dedicated team of instructors emphasize real-world experiences in every class, from greenhouse production to turf management to landscape design and construction.

"Our students and faculty all like to get our hands dirty—that's what horticulture is all about," Mason says. "It's about working outside in tough conditions sometimes, understanding the expectations of the industry, and learning to love the process of growing something from seed to bloom."

DMACC's program is unique in that students attend summer classes in addition to fall and spring, ensuring they experience the full range of growing seasons. After their first year, students participate in an industry internship, further refining their career path.

"This program is about exposing students to all facets of the industry," Mason adds. "From plant production to conservation, we give them a chance to find what really clicks."

“I love how the program gives me the freedom to choose my own path.”

—Danielle Brady, *Student, Horticulture Program*

Student Success Rooted in Support

For students like Danielle Brady, the program’s variety was part of its appeal. After graduating from Indianola High School in 2020 and working in landscaping for a year, she returned to DMACC part-time to pursue her passion for sustainability.

“There’s so much depth to it,” Brady says. “You can explore tropical plants, turf, conservation, or even landscape design. I love how the program gives me the freedom to choose my own path.”

Brady, who served as vice president of the DMACC Horticulture Club, has also received scholarship support through the DMACC Foundation. That support has allowed her to fully immerse herself in the program—attending conferences, connecting with peers, and pursuing long-term goals like opening her own native perennial nursery.

“Having a scholarship lets you focus on learning and being inspired,” she says. “It keeps you motivated.”

New Growth, New Goals

For first-year student Hannah Schilling, horticulture wasn’t the original plan—but it’s quickly become a calling. After taking an environmental science course last spring, she shifted her focus and enrolled in the horticulture program’s plant production pathway.

“Working in the greenhouse has been amazing,” says Schilling, a 2024 graduate of Bondurant-Farrar. “Learning the entire process—from germination to full-grown plants—is so rewarding. And it’s even better when you get to take those plants home and enjoy the results.”

Thanks to the Ted E. Davidson Memorial Scholarship, Schilling can balance school and part-time work without financial strain. She hopes to one day own her own greenhouse or manage a community garden, bringing people together through a shared love of plants and nature.

“I think it’s incredible that there are people out there supporting students like me,” she says. “It shows that they believe in the next generation of this industry.”

A Program Built to Last

Despite its small size, the Horticulture program has an outsized impact. Students work year-round maintaining campus plantings, assisting with Arbor Day tree projects, and learning the business side of horticulture. And when they graduate, they’re ready to step into a diverse range of careers—from greenhouse management and landscaping to turf and nursery production.

For Mason, who has worked in the industry for more than 50 years, the program is both a professional passion and a personal mission.

“I don’t care what else is going on,” he says. “The minute I walk into the classroom and start talking about landscaping or horticulture, everything else fades away. It’s just fun.”

And that joy is contagious.

Whether you’re a student curious about a career in plants or a passerby admiring DMACC’s blooming gardens, one thing is clear: this is a program that’s growing strong.

Learn more about all 10
DMACC Academic Pathways at
dmacc.edu/pathways

About the Pathway

The **Agriculture, Animals, & Natural Resources** pathway equips students to use and care for earth’s basics in any number of career fields:

- Land
- Water
- Wind
- Plants
- Animals

By following this pathway, students have many certificate/diploma/degree options and many career choices. Specific programs include:

- **Agribusiness:** The Agribusiness program is designed to prepare students for the rapidly expanding food, fiber and natural resources industry.
- **Horticulture:** The DMACC Horticulture program provides students with technical training in the broad horticultural field through the classroom, greenhouse, landscape, turf area, tree nursery, and practical on-the-job employment experiences.
- **Veterinary Technology:** Veterinary technicians provide professional technical support to veterinarians, biomedical researchers and other scientists.
- **Water Environmental Technology:** The WET degree is designed to address the education requirements of operators working in the water and wastewater industry and prepare students interested in the water and wastewater industry.



Sowing the Seeds of Success

In the ever-evolving world of agriculture, one thing remains constant: the importance of cultivating future leaders. For students like Morgan McKay and Ginny Spry, receiving the Landus Agricultural Scholarship has been more than a financial boost—it's a vote of confidence in their potential to lead the industry forward.

Offered through the DMACC Foundation, the Landus Agricultural Scholarship provides three \$500 awards to students pursuing degrees in Agribusiness, Agronomy, or Agricultural Studies. Designed for Iowa residents who demonstrate leadership through organizations like FFA and 4-H, the scholarship plays a vital role in supporting students with both financial need and big ambitions.

"As a future-focused ag solutions company and a farmer-owned cooperative, Landus is invested in supporting and growing the next generation of ag leaders," says Kami McDonough, Community Engagement Lead at Landus.

From Backyard Eggs to Career Ambitions

That forward-thinking approach resonates with students like McKay, who graduates this December with an AAS in Agribusiness and certificates in Sales and Agronomy. Raised on a hobby farm in Southeast Iowa, McKay's love for agriculture began with collecting eggs and selling them at her grandfather's insurance office. It grew through years in 4-H showing everything from donkeys to sheep.

"My first job was selling eggs when I was five," she says with a chuckle. "My grandma even made me business cards. That sense of ownership and community connection is something I've carried with me."

Now a two-time ag intern—first with Corteva Agriscience and next with Farm Service Cooperative—McKay credits the Landus Scholarship with easing the financial strain of school and fueling her desire to pursue agronomy sales.

"Earning this scholarship from Landus is really meaningful," she says. "I remember driving past their Boone co-op as a kid and thinking how cool it would be to be a part of that someday. Now they're investing in my future, and that's really special."

Connecting the Classroom to Career

For Spry, a May 2025 DMACC graduate who went to high school at Southeast Polk, the scholarship is helping turn a lifelong interest into a lifelong career. After interning at New Century FS last summer, Spry now works full-time there as an administrative assistant—with long-term plans to move into agronomy.

"I loved riding in the combine as a kid during harvest season," she says. "That sense of wonder never really left. Agriculture is essential. It feeds us, clothes us, and creates jobs—and it's not going away."

Spry says the scholarship gave her motivation as much as financial help.

"When someone invests in you, you want to make the most of it," she says. "It pushed me to do my best."

An Industry Rooted in Relationships

That kind of drive is exactly what Landus hopes to inspire.

"We want to ease the financial burden so students can focus on developing the skills our industry needs," McDonough says. "We hope they'll go on to innovate, grow, and bring that passion back to our rural communities."

In addition to scholarships, Landus maintains a strong presence at DMACC through classroom visits, career fairs, and lunch-and-learn events. Several past scholarship recipients have also interned at the company, further reinforcing the link between classroom learning and career success.

Growing with DMACC

For both McKay and Spry, DMACC's Agribusiness program has been the ideal launching point. Located at the Dallas County Farm, the program offers students hands-on experience in crop and livestock operations, with pathways into agronomy, animal science, and farm management.

"I've visited other ag programs," McKay says. "What makes DMACC special is the way instructors build relationships and connect material to the real world. One of my professors even judged my bottle calf at the county fair when I was a kid. It's all come full circle."

The feeling of community is what Spry values most, too. "The ag instructors really care," she says. "They don't just teach you—they support you."

And that's the message McDonough hopes all scholarship recipients will carry with them.

"Stay curious, embrace innovation, and seek hands-on experience whenever possible," she says. "Your contributions will play a vital role in feeding the world and sustaining our future. The impact you make in this industry will be bigger than you imagine."

A Passion for Animals, A Pathway to Practice

In veterinary medicine, there's no shortage of love for animals—but there is a shortage of credentialed professionals trained to care for them. That's where DMACC's Veterinary Technology program comes in, offering students the education, hands-on experience, and credentials they need to fill a critical and growing workforce demand in Iowa and beyond.

Dr. Amy Fertig, DVM, serves as Program Chair and has led statewide efforts to elevate the profession. Thanks to her leadership, Iowa is now one of the few states in the country that requires veterinary technicians to complete an accredited program and pass both national and state exams. That change took effect in July 2024, and DMACC is now at the heart of producing the highly trained graduates required by the new law.

"We are part of the solution to the veterinary health care crisis," says Dr. Fertig. "Without registered technicians, veterinarians are being stretched too thin. Our students are essential to ensuring better patient care, reducing burnout, and expanding access to veterinary services."

Training That Translates to the Clinic

The program's success stems from both the quality of instruction and the structure of the curriculum. Students complete five semesters of rigorous coursework, with a curriculum that blends classroom learning with real-world practice.

"The program is very fast-paced, but it prepares you for the job in a way on-the-job training can't," says Olivia Pimentel, who already holds a degree in political science but returned to school at age 30 to pursue a career that felt more meaningful. "I'm working in a vet clinic now, and I've been able to apply much of what we're learning in real time."

Sophie Grodzicki, a veterinary assistant student who plans to transition into the vet tech track next year, agrees.

"We get animals from a local shelter and use those visits to practice hands-on skills like nail trimming, ear cleaning, bathing and more," she says. "I love that we're helping animals in need while also learning."

With DMACC's focus on practical experience and professional outcomes, graduates are well prepared to enter the workforce—and quickly. According to Dr. Fertig, every one of the 19 students in this spring's graduating class has more than 20 job opportunities to choose from—a remarkable outcome that demonstrates the program's importance and value to students.



Sophie Grodzicki

Sparkling Careers

While passion for animal care may be a common denominator for vet tech students, financial circumstances vary widely. Fortunately, scholarships from generous DMACC Foundation donors have made it possible for many students to pursue their calling.

"Veterinary medicine isn't a high-paying career, but our students aren't in it for the money," says Dr. Fertig. "They're here because they love animals. And when donors step in to remove financial stress, it really is life-changing."

The scholarship Grodzicki received was made possible by the annual DMACC CEO Golf Invitational, the Foundation's largest fundraiser for student scholarships. For Grodzicki, the award made the difference between starting school right out of high school or having to delay.

"It removed so much financial stress," she says. "It helped me feel like I could take the risk—and made me even more determined to succeed."

Pimentel, who works part time to support herself while in the program, echoes that sentiment.

"I didn't expect to get a scholarship, and it really helped me reduce hours at work so I could focus on school," she adds. "It made me feel really supported."

Building a Pipeline of Professionals

In an industry where burnout is high and staffing shortages are widespread, DMACC's program is helping build a new generation of professionals committed to the work—and equipped to thrive.

"I love teaching," says Dr. Fertig. "These students inspire me every day. They've taught me perseverance. They've taught me that failure is part of the learning process. And they remind me why this work matters so much—not just for the animals, but for the people who care for them."

For students like Grodzicki, Pimentel, and the many others finding their footing through this pathway, that message resonates deeply.

"I feel so lucky to be part of a program that not only teaches you the skills, but truly supports you," says Pimentel. "Everyone here wants you to succeed."

Or, as Grodzicki puts it, "We're needed—and that makes it all feel worthwhile."



Olivia Pimentel (left)

Eyeing the Future of Iowa Ag

For Caleb Lentz, agriculture isn't just a career path—it's a calling rooted in family, shaped by FFA, and strengthened by the opportunity to study at DMACC.

Raised on a family farm in Plainfield, Iowa, Caleb grew up helping with livestock and row crops alongside his grandfather, uncle, and father. He began showing cattle at age 13 and found a deep connection not just to the work, but to the community and culture surrounding it.

"Agriculture has always been part of who I am," he says.

Now, as a DMACC student and recipient of the prestigious Mark Pearson FFA Leadership Scholarship, Caleb is taking the next step in his journey—preparing to become an agriculture educator.

From FFA Leader to Future Teacher

Caleb's time in FFA was transformative. Not only did he develop skills in public speaking, leadership, and community outreach, but he also discovered a passion for helping others find their place in the ag world. That inspiration came from a teacher of his own.

"My ag teacher made a huge impact on me," he says. "She inspired me to follow in her footsteps. Now I want to give back by teaching the next generation what agriculture really is."

Currently serving as the North Central State Vice President for the Iowa FFA Association, Caleb has traveled across the state meeting students, speaking at events, and witnessing the profound reach of agricultural education.

"FFA is more than a student club—it's the premier organization for leadership, personal growth, and career success," he says. "It's humbling to be part of something that has such a positive impact."

Caleb Lentz

Choosing DMACC—and a Pathway Forward

Though Caleb could have gone straight to a four-year university, he chose DMACC because of its outstanding ag program, approachable faculty, and seamless transfer options to Iowa State University.

“DMACC has been a perfect fit,” he says. “The professors are all fantastic, and the classes transfer easily. It’s given me the foundation I need and saved me money in the process.”

That financial piece has been especially meaningful.

Thanks to the Mark Pearson FFA Leadership Scholarship, Caleb’s tuition and fees at DMACC are fully covered.

“I’m incredibly grateful,” he says. “There are so many students like me who want to pursue higher education but can’t afford it. This scholarship has made it possible for me to follow my passion.”

The Ripple Effect of a Gift

Named for the late Mark Pearson, a respected Iowa farmer and long-time host of Iowa Public Television’s Market to Market, the scholarship is awarded to outstanding Iowa FFA members attending DMACC.

It recognizes not just academic potential, but leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to agriculture’s future.

“Knowing that people I’ve never met are investing in me because they believe in agriculture and in FFA—that means a lot,” says Caleb. “It motivates me to work harder and give back even more.”

After completing his degree at DMACC, Caleb plans to transfer to Iowa State and major in agricultural education with a minor in animal science.

His ultimate goal: to return to a high school classroom in Iowa and inspire students—whether or not they come from a farming background—to understand and appreciate where their food, fiber, and fuel come from.

“Even if they don’t go into ag, I want them to be informed,” he says. “Agriculture touches everyone’s life, and we all benefit when more people understand it.”



Support for Students

Within the Agriculture, Animals & Natural Resources Pathway, a variety of scholarships have been established to support students as they prepare for careers that are essential to Iowa’s economy and communities. These scholarships play a critical role in empowering future leaders in fields such as agribusiness, veterinary technology, horticulture, and environmental science. Each scholarship offers meaningful support, helping students gain the skills and education they need to thrive in this diverse and in-demand career pathway.

You Can Create Your Own Scholarship

Establishing a scholarship through the DMACC Foundation is a meaningful way to support students and honor loved ones. As a donor, you choose the scholarship name and criteria, with guidance from Foundation staff.

Annual scholarships begin at \$1,000 per year, with a five-year commitment requested. Endowed scholarships are permanent, with awards funded by investment income; the minimum investment is \$25,000. One- or two-year scholarships can also be created with a designated gift.

Throughout the process, Foundation staff will assist you in developing the scholarship criteria. Scholarships can support specific programs, recognize academic achievement, or assist students with financial need. They may also be named in honor or memory of individuals or organizations.

**To learn more about establishing a scholarship,
visit dmacc.edu/foundation/giving.html
or call us at (515) 964-6229.**

Cleaner Tomorrow Begins at DMACC

WET Program Prepares Students Like David Nail to Safeguard Water Quality Across Iowa

Water flows through every community—and so do the people who protect it. At the heart of that essential work are trained professionals like David Nail, a student in the Water Environmental Technology (WET) program at DMACC and a scholarship recipient committed to preserving Iowa's most valuable natural resource.

Working full-time at the City of Corning's wastewater facility, David is gaining real-world experience while earning his credentials in a field that's both high-demand and high-impact.

"I needed to fast-track my licensing so I could become a Grade III operator," he says. "When I met with Anthony, one of the WET instructors, he told me the best way to do that was by enrolling in the program. It's probably the best decision I've made so far."

Turning the Tap on Opportunity

Before joining the city, David worked for a contractor installing tile and replacing water and sewer mains—an introduction to public infrastructure that ultimately led him toward municipal water systems.

"I'm not getting any younger," he jokes. "And I knew I needed a long-term career with a retirement plan and some stability."

With the WET program under his belt, David is building toward certifications in both water and wastewater treatment—credentials that open doors across the state.

"It's not just about getting a job," he says. "It's about making sure you're ready for whatever comes next. With both licenses, I'll have more flexibility and more chances to grow in my career."

Job No One Sees—But Everyone Needs

While wastewater treatment may not be a glamorous job, it's one that's crucial to public health and environmental protection.

"People think we're just dealing with nasty stuff all day," David says, "but that's not really it. I'm in the lab almost every day checking pH levels, doing water samples, making sure our plant is doing what it's supposed to do before we discharge anything into the river."



David Nail

The work is technical, precise, and governed by strict standards from the Iowa DNR to protect aquatic life and downstream users. And with an aging workforce in the sector, there's a growing need for young professionals who understand the science and take the responsibility seriously.

"This isn't just a job—it's about keeping the next person downriver safe," he says.

Scholarships That Make a Difference

As a working student balancing coursework, lab time, and a full-time job, David says scholarships have played a key role in helping him stay focused on his goals.

"It just takes a little pressure off," he says. "Not having to worry as much about the financial side means I can put more energy into doing this the right way."

It also makes him appreciate the people and organizations who believe in what the program—and its students—represent.

"I think it's a good deal," he says. "I just wish more people really understood what this job is. We need more people in it, especially younger people. If more folks knew about the WET program and what kind of work we actually do, I think they'd be surprised—and maybe even inspired."

SHRIMP & BINGO SCHOLARSHIP FUND-RAISER

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Saturday, August 23, 2025



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FFA Enrichment Center,
1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway,
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5:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

Shrimp Feast & BINGO!

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We are currently extending sponsorship opportunities to select business entities in support of scholarships for the DMACC Water Environmental Technology (WET) Program through the DMACC Foundation. In order to secure your sponsorship and recognition, please contact a member of the Planning Committee or the DMACC Foundation at 515-964-6229 / foundation@dmacc.edu



Leaving a Fitting Legacy

When Kelli Bennett's husband, Fred, passed away in 2005, she sought a way to honor his belief in the power of education and hard work. The result was the creation of the Fred J. Bennett Jr. Memorial Endowment, which provides scholarships to students enrolled in vocational programs at DMACC Boone Campus.

Fred's appreciation for community colleges stemmed from his own experiences.

Fred worked his way through school at Capital City Commercial College, known at the time as "Four Cs", in Des Moines. That experience helped him gain perspective on how opportunities offered at schools like DMACC could be life-changing.

"Fred always believed in the importance of education but knew that a four-year degree wasn't for everyone," says Kelli, who works at DMACC Boone Campus. "He worked for



everything he got, and he understood that a two-year degree in fields like HVAC, automotive, or culinary arts could take people far."

Fred's career was spent in the refrigeration industry, where his work ethic and perseverance were a recipe for his success. His story reflects his deep commitment to hard work and the value of practical skills.

"He always felt strongly that people should have

opportunities to improve their lives through education and hard work," Kelli says.

For Kelli, the scholarship provides a tangible way to continue Fred's legacy.

"It's rewarding to see the direct impact this scholarship is having," Kelli says. "I know many of the students who have received Fred's scholarship, and I can see how it's helping them achieve their goals."

Let your philanthropy pave the way for generations of learners. Together, we will build a legacy of learning and empowerment at DMACC. Contact the DMACC Foundation at 515-964-6229 or foundation@dmacc.edu to discover how you can make a difference in students' lives.



Save the Date!

Annual 5K & Kids Fun Run is Oct. 4

Whether you're an avid runner or a casual walker, it's time to mark your calendar for a fall favorite in support of DMACC students. Registration is now open for the 8th Annual DMACC Alumni Association 5K Walk/Run, happening Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 8 a.m. on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

While the event is hosted by the DMACC Alumni Association, everyone is welcome to participate—students, alumni, employees, and community members alike.

5K Entry Information

- \$35 per person until September 15 (includes t-shirt)
- \$40 after September 15
- \$45 after September 29 and day-of registration

- Prizes will be awarded in several categories!

Back by Popular Demand: Kids Fun Run!

- Open to ages 3–7
- Ages 3–4 run 50 yards
- Ages 5–7 run 100 yards
- \$10 per participant

All kids receive a medal if registered by September 29, and access to the Fun Zone activity area after the run.

Not a runner? You can still make a difference by donating, volunteering, or becoming a sponsor. All proceeds benefit DMACC student scholarships.

For more information or to view sponsor opportunities, visit dmacc5k.dmac.edu

Hit the Road with DMACC!

Our travel lineup is more exciting than ever—and we'd love for you to come along! In 2025, we'll explore the natural beauty of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies, uncover the charm of Scotland and the French Riviera, and reflect on our past with the Discover American Heritage tour. And in early 2026, we'll take a breathtaking journey to Ireland.

Even better? Every trip booked through this partnership between DMACC and Collette Travel supports student scholarships—so while you travel, students benefit. Find full trip details and pricing at alumni.dmacc.edu!

Upcoming Trips

**Canadian Rockies & Glacier
National Park**
July 18-24, 2025

Discover Scotland
August 9-18, 2025

Spotlight on the French Riviera
September 4-12, 2025

Discover American Heritage
October 17-24, 2025

Irish Splendor
March 27-April 3, 2026

Reservations made on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations made after the deposit deadline date are based upon availability. Find full details online.