

# DACC



## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**Danville Area  
Community College**



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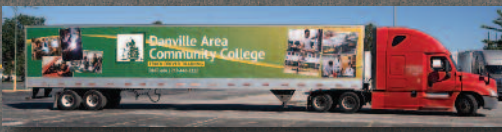
## OUR MISSION

*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.*



CDL Instructor Kent Reining, Coordinator Peter Powell, and Instructor David Goble teamed up with Community Engagement Assistant Vice President Laura Hensgen to design and install an attractive promotional tractor-trailer display that appears on the front cover and elsewhere in this annual report.

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Board members attending DACC's May 17, 2024, Commencement included Board Chair Dave Harby, Trustee Dylan Haun, President Nacco, Trustee Sandra Finch, Trustee Maruti Seth, Mick Jaguar, Trustee Tracy Cherry, and Vice Chair Greg Wolfe.



**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**

Following her retirement last year as the principal of Danville High School, in May 2024, Ms. Cherry became the principal for Danville's Schlarman Academy. For Danville District 118, she served for more than 33 years as a teacher and administrator for Danville District 118. Her experience included 11 years as the principal for the Kenneth D. Bailey Academy. 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 Vermillion 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.



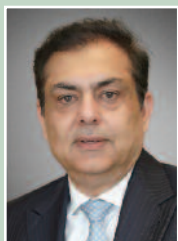
**Mr. Dylan Haun | Term runs to 2027**

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.



**Ms. Serena Butler – Student Trustee | Term runs from April 2024 – April 2025**

Ms. Serena Butler is a pre-nursing student from Danville. In addition to serving as student trustee, Ms. Butler is active on campus in Powerhouse Christian Ministry, the TRiO program, and as a work-study student. Her most memorable moment on campus so far was when she and her classmates formed a study group for Anatomy and Physiology during her first semester. As trustee, Ms. Butler will act as an advocate for both fellow students and the College. She says, "I enjoy helping others, and I believe in being a part of the difference I want to see in the world. As I gain knowledge, my aim is to aid in positive change for current and future college students. Even if I wasn't a student trustee, I would want to hear their concerns to help them continue on their journey and provide support for them however I can."



During the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's June 7, 2024, annual awards banquet in Chicago, Board Chair Dave Harby (left) received an engraved crystal award for his 25 years of service as a Trustee. Marlo Maher (center) was honored as a Lifetime Learner, having graduated from DACC with an associate degree and then completing her bachelor's through the DACC-Franklin University partnership. Board Vice Chair Greg Wolfe attended the event to show his support for Mr. Harby and Ms. Maher.



# PRESIDENT AND CABINET



The portrait of DACC's founding President Mary Miller, whose hard work, vision, and commitment to students led the College in growing from an extension site to a junior college to the comprehensive community college of today. Ms. Miller's service to the College spanned 26 years, 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



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

Dear Friends of DACC

When Danville High School began hosting college classes in 1946, few people believed this would mark the birth of what has become Danville Area Community College.

As tens of thousands of the men and women in the armed forces returned to Illinois following World War II, the University of Illinois established 30 extension sites throughout the State. In Vermillion County, college classes were held on afternoons and evenings at Danville High. The University hired local high-school teachers like high-school English teacher Mary Miller for the University's transfer classes.

After two years, the University saw no need to continue the program and withdrew financial support from the extension sites. Almost all of the sites closed immediately—but not the Danville center—thanks to Mary Miller. Having served as an onsite administrator for the University, Ms. Miller petitioned the Danville District 118 School Board to allow her and her fellow teachers to continue offering college classes after the University pulled out. Exercising her considerable powers of persuasion, Ms. Miller convinced the 118 Board that she would be able to offer these classes at no cost to the school district.

Under the yoke of Danville High, Ms. Miller managed the College for nearly 20 years. Then in 1965, her dream of establishing an independent community college came to fruition when the Danville Veterans Administration donated some abandoned buildings and land on East Main Street, Danville, to the College. Shortly thereafter, with a campus of its own, DACC became a fully accredited community college.

As you flip through this year's annual report, I hope you appreciate that none of what you see happening at DACC today would have been possible were it not for the patience, the vision, and the unquenchable spirit of Mary Miller. After retiring in 1972, Ms. Miller wrote a memoir, *A Chance for All*, a title that reflects the community-college commitment to open-door access for anyone seeking a better life through higher education.

Thank you for giving our annual report a look and for your interest in Mary Miller's miraculous community college.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen D. Nacco — President  
Danville Area Community College

# 2024 COLLEGE CABINET

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

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|---|---------------------|
| President:  | Dr. Stephen Nacco   |
| Provost and Vice President:   | Dr. Carl Bridges    |
| Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer:                  | Tammy Betancourt    |
| Vice President, Human Resources & Labor Relations:                    | Jill Cranmore       |
| Vice President, Operations & Board Secretary:                         | Kerri Thurman       |
| Assistant Vice President, Assessment, Library & Assessment:           | Dr. 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, Arts & Sciences:  | Dr. Michael Hepner  |
| Dean, Adult Education & Middle College:                               | Terry Goodwin       |
| Dean, Business & Technology:  | Terri Cummings      |
| Director of Nursing (interim):  | Mimi Skinner        |
| Secretary to the Cabinet:   | Katie Mickle        |



DACC Cabinet members during an Aug. 5 meeting: (from left, seated): Lara Conklin, Dr. Carl Bridges, and Douglass Adams. Standing, from left, Dr. Stephen Nacco, Jill Cranmore, Dr. Michael Hepner, Tammy Betancourt, Kerri Thurman, Dr. Penny McConnell, and Katie Mickle. Dr. Hepner joined DACC in July as the College Dean for the newly formed Arts & Sciences Division.



DACC Provost, Dr. Carl Bridges, enjoying a basketball game in the Mary Miller Gym with the DACC mascot, Mick Jaguar.



President Stephen Nacco shown here during Community Education's Dec. 6, 2023, Lunch-and-Learn in the Bremer Theater that included a group of 100 participants and the Danville Barbershop Chorus singing "Happy Birthday" to Myra Greazer. On that day, Myra was celebrating her 102nd year of good living. Dr. Nacco has been DACC's president since 2016.



# STUDENT LEARNING



## The Magic Number

# 41%

The percentage of college-bound students in Vermilion County who attend DACC



After a five-year hiatus, Family Science Night was back at DACC's Mary Miller Gym on Fri., Nov. 3, 2023. Among the 50 exhibits was this one hosted by Echocardiography Professor Jamie Moreland, whose program has advanced from being a certificate program to a fully transferable associate degree program.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Establish a Teaching & Learning Center that offers faculty year-round support for classroom strategies and professional development.

Investigate the use of mastery learning for use in accelerated training

Increase dual-credit enrollment by introducing HyFlex classrooms to superintendents

Add certificate programs that can be 100% completed at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center.

Improve quality and student engagement in online and hybrid classes by introducing HyFlex classes.

Address the teacher shortage among local Pre-K through 2nd grade through active participation in the State-wide ECACE grant.

Create new articulation agreements that offer more pathways to the baccalaureate for DACC students.

Strengthen management of transfer programs in the Danville Correctional Center.

### Outcome

Under the Assistant Vice President of Liberal Arts, two faculty "champions" were enlisted to lead the TLC, initially through virtual training.

DACC is participating in a State-wide manufacturing consortium of community colleges to develop and share competency-based syllabi

DACC applied for a federal grant to fund HyFlex classrooms in 10 County high schools.

The Center is preparing for the addition of Phlebotomy and Pharmacy Tech with Corporate Education. The launch date will be in 2024.

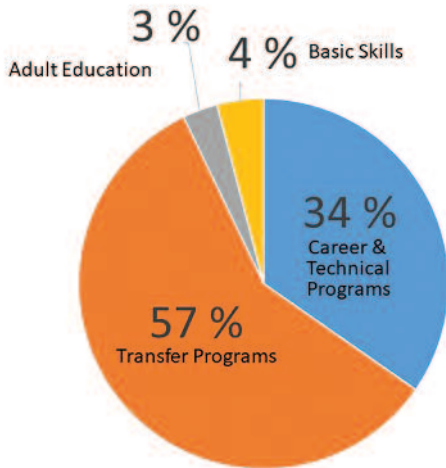
DACC purchased and installed two HyFlex classrooms on the Danville campus and a portable HyFlex in the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center

The Fall 2023 cohort attracted more than 20 new students to the DACC early-childhood program.

While the ICCTA continues to pursue legislation to support a community-college baccalaureate, DACC has continued to bolster its relationship with Franklin University and Eastern Illinois University in 3 + 1 programs.

DACC appointed the director of Middle College to manage the administration of transfer programs in the DCC. In the Spring of 2024, 13 individuals earned associate degrees.





Curriculum Classifications



More than 300 College Express students attended the annual academic-awards ceremony on May 8, 2024. Leading the event were Director Nick Chatterton, VVEDS staff, and DACC faculty, who conferred certificates to recognize high-school students for their achievements. Danville students attended the morning ceremony in Bremer while the County schools had their ceremony in the Mary Miller Gym.

## The Magic Number

# 3%

Increase in DACC enrollment in credit hours during Fiscal Year 2024 (compared to FY 2023). Compared to 2022, DACC credit enrollment is 15 percent (or 5,705 credits) higher.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Address local need for degrees and certificates in high-demand jobs.

Develop transferable associate-degree programs in high-demand fields.

Respond to College Express requests for additional program offerings for students.

Rebrand ICAP's as the "Elevate" program by bringing new certification programs to run concurrently with high-school equivalency.

Increase enrollment in career programs at the Danville Correctional Center.

### Outcome

In an alliance with WorkSource—and funded through a Wheeler Foundation grant for training in professions that serve the disabled community—the College developed a Direct Service Professional certificate program. DSP workers serve people with disabilities.

Developed and received accreditation for associate degrees in sonography and echocardiography. In addition, the speech-language pathology assistant degree program has undergone full vetting and will be introduced in the Spring of 2025; restaurant management (without a hospitality program) is in development; through the Carle Healthcare grant, the behavioral-sciences professor has developed a mental-health therapist associate.

DACC's recently revamped HVAC program resulted in full classes during the morning and afternoon sessions.

The Fall class graduated six students with certifications in health-information technology/public billing.

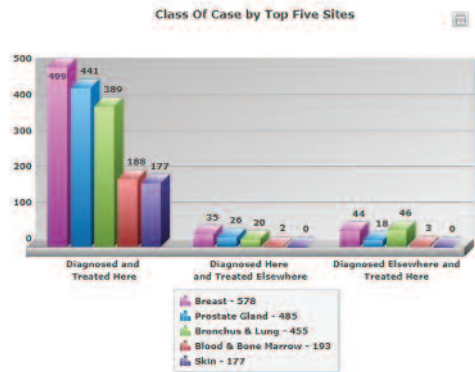
In spring 2024, 20 students graduated from DACC's four career-and-technical programs. The College's new three-year contract with the Illinois Department of Corrections includes a fifth career program, which is in manufacturing.



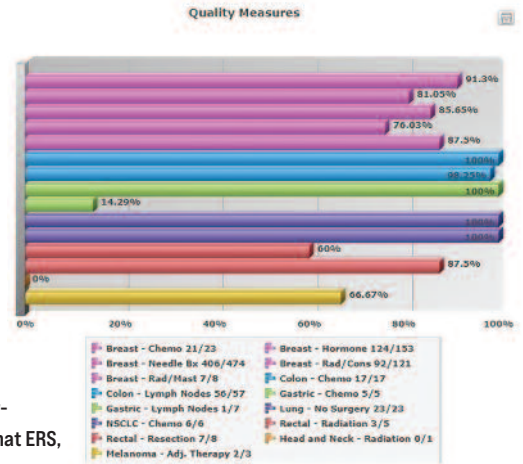
# STUDENT LEARNING



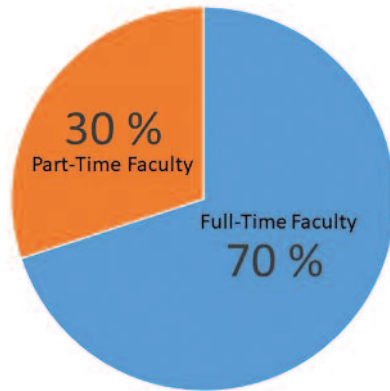
DACC Instructor Alan Wilson, Dean Graves, and Todd Flessner received training and are developing an EV maintenance-certificate program at DACC. Shown here posing between the College's two electric vehicles—the Chevy Bolt and the Ford Mustang GT—are Business & Tech Dean Terri Cummings, Instructor Graves, recent graduate Lenox Li, Instructor Wilson, and Brandy Marron, whose successful application for an ICCB Rev Up grant helped fund the two EV's and other materials to help build an EV maintenance certificate program at DACC.



This is the information that a student in DACC's new cancer-registry program may see, thanks to the CRStar program that ERS, Inc. donated to the College.



## Courses Taught at DACC



## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Associate Degrees:	35
Certificates:	50
Bachelor's Degrees (3+1 partners):	36

# 1 to 15

DACC's Faculty-to-Student Ratio

## ENROLLMENT IN CREDIT HOURS

FY 2024	42,716
FY 2023	41,534
FY 2022	37,011
FY 2021	40,378
FY 2020	48,799

## ENROLLMENT IN HEADCOUNT

FY 2024	5,337
FY 2023	5,425
FY 2022	5,184
FY 2021	5,369
FY 2020	7,663

## AVERAGE AGE OF CREDIT STUDENTS

FY 2024	23
FY 2023	21
FY 2022	22
FY 2021	23
FY 2020	27



In the Fall of 2023, the College launched a 30-hour Claims Representative Certificate Program in a partnership with CCMSI. Senior Account Manager for CCMSI Kristi Weaver (left) is teaching the three courses that specifically focus on the insurance profession. She is shown here discussing her first teaching day with Associate Professor of Business Jen Slavik.



On Feb. 6, 2024, DACC hosted the annual Academic Challenge with 125 students from nine high schools competing to prove their supremacy in math, physics, chemistry, biology, English, engineering graphics and computer science. Chemistry Professor Dr. Amy Nicely managed the event, with help from seven DACC faculty who graded the tests in their disciplines. Shown here is Physics and Math Professor Kathy Sturgeon [right] giving a demonstration in static electricity to two of the participating high-school students.



In the Fall of 2023, Adult Education partnered with DACC's Healthcare Information Technology Department to combine the pursuit of a diploma with a certificate in Healthcare Billing Management. The program, which is called Elevate, offers students a tuition-free pathway to earning their high-school diploma while simultaneously studying to earn credentials in a well-paying career.

## The Magic Number

# 36

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, Iowa 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.



DACC installed eight new HyFlex classrooms on the Danville Campus and a portable one in the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center. The multi-media, fully interactive technology offers better interaction among online students, in-class students, and their instructor. Shown here is the first of these classrooms—Room 205 in Lincoln Hall—with DACC Trustees participating in a strategic-planning workshop with a presenter from the Washington, DC.-based Association of Community College Trustees.

### MOST POPULAR MAJORS AT DACC

- 1 Associate in Arts
- 2 Associate in General Studies
- 3 Associate in Nursing
- 4 Associate in Science
- 5 Early Childcare: Childcare Option

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Address worker shortages at all local manufacturing, retail, transportation/logistics, and specialized industries throughout the region.

Develop fully online programs to expand the DACC enrollment base. Market CCMSI claims examiner nationally. Introduce Health Information Technology's cancer-registry certificate

### Outcome

After a delay due to significant managerial turnover at the Danville Casino, the new leaders of the Golden Nugget met with representatives from the American Job Center, Corporate Education, and the DACC Foundation to develop a plan to increase the workforce.

Successfully marketed the CCMSI claims examiner program nationally; developed a second fully online certificate—cancer registry—as a stackable credential for the health-information technology program.



# STUDENT SUCCESS



Launched in the Fall of 2023 as an opportunity for students to earn a DACC degree without paying for tuition, fees, or books, the Provost's Promise enrolled 55 first-time, full-time, Fall semester students. Shown here are the mentors for students in the program, Provost Carl Bridges and Enrollment Management director Dawn Nasser.

## The Magic Number

# 45%

The 2024 graduation rate for first-time, full-time degree seekers who entered DACC in the Fall of 2021. This breaks the previous DACC record set in 2022.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Progress toward the 2025 goal of a 45-percent graduation rate by closely tracking the progress of students in the Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 cohort of first-time students via Customer Relationship Manager.

Improve the success rate in developmental math by offering a basic-skills class concurrently (or as a corequisite) with a credit-bearing math class.

Develop and implement a structured plan for Iconic members and veterans that includes a small learning community with weekly engagement from TRIO Director and Academic Advisors to review academic progress.

Examine the DACC experience from the perspective of new and returning students—and then repair any disconnects.

Develop the "Back to School Block Party" as an event for both DACC students/ staff/ faculty AND local, underrepresented groups—to raise awareness of DACC's culture of inclusion.

### Outcome

Through CRM, Counseling has worked closely with students in the Fall 2021 cohort. As a result, the College achieved the all-time DACC record graduation rate of 45 percent one year ahead of the goal.

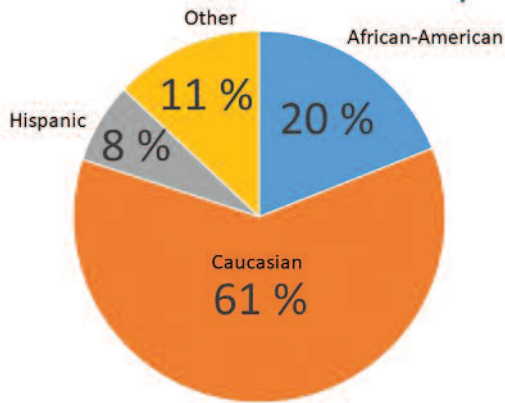
For the Math 107 corequisite course, the retention rate was a stellar 83.3%.

Iconic membership increased to 17 in 2023-24. Nine Iconic members graduated in Spring 2024 while the remaining eight are still enrolled.

The College developed a schematic used in student-services training to identify the pathways and pitfalls students may encounter from the time they apply to their graduation.

Student Services hosted DACC's first Block Party on Aug. 16, 2023, with over 200 community members attending.

## Student Race & Ethnicity



Led by Coach Guido Esteves, the DACC eSports team has become a member of the Western Conference of the NJCAAe. The region consists of nearly 100 community colleges in the Central, Rocky Mountain, and Pacific time zones.



During DACC's Fall "Spirit Week" festivities, students engaged in fun activities throughout the Campus, including board games in the Library. Library Staff Kathy Hantz and Jennifer Seda organized the Library games for students like Madison Wells, Alison Wilson, and Josephine Kamwela.



This year, DACC's three-year graduation rate for the cohort that enrolled full-time in 2021 has officially surpassed 45 percent. That's three points higher than the previous record and more than double the national average for community colleges.



A decade after discontinuing volleyball, the College has restored volleyball as an intercollegiate sport. Under Coach Shawna Jameson (left, standing) the team is comprised of mostly County and regional student-athletes who are pleased to have volleyball back at DACC.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Encourage students to graduate on-time by registering as full-time students

### Outcome

DACC introduced the "Provost's Promise" program in Spring 2024 to offer a free DACC education for students who meet a number of requirements, including early, full-time registration and the maintaining of a 2.5 or better GPA. More than 50 students joined the first cohort.

In partnership with the VP of Operations, the Branding Team evolved into the Marketing Consortium in Fall 2023. The team consists of VP of Operations, AVPs of Operations, Ex. Director of College Relations, Recruitment & Engagement Coordinator, Creative Content Coordinator, eSports & Community Engagement Coordinator, and Online Support & Web Technician. The team meets weekly with the first meeting of the month open to anyone on campus.

Creative services made CTE videos which highlighted the marquee programs on social media. Images from major CTE programs were featured in each semester's print and video enrollment advertising. Paid social media campaign was conducted for the new Sono/Echo Associate degree programs. Both programs – and Rad Tech – were able to fill their classes for summer. A Google Ads campaign was conducted for both the Cancer Registry and online HIT programs. This campaign was national.

Provide assistance to job seekers as well as local and regional businesses

The April 2024 closing of the Quaker Oats plant in Danville required the AJC partners—and especially VCW—to perform a "Rapid Response" by taking a teamwork approach in addressing the needs of the 514 former employees.

Build a Strategic Enrollment Management plan based on input from a wide range of stakeholders.

Based on a disaggregation of survey data and a SWOT analysis involving DACC employees, Board members, students, and community members, the College has identified key concepts and guiding principles for the Strategic Enrollment Management plan.



# STUDENT SUCCESS

## NUMBER OF DACC GRADS FY 2024

Associate of Arts:	92
Associate of Science:	13
Associate of Applied Science:	72
Associate in General Studies:	35
Associate in Engineering Science:	4
Associate in Fine Arts Art:	1
Certificates:	215
Total:	432

## MOST GRADUATES BY PROGRAM (2024)

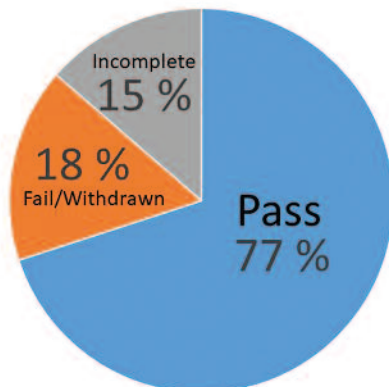
General Associate in Arts:	92
Tractor/Trailer Certificate:	49
Associate in General Studies:	35
Nursing AAS:	24
General Education Core Curriculum:	18
Public Health Medical Billing:	17
Level 1 Nursing Certificate:	16
Advanced Auto Technology Certificate (DOC):	14
General Associate in Science:	10
Basic Automotive Technology Certificate:	10

## GRADUATION RATES

### (3-YEAR, FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME)

Class of 2024 (Fall 2021 cohort)	45%
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%

## Students' Grades



On Oct. 11, 2023, Phi Theta Kappa inducted 25 new members. PTK President Mea Sparling and VP Ashlynn Pinnick led the ceremony along with Student Trustee Decarlo Flagg. State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy was guest speaker. PTK advisors are Ronnie Johnson and Collin Wright.



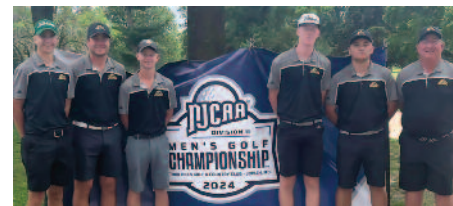
The College welcomed 32 new nursing graduates to the profession in 2023-24, with 16 graduating in December and another 16 in May.



The iconic program offers personal and scholastic support for African American and other underrepresented male students. Program Coordinator J.R. Scruggs is on the right. Provost Carl Bridges is on the left.

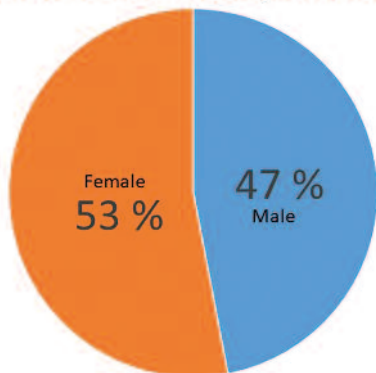


The TRIO program never rests in its pursuit of student success. The federally funded program provides academic support and wraparound services for up to 200 students annually for students who qualify based on their socioeconomic status or as the first in their family to attend college. Shown here during an end-of-the-Fall semester outreach event are TRIO Director Shanay Wright (on the right) and Advisor Chelsea Thomas (second from right). On the left is Jalon Glover, an all-star Jaguar and sophomore.



During the weekend of May 21, 2024, DACC's men's golf team competed in the NJCAA's national-championship tournament—a first for a program that was discontinued in 2014 and restored in 2018. On the right is Coach Terry French. The players, from left, are Zane Douglas, Luke Mettemeyer, Blake Arnold, Cameron Bergman, and Grady Lancaster.

## DACC Students by Gender



Congratulations to Cheerleading Coach Sharda Pascal and the 16-member squad on finishing first in its division and second overall in the National Cheerleaders Association college cheer camp held over the weekend of July 26-27, 2024, at the University of Louisville. DACC was the only community college in the competition, which won a division that included the University of Akron and Southeast Missouri State University.



For the first time in a decade, a DACC student has earned national recognition as a Coca-Cola Scholar. Ashlynn Pinnick was named to the 2024 Coca-Cola All-USA Academic Team based on her academic excellence, leadership, community service, and inspirational life story. During the May 17 DACC Commencement, she also received the Mary Miller Scholarship to help with her transfer to the University of Illinois.

### DACC STUDENT ATHLETES

#### NJCAA ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE (3.50 MINIMUM GPA)

2006-7	2	2012-13	3	2018-19	8
2007-8	1	2013-14	4	2019-20	16
2008-9	2	2014-15	4	2020-21	19
2009-10	2	2015-16	4	2021-22	25
2010-11	1	2016-17	7	2022-23	18
2011-12	4	2017-18	11	2023-24	14

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Increase student access to financial aid by updating service systems in place; also improve student retention/completion of financial aid recipients.

Increase the functionality of myDACC to encourage greater student use of the portal.

Address the need for access to mental-health services by providing on campus therapeutic/mental health support for students, faculty and staff, at no cost.

Provide support for students whose low socio-economic conditions are an obstacle to their educational success.

Attract local athletes by restoring volleyball as an intercollegiate sport.

Expand the area for the eSports lab and make eSports area more visible to students.

Encourage increased student use of the Library for studying, relaxation, and recreational purposes.

### Outcome

Utilized Customer Relationship Manager to communicate more frequently and effectively with students; also has used CRM to track Financial Aid "details," such as SAP status, Pell Eligibility Used, Loan status, etc.

Promoted myDACC by informing students that this is the "one-stop shop" for all of their services at the College, including class schedules, bursar services, and all communications.

A full-time Counselor/Advisor was hired. Two full-time employees remain available in Advisement & Counseling to triage students and help with mental-health needs.

While only four students in 2023-24 self-identified as "homeless," DACC counseling has received training to show that the number is vastly underreported. There are several students who are itinerant without considering this to be a homeless condition.

The Athletic Department prepared to launch the inaugural season in Fall 2024 with a competitive team with a full schedule and roster.

A new location has been designated for the eSports lab – in the lower level of Clock Tower. This is a larger area and more visible to students.

Library staff have adopted an open-door policy that literally leaves the door open. Mounted over the door is the word, "Welcome." Staff has introduced innovative activities like "game day" and other contests to attract students.



# INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE



## The Magic Number 39%

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

With the installation of 95 new video cameras on the Danville Campus and at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center, Security officers like Cliff Hegg and Chief Nathan Howie have surveillance equipment keeping an eye over nearly every square inch of the College.



HVAC Professor Jonathan Daugherty with a geothermal unit—which is an air conditioner that runs on underground water. The College received \$95,000 in a grant through the Illinois Green Economy Network to build a training board for training in the maintenance of geothermal units.



## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

### Outcome

Upgrade security systems in all 11 Danville Campus buildings, the American Job Center, and the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center.

New keyless entries were installed on exterior doors of all buildings. Entry fobs were distributed to all employees. All camera systems were upgraded and enhanced to enable Security to have real-time video surveillance

Renovate Hegeler Hall for beneficial use by summer 2024.

Construction was managed on schedule and within budget to achieve beneficial use prior to the start of the Fall semester.

Improve the sound quality in the Mary Miller Gym to benefit institutional activities like Commencement, Nurses' Pinning, and the Foundation's Honors Program.

A sound engineer developed a plan that DACC implemented to install 15 new ceiling speakers, new microphones, sound panels, and a digital processor to manage the sound system.

Upgrade students' extracurricular facilities.

The golf team began renting an area at a local sports complex for the golf simulator; the softball team began leasing Winter Park fields; the weight-room upgrade is complete.

Upgrade outdated campus maps and signage

Replaced campus map near the Danville Campus's main entrance with updated building information. Replaced all exterior campus-wide wayfinding signage.

Address deterioration of the current on-campus training ground for CDL/tractor trailer.

With increased demand for CDL training, the training area on the Danville Campus expanded across much of the front parking lot on East Main Street. This will enable the College to reseal that area that had deteriorated after years of use.

Replace the outdated digital phone system with an Internet-based system.

Installation was completed in the Fall of 2023.



## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

### Outcome

Address the shortcomings of the Foundation's Next Gen scholarship system, especially its lack of compatibility with Colleague

Purchased and in March 2024 installed an improved and more reliable system for Foundation operations in Blackbaud's Raiser's Edge. Foundation staff immediately began using Raiser's Edge for keeping donor records. What's important, too, is that the migration to the new system didn't deter the Foundation from once again (and for the third-straight year) awarding scholarships to every student who applied for assistance. In 2023, the Foundation awarded 716 scholarships that totaled more than \$1 million.

Enhance the current online application for greater functionality.

Created an online application for international students.

Replace antiquated and labor-intensive paper-timesheets with an automated system.

In June, the College introduced computer timekeeping that relies on email and SharePoint for submitting, reviewing, and approving attendance. Along with greater efficiency, the new system drastically reduces the College's use of paper.

Address the discontinuation of the Blackboard online learning system with one that continues to support student learning.

After several months of College-wide vetting, the faculty and administration chose Canvas as the ideal learning-management system.

Reorganize and revitalize the IT department to improve productivity, IT support, and cybersecurity

Appointed an assistant vice president to oversee technology in three integrated groups: IT Operations, IT Customer Service, and Major Apps Support. Immediate benefits include enhanced cybersecurity and customer-responsive help-desk service.



For the second time since 1978, DACC hosted the Vermilion County schools' annual basketball and cheerleading tournament in the Mary Miller Gym during the week of Jan. 12, 2024. The College invested \$130,000 to upgrade the Gym's sound system in advance of the tournament.



Led by the Human Resources Division, the College Cabinet hosts breakfasts for employees in the spring and fall and a barbecue in the summer. Shown in the foreground for the July 17, 2024, barbecue are Cabinet members Brian Hensgen and Lara Conklin.



Kudos to three key performers who helped bring automated timekeeping to DACC: Controller Whitney Yoder, Payroll Specialist Carol Neff, and Human Resources Coordinator Dara Edgington.

### FINANCIAL AID FACTS AT DACC (2023-24)

#### FY 2024

Pell Grant Recipients:	777
Monetary Assistance Program Recipients:	562
MAP Disbursements:	\$1,060,236
Pell Disbursements:	\$3,070,257
Loan Recipients:	94
Loan Disbursements:	\$350,425



# INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

## The Magic Number

# 97%

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



In May, Middle College graduated 46 students that earned their high-school diploma while the Adult Education and Literacy program had 24 adults who earned their diploma. Shown here during the May 16 ceremony is Alanta Wallace, who gave a rousing speech on behalf of her eight fellow “Elevate” graduates, who earned both their high-school diplomas and their certificates in health-information technology.

### UNION REPRESENTATION ILLINOIS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

#### DACC FACULTY ASSOCIATION

President	Kathy Hunter
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IEA Representative	Alan Wilson

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Treasurer	Katelyn Roberts
Secretary	Holly Pryle
IEA Rep.	Lisa Osborne

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Transition toward a paperless, environmentally friendly workplace.

Investigate a cost-effective means of controlling electrical costs.

Complete major infrastructure projects on the Danville Campus and ensure funding for other capital projects, as needed.

Evaluate employee morale and adopt tenable suggestions for change.

Improve employee retention by offering new and incumbent employees regular information sessions about how to navigate the DACC work environment.

### Outcome

For each office area, the College installed new printers that simplify scanning and emailing documents.

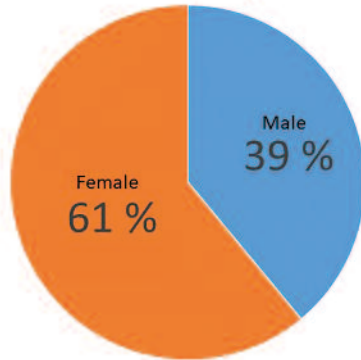
After several months of research, the College has solicited vendors for building and maintaining a solar farm in the field that abuts East Main Street. In allowing an energy contractor to build a solar farm on DACC property, the College would receive significant reductions in energy cost.

Using PHS funds/bonds, DACC replaced the roof of the Tech Center; Clock Tower/ Horticulture renovation was funded through College funds and State Capital Development Board funds.

Launched “Tell it to the President” during finals week of the Fall semester and again in April during the Spring semester. Each of five location-specific sessions encouraged open and frank dialogue between the president and rank-and-file employees. Also, the Cabinet hosted an “Employee Appreciation Breakfast” for all employees in the fall and spring, as well as a barbecue in the summer of 2023. One other initiative that Human Resources launched was “Employee Spotlight,” featuring a profile of a different employee each month.

In Fall 2023, Human Resources began hosting monthly “Inside Track @DACC” workshops that are geared for new employees throughout their first year. A number of incumbent employees have also attended these sessions.

### DACC Employees



## The Magic Number \$19,808

Annual amount that DACC employees contributed to the DACC Foundation in 2023-24.



Meet the Ulrich Family—Seven sisters who are all graduates of DACC’s nursing program. The seventh and the youngest is Braidee-Anne (center)—shown here with her sisters during the May 17, 2024 Commencement Ceremony. The other alumni, from left, are Lexi, Bree, Brynne, Brielle, Brooke-Linsee, and Britnie.



Each year for more than two decades, the Classified Staff has led “Operation Santa” to provide Christmas gifts to needy children and to support low-income mothers. The 2023 chair was Brittany Hopkins (2nd from left), replacing long-time Operation Santa chair Margie Arlington (left). Also shown here after stocking up the delivery van are student worker Jackson Priest and Financial Aid Office Specialist Emily Watson.

### EMPLOYEE EDUCATION LEVEL

	FACULTY	ADMIN	STAFF
Doctorate	20 %	7 %	0 %
Master	55 %	41 %	2 %
Bachelor	15 %	43 %	22 %
Associate	7 %	2 %	49 %
High School	3 %	7 %	27 %

### EMPLOYEE TOTALS

Full Time Faculty	59
Administrator/Professional Employees (includes Department of Corrections)	88
Support Staff Employees	51
Total Full-Time Employees	199
Part-Time Employees:	
Part-Time Faculty	75
Federal Work Study and Student Workers	64
Continuing Part-Time Support Staff	2
Tutors and Coaches	19
Average Age of DACC Employees:	47
TOTAL EMPLOYEES:	406

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Increase outreach efforts to people from underrepresented groups to pursue key positions at the College.

Implement a “growth by substitution” model that eliminates nugatory functions and reinvests resources into growth areas.

### Outcome

Human Resources and the chief diversity officer have adopted a new procedure for reviewing applications to ensure that qualified people from underrepresented groups receive interviews.

Finance Department and president’s office have challenged the Cabinet and support groups to reduce or eliminate programs that provide a low return on investment.



# ORGANIZATIONAL ADVANCEMENT



## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

### Outcome

Create and manage a more accessible online catalog of programs and student services

Using the Watermark program, the provost built an online catalog as well as templates for assessment—thereby meeting the self-imposed June 1 deadline.

Through collaboration with stakeholders (employees, trustees, students, community members), develop long-range, data-driven strategic plans for academic affairs and student services.

Per the recommendation of the HLC, the College is hiring a strategic planner/institutional effectiveness director.

Create an endowed fund with a corpus of \$1.8 m, to generate enough interest income to pay the tuition for up-to 20 first-year and 20 second-year presidential scholars.

The Foundation's strategy of recognizing donors and aligning them with "presidential scholar" students is paying off. The combined funds—Frank Brittingham and "Presidential Scholarship"—has a corpus of over \$1.8 m, thereby yielding \$90,000 annually, in perpetuity. This rate would pay for the tuition of even the maximum number of presidential scholars.

Through the Bremer Gallery display, the Foundation will increase recognition and participation in the program to encourage people to make a bequest to the College for scholarships.

Although the donor information regarding amounts is confidential, the Foundation added 14 new names to the roll of Mary Miller donors in FY 24—thereby increasing the total number of these donors by 14 percent.

Provide in-house dining services ("The Jaguar Café") in the DACC student union that includes hot and affordable food choices as well as healthy options. Profitability during the first year is desired but not mandatory.

Though the service cost DACC nearly \$50,000 in FY 2024, some of the loss was offset by the College's requirement that the Jaguar Café have the right of first refusal for all catering at the College. As a result, the dining-services staff catered 23 events during the year.



For the first time in five years, theater returned to the Bremer Center for a student-and-community-partnered performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The play drew a large audience during the weekend of Oct. 20-22, 2023, and was widely acclaimed as a quality production. Angie Bergman of the Adult Education Department has exhibited her considerable talents as a producer and director to bring theater back to DACC.



TV Broadcasting Instructor Pete Barrett (left) has revamped the College's television studio to give students hands-on experience producing podcasts and videos about the College that appear on DACC's cable-television station, channel 5.



The American Job Center and Vermilion County Works went into "Rapid Response" in early April with the sudden closing of Danville's Quaker Oats plant. Over the weeks that followed, the staff met with the 514 dislocated workers in groups and one-on-one case management to help with job placement and training. More than 100 of these workers enrolled in DACC classes. Shown here, from left, are Vermilion County Works Director Chuck Jones, VCW Career Planner Kaylee Holman, and American Job Center One-Stop Operator Jerremy Morgeson.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

As a member of Carle Healthcare's "Vermilion County Community Health Collaborative," DACC is responsible for developing an associate degree for the mental-health therapist assistant program. The College also assisted in the construction of a community garden located in proximity to the Carle Health campus in Danville.

Provide more effective marketing, branding, advertising, corporate communications, events management, and recruitment activities through an integrated marketing system.

Focus on the boost in apprenticeship funding to provide increased support for local industry. Integrate DACC's career services with the American Job Center and Vermilion County Works. Produce the annual "Great Careers in the Danville Area" guide for distribution to students and job seekers.

### Outcome

With the community-garden construction completed during the spring of 2023, DACC's primary focus has been on developing and launching a new associate of applied science in mental-health therapy. DACC's professor of behavioral science has built the curriculum, which required two new courses.

Under the vice president of operations, the marketing consortium has begun meeting each week and collaborating on all marketing materials, including videos, social-media posts, and television broadcasts. One of the marquee events was the unveiling of a Danville City bus that is thoroughly wrapped with engaging DACC promotional images. The group also produced a branding guide and assisted in the wrap of a DACC tractor trailer.

The Illinois WorkNet pre-apprenticeship program graduated 7 students in the Fall and 21 in the Spring to support local industry. However, the year's greatest impact came with the surprise closing of Danville's Quaker Oats plant and the dislocation of 514 employees. The plant shutdown brought the American Job Center and Vermilion County Works into the public spotlight for their "rapid response" case management that included job placement to other local industry, job training, assistance with health benefits and retirement, and other support.



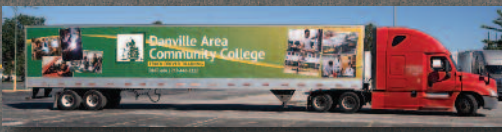
The College's first-ever town-wide Block Party took place on Aug. 16, 2023, and drew more than 250 local residents with their families to the Danville Campus to enjoy bouncing around in inflatables, games for prizes, and food-food-food. The event was led by Recruitment and Student Engagement Coordinator Alexis Simmons, Recruitment Assistant Victoria Boothe and dozens of volunteers as well as building-services and maintenance employees.



The College held a May 13 ceremony in the Tech Center to honor the 21 students who graduated from the year-long, pre-apprenticeship construction program funded through Illinois WorkNet. Students receive free training and financial support based on their socioeconomic status. Professor Doug Hunter was the lead instructor with support from Administrative Specialist Natasha Meranoli-Pounds. Operations Vice President Kerri Thurman manages the grant. The program funded an additional 12 students in the spring and will support 25 more job-seekers in the Fall of 2024.



The National Junior College Athletic Association knows a great host when it sees one. On Feb. 7, 2024, the NJCAA announced that their Board of Regents approved a three-year extension for DACC to host the men's division II basketball tournament. Following the two-year extension that the NJCAA granted in 2023, DACC's 31-year run will continue at least through the 2028 tournament.



# ORGANIZATIONAL ADVANCEMENT



DACC'S Hispanic Heritage Month festivities included an event on Oct. 3 that included a celebration of Latin American food and followed by a presentation on Chile by retired Child Center Director Ana Nasser. Shown in the foreground is Ana's daughter Dawn Nasser—DACC's enrollment management director-- Dawn Nasser is frying up some tasty *pasta de harina*.



Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker speaking to a crowd of more than 300 during the Oct. 4 tree-planting ceremony to honor the late Senator Scott Bennett. In the background wearing their traditional green shirts are DACC's 15 All-Star Jaguar students who greeted guests arriving at the event and were treated to personal time with Governor Pritzker after the event.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

### Goal

Per State law, establish a local-efficiency committee consisting of Board members and two external community members. The charge is to examine a College operation that could be improved. The Committee needs to hold at least three public meetings within 18 and then file a report to the State.

Recruit highly energetic students to participate in marketing and public-awareness campaigns as members of the All-Star DACC Jaguars.

Meet or exceed the institutional goal of awarding 10 percent of the overall expenditures to BEP companies.

Meet or exceed all requirements among the HLC's five criteria and 23 core components.

### Outcome

Along with selecting the prescribed committee members, the first order of business was to select a topic of interest and then request further information. The Committee asked DACC to provide information on the College's programs to support the mental health of students and employees. The vice president of human resources provided this in advance of the second meeting.

During FY 2024, the 15 All-Star Jaguars participated in a number of major events, including Governor Pritzker's Oct. 4 visit to the College and the Nov. 3 return of Family Science Night. They produced many promotional videos and are memorialized on hallway banners that will be on display in the coming year.

In FY 2024, DACC increased BEP spending. 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. Our list of non-certified BEP continues to grow, but that does not help us meet our goals.

The quality of the 100-page assurance argument and the College's preparedness for the visit by the five-member HLC team produced welcome approval from the Commission. The only source of concern was the College's lack of a long-range planner and unit dedicated to institutional effectiveness.



The Higher Learning Commission’s visiting team issued its final report from the mid-cycle review of Mar. 4 and 5. Although the HLC would still like to see DACC continue to fine tune its strategic-planning process, in all the major areas of institutional performance—especially in our teaching and learning—DACC passed with flying colors. One of the highlights from the Higher Learning Commission’s visiting team’s accreditation visit on Mar. 4 and 5 was when Microbiology Distinguished Professor Wendy Brown introduced the HLC Chair Dr. William Brownsberger to her homegrown boa constrictor, Junior.



On Mar. 23, 2024, Corporate and Community Education sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the community. Thanks to the supervision by several volunteers, more than 300 future DACC students participated in the second-annual event in the Quad.

CORPORATE EDUCATION FACTS (FY 2024)	
Companies Served: (unduplicated)	59
Employees Trained:	2,325
Contract Revenue (Gross):	\$351,292.57
Contract Revenue (Net):	\$138,005.35
Additional State Revenue Earned:	\$23,013.82

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023-24

Goal	Outcome
Show the community that DACC is everyone’s community college.	The NJCAA men’s national basketball tournament, now in its 31st year at DACC, continues to engender the most buzz throughout the region. However, DACC has also attracted a great deal of acclaim in becoming the annual host for the County schools’ boys’ and girls’ basketball tournaments, the cheerleading tournament, and the volleyball tournament. In addition, the 2024 hosting of the 21 high schools for the eSports regionals attracted more than 200 students to the College. Aside from athletics, DACC’s “Jaguar Players” formed alliances with local community theater to produce two first-rate plays in the Bremer Theater—“To Kill a Mockingbird” in the Fall and “Bye-Bye Birdie” in the Spring.



Community Education’s “College for Kids” program attracts hundreds of children to the College each summer in activities that include sports camps, eSports, welding, Minecraft, sports media, Lego robotics, music mania, and art studio. The summer programs culminate with “First Gig Rock Camp”—a week-long phenomenon during which children learn to play a guitar or drums or sing rock songs well enough to perform before a live audience.



# DANVILLE CAMPUS



**Danville Area  
Community College**

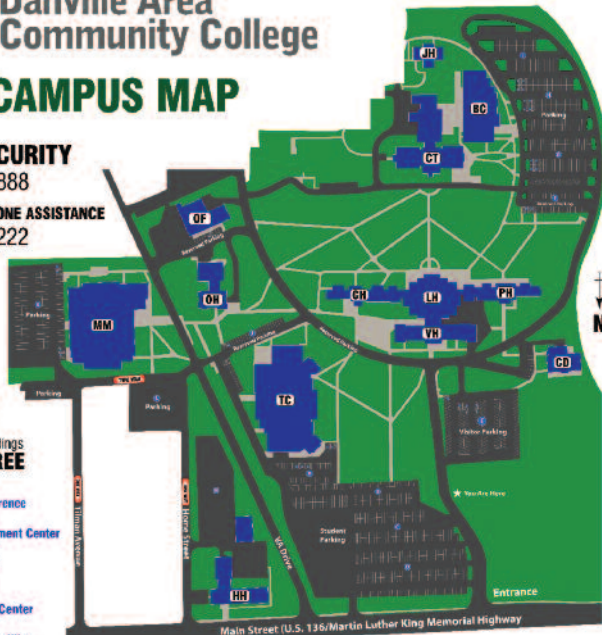
## CAMPUS MAP

### DACC SECURITY

217-443-8888

### DACC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

217-443-3222



All Campus Buildings  
**SMOKE FREE**

- (BC) Bremer Conference
- (CH) Cannon Hall
- (CD) Child Development Center
- (CT) Clock Tower
- (HH) Hegeler Hall
- (JH) Jacobs Hall
- (LH) Lincoln Hall
- (MM) Mary Miller Center
- (PH) Prairie Hall
- (OF) Operations Facility
- (OH) Ornamental Horticulture
- (TC) Technology Center
- (VH) Vermillion Hall

The \$4.4 million renovation of Clock Tower building and Ornamental Horticulture Center will focus on getting both educational facilities into a state-of-good repair. Plumbing, electrical, bathroom, and HVAC upgrades are the priorities in the scope of work. Beneficial use of both buildings is scheduled for October 2024.



Funded through the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation, the College completed renovation of Phase I of Hegeler Hall during the summer of 2024. The former U.S. Army Reserve has become the home for DACC's Corporate and Community Education.



## DANVILLE CAMPUS BUILDINGS

### Bremer Conference & Workforce Development Center

- Conference Rooms
- Culinary Arts
- Theater

### Cannon Hall

- Testing & Academic Services Center
- Student Success Center
- Institutional Effectiveness

### Child Development Center

### Clock Tower Center

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

### Jacobs Hall

- Classrooms
- Art Gallery
- Performance Center
- Pep Band

### Julius W. Hegeler II Hall

- Corporate Education
- Community Education

### 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
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- 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

### Vermillion Hall

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



# HOOPESTON HIGHER LEARNING CENTER

847 E. ORANGE STREET, HOOPESTON, IL | DIRECTOR: KARLA COON OFFICE ASSISTANT: KENDRA MORTS



## 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."



After a four-year absence, Kendra Morts (left) has reunited with Director Karla Coon to lead the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center.



The Hoopeston Higher Learning Center has resumed hosting monthly community-wide meetings with stakeholders from business-and-industry, government, education, and public agencies. During this meeting of the Hoopeston Economic Development Committee, HHLC Director Karla Coon spoke of Hoopeston Area High School's interest in partnering with DACC to bring College Express classes on-site in their school.

### MOST POPULAR CREDIT CLASSES AT THE HHLC

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medical Terminology
- English Rhetoric and Composition I
- Introduction to Fiction
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology



# DACC FOUNDATION



The 2023-24 Foundation Board: seated, from left: Gina Davis, Sandy Dreher, Executive Director Tonya Hill, President Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Executive Director Tonya Hill, Treasurer Chris Kittell, and Vice President Cory Acton. Standing, from left: Foundation Board Members Hayley Siefert, Jacob Jackson, Nancy Dalenberg, Gardner Peck, Sybil Mervis, Gary Resh, Diane Hampel, Jim Anderson, Lois Wise, Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman, Dave Kietzmann, Marilyn Tucker, and Larry Jahn.



With 795 scholarships totaling more than \$1 million in awards and \$845,850 in the amount paid, the DACC Foundation is playing a major role in helping increase student access to DACC. Shown here at the Sept. 15, 2023, Honors Program is Foundation Executive Director Tonya Hill greeting scholarship donors and grateful scholarship students in the packed Mary Miller Gym.

## 2023-24 FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Total Scholarships Awarded	795
Total Scholarship Dollars Paid	\$845,850
Grants and Capital Contributions to DACC	\$2,189,724
Value of Instructional Materials and Equipment Donated to DACC	\$109,993
Training and Professional Development Grants Provided to DACC	\$11,588
Student Emergency Funds Spent	\$736
Total Disbursements to DACC from the Foundation	\$3,299,634

## FOUNDATION BOARD AND STAFF

### OFFICERS

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

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

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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\*

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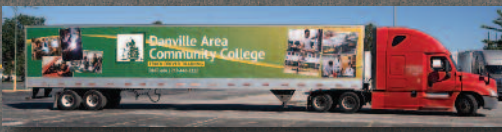
Foundation Executive Director Tonya Hill and her staff organized a memorable reception in the Clock Tower on Oct. 20, 2023, to thank donors. More than 70 attendees enjoyed the tasty fare from Dana Wheeler and DACC's culinary students and then toured the building

On Aug. 3, the Child Development Center donated more than 200 pounds of food to the College Foundation's Food Pantry. Shown here from the CDC are Teacher Taylor Hotaling, Student Intern Tamara Jimson, and Center Director Melissa Hollingsworth. Representing the DACC Foundation are Controller Sandy Dreher and Scholarship Manager Gina Davis.



# The Magic Number 100%

Percentage of DACC students who applied for  
and received a DACC Foundation scholarship in  
2023-24.

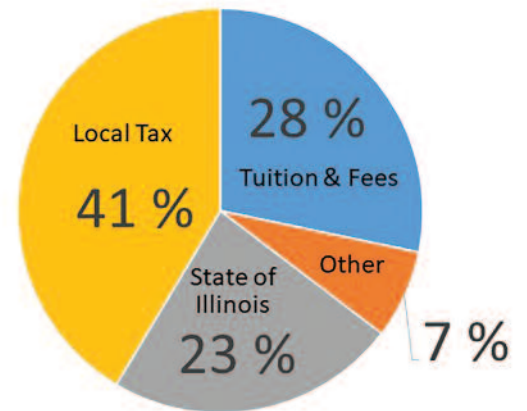


# FINANCIALS



For the 12th straight year, DACC's Finance Department received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY23. Shown here is the whole team, from left: Sherri Grubbs, Kelley Simmons, Jacob Pryle, Mark Barnes, Brad Weaver, Dale McCoy, Julie McClintock, Tammy Betancourt, Carl Lewis, Whitney Yoder, Johna Bolton, Gabe Starr, Tyler Brown-Cavanaugh, Suzette Carpenter, Haziel Trujillio, Linda Shreeves, and Carol Neff.

## Source of DACC's Operating Budget



## DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE OPERATING FUNDS – FY 2023-24

### REVENUES

Property Tax Revenue	\$6,019,706
Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$1,169,357
State Base Operating Grants	\$1,632,135
State Equalization Grant	\$2,097,800
Career-Tech Vocation Credit Hours	\$183,718
Tuition	\$6,619,107
Fees	\$2,055,793
Institutional Waivers (Less)	(\$2,717,625)
Transfers	\$2,836,477
Rental/Interest/Other	\$358,153

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**TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES** **\$20,245,621**

### EXPENSES

Salaries	\$12,708,169
Employee Benefits	\$2,611,295
Contractual Services	\$1,001,904
Materials & Supplies	\$1,886,275
Meetings, Travel, Conferences	\$356,463
Fixed Charges	\$318,379
Utilities	\$1,231,282
Capital Outlay/Transfers/Other	\$122,461

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**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** **\$20,236,228**



# DACC HISTORY



The Danville Campus, circa 1965, when the Veterans Administration offered seven buildings and 75 acres that enabled the College to leave Danville High School and have a campus of its own.

**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.

**Jan. 11, 1964:** The Danville Area Community College Foundation is formed as a nonprofit 501(c)3 to fund a College campus.

**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.

**Sept. 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.

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

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

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

**Feb. 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.

**Sept. 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.

**Mar. 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.

**Aug. 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.

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

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

**Nov. 1, 1999:** Opening of Lincoln Hall.

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

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

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

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

**Sept. 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.

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

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

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

**Mar. 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.

**Oct. 24, 2012:** Completion of Mary Miller Complex renovation and the naming of the William B. Black Health professions Center.

**Sept. 16, 2013:** Opening of the Hoopston Higher Learning Center: first day of classes.

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

**Aug. 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.

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

**Feb. 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.

**Aug. 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.

**Aug. 25, 2018:** The College hosts its first annual "Farm to Fork" dinner to raise money to support the Sustainability Far, a hands-on agricultural learning lab for students that the Foundation's Kristy Herr and her husband Jerry Bartos have provided for College use.

**Oct. 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.



# DACC HISTORY

**Aug. 19, 2019:** DACC begins offering night classes in English, math, sociology, and high-school preparation at Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School.

**Nov. 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, 3.5-acre 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 corporate and community education.

**Feb. 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.

**Jan. 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.

**Jan. 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.

**Aug. 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.

**Mar. 15, 2024:** Dr. Bridges merges the Liberal Arts & Library Division with the Math, Science, and Health Professions Division to form the Arts & Sciences Division. The merger will offer more efficient class-schedule coordination for students transferring to baccalaureate-degree institutions. Dr. Michael Hepner becomes the new division's first dean.

**June 27, 2024:** Application deadline for the first-ever cohort for the "Provost's Promise" a program that guarantees an all-expenses-paid DACC education for students who pledge to graduate on-time with a B or better average. More than 50 students participate in the first cohort.

During DACC's May 17 Commencement, Dr. Wes Bieritz (second from left) and Sybil Mervis (second from right) received honorary associate of letters degrees. With veterinary partner Dr. George Richards



(an emeritus DACC Trustee and former DACC honorary-degree recipient), Dr. Bieritz dedicated more than 40 years to serving Vermilion County as a veterinarian. Ms. Mervis has dedicated her time and talent to numerous community causes and has served in leadership roles on several civic and philanthropic boards. Both Dr. Bieritz and Ms. Mervis have supported student scholarships at DACC. Ms. Mervis and her family have provided scholarships for nearly 140 students for a total of \$125,000. Also shown here along with Mick Jaguar are Marcia Thomas (left) and honorary-degree presenter Tonya Hill (right).

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS AT DACC

George Schackman — 1964

Richard Bates — 1964

Dr. W.F. Finney — 1964

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

Sybil Mervis and Dr. Wes Bieritz — 2024



Michel Davis Canady (also known as DC) became the College's first-ever eSports national champion when he won the 2023 title in Mario Kart. He's shown here with the championship ring he earned from the NJCAAe.

## IN MEMORIAM

Within a span of one week in mid-September of 2023, DACC lost two people who each made a tremendous impact on DACC and touched countless lives with their vision, commitment to education, and their generosity.

Vickie Miller was a trustee for Danville Area Community College for 23 years and served as DACC Board Chair for over 12 years. After once running the public-relations department at DACC.

Bill Black was a 12-term representative in the Illinois House. Two years after he left the House, DACC dedicated the William B. Black Health Professions Center in his honor. He was a DACC Board member from 2014 to 2021.

Both were enormously popular, dearly loved, and will be deeply missed.



Vickie Miller



Bill Black



# DACC “BY THE NUMBERS” IN FY 2023-24

23,434,236	Total value, in dollars, of the DACC Foundation Endowment
19,732,000	DACC Operating Budget in FY 2024
7,109,655	Local Tax Revenue Received, in Dollars
6,194,737	Tuition and Fees Received, in Dollars
3,913,653	State Revenue—Credit Hours, Equalization, CTE Formula
3,070,257	Federal Pell grant dollars awarded to DACC students
848,850	Scholarship Dollars Awarded in FY 2024 by the DACC Foundation
351,292	Revenue (Gross) in Dollars from Corporate Training (FY 2024)
42,716	Total student credit hours
39,400	Number of local residents annually receiving DACC services
5,337	Total Students 2023-24
2,209	Non-Credit Enrollment – Headcount
1,912	Internet and Hybrid Students in FY 2024
795	Number of Students Receiving DACC Foundation Scholarships
432	Number of Graduates with associate degrees or certificates
199	Full-time Employees
88	Administrator/Professional Employees
59	Full-time Faculty
58	Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate for full-time students
51	Support Staff Employees
47	Average Age of DACC Employees
45	Graduation Rate (based on full-time, first-time in Fall 2021)
41	Percentage of Vermillion County High School Grads who choose DACC
26	Tutors and Coaches
23	Average Age of DACC Credit Students
1	DACC Students – They’re truly Amazing!



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