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**Mervis, Miller receive honorary degrees at commencement**

DANVILLE—For the first time in its 70-year history, Danville Area Community College conferred honorary degrees on two community leaders. Louis L. Mervis and Vickie J. Miller were chosen because they have excelled in personal and professional achievements, made significant contributions to the community around them, and inspired others with their life achievements and ability to overcome obstacles.



MERVIS

“These two extraordinary people have conducted themselves and contributed to their community in a manner sure to inspire DACC students and graduates,” said President Stephen Nacco in announcing their selection.

Mervis was noted as a “Great American Success Story” who built one of the most prosperous businesses in the Midwest while serving his state and community through boardship such as the District 118 school board and the Illinois State Board of Higher Education. He was instrumental in the founding of the Danville Area Economic Development Corporation (now Vermilion Advantage) and the movement to establish Danville Junior College as



MILLER

an independent public junior college and move the campus to the current location.

As a couple, Lou and Sybil Mervis have given of themselves and their resources to support an untold number of community causes including the Boys and Girls Club, Danville United Way, Danville District #118 Schools, Danville Area Community College, and the DACC Foundation. The Mervis

Family Scholarship has provided assistance to more than 50 DACC students since it was established in 2005.

Miller dedicated more than 20 years’ service to Danville Area Community College Board of Trustees including 12 as Chair. She served in various offices and committees with the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, and was an advocate and lobbyist on behalf of the community college mission in Springfield. During her tenure, the college added cutting edge programs such as wind energy technology and NIMS, both of which were among the first in the state at a community col-

See DEGREES on other side

**Scholarship Cookout**  
 We'll have  
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 Wed.: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon  
 Thurs.: Diet Plate  
 Fri.: Ribeye Sandwich & Broccoli Cauli Salad  
**JEFFRO JAM 12**  
 Friday, May 26 8-close  
 Saturday, May 27 6-close  
 T-shirt & Bake Sale, bands, food & a whole lotta fun!  
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## Degrees continued from other side

lege. Under Miller's leadership, the college was admitted to the nationwide Achieving the Dream student success and completion initiative.

Along with her husband, Doug, Miller has hosted fundraising events at their historic Centennial farm near Indiana and was recognized as Master Farmers by Prairie Farmer Magazine in 2005. The Doug and Vickie Miller Faculty Endowed Chair in Math and Science at DACC

provides professional development support critical to faculty recruitment and retention.

Mervis and Miller were recognized during Commencement exercises at DACC Friday in Mary Miller Gymnasium.

Honorary degree nominations were submitted in early February and chosen by an eight-member committee. Nomination forms were available on the DACC website

## From the Blotter

Kristy Williams, 32, of Milford, was arrested at 6:43 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, she was extradited to Iroquois County.

## Weather

Chance of showers today, tonight. High 69, low 53. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms late. High 76, low 60.

## Obituaries

**CASNER** - Dorothy F. Casner, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 12:08 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**INMAN** - Donald E. Inman, 58, of Hoopeston, died at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.



*Photo contributed*

## Ready for business

Nicholas Brown readies to cut the ribbon marking the official opening of Bricks and Ivy Sports. The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Friday at the new business in downtown Hoopeston. Also pictured are, from left, store owners Bob and Emily Brown, Ben Brown, Madie Brown, Ald. Chad Yaden, Chamber president Valerie Hinkle, Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, Chamber members Sandy Lewis and Brandi Totheroh, and behind the counter, Danny and Terry Silver.

and open to all current and former DACC employees, students, and board members including the DACC Board of Trustees and DACC Foundation Board. No current DACC employee, student, or board member was eligible for consideration.

**DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston  
Counseling and Advisement**  
Tuesday June 6 from 8:30-11 a.m.  
Call to schedule your appointment.

**Summer Semester begins May 22, 2017**  
**SPCH 101 - Oral Communication**  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8:40 p.m. June 12-July 28  
at DACC Hoopeston

**Career Services with Carla Boyd**  
Monday, June 12 from 2-5 p.m.  
Call to schedule your appointment

**Passage You Can't Miss with Tom Sweeney**  
Monday, June 12, form 6-7:30 p.m. Class fee \$12

**ASL - Baby Sign Language**  
Thursdays, June 15-July 6 from 6-8 p.m. Class fee \$60

**College for Kids at DACC Hoopeston**  
June 19-23 and July 14-21  
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### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 840 E. Chestnut. Fri, 7-noon. Lots of misc.  
HOOPESTON: United Methodist Women sale. Hoopeston United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 403 E. Main. Fri. & Sat., 7-? Freewill donation on most items.

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