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Jacobs to retire next year after 16 years as DACC president

DANVILLE—After 45 years in higher education, the last 16 as President of Danville Area Community College, Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs announced plans to retire in 2016. “My heart will always be with this exceptional community college,” she stated, “but the time is right to turn my focus to my family scattered around the world.”



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“Despite the current state economic climate, I’m confident that I’m leaving DACC a financially sound and thriving community asset in the hands of talented administrators, dedicated faculty, caring support staff, and a committed board of trustees,” she said. “The supportive members of the DACC Foundation board, and the generous donors who make their work possible, have been a true blessing to work with. I hope to continue to support DACC in any way possible in the future.”

Jacobs became the sixth president, and only the second female leader of DACC in September 1999. Her retirement date, while not finalized, will take place between June and December next year.

“My board service began in 1999, shortly after Dr. Jacobs came to the College,” remembered DACC board chair Dave Harby. “It has been a pleasure to work with her.”

Under Jacobs’ leadership, DACC has been a leader in workforce development, reallocating resources to add new locally in-demand programs in health professions and manufacturing. As a result of good stewardship and program growth, Jacobs has expanded and renovated campus facilities and established the Higher Learning Center in Hoopeston to better meet the needs of resi-

dents in the northern part of the college district. Local partnerships have been strengthened, particularly those with area K-12 districts and the regional superintendent’s office.

“I am especially proud of our student success gains and being named a Leader College in Achieving the Dream, as well as the two successful major gift campaigns for support of DACC students and programs,” she said.

Harby reflected on Jacobs’ service to her adopted community, the state, and national community college issues. “She came to this community and made it her home. She has embraced not only college concerns, but those of the entire community. She is a state and national leader in community college issues. Her service outside the college has been as dedicated and impressive as that she gave to DACC.”

Since moving to the Danville area, and DACC, Jacobs has served on the American Association of Community Colleges board, including the executive committee; as a co-chair of Gov. Bruce Rauner’s Education Policy Transition Committee; as a member of the Illinois board of Higher Education; as chair of the Illinois Community College President’s Council; as president of the North Central Association of Two-Year Colleges; as president of the Danville Noon Rotary; as chair of the Danville United Way Campaign; as first chair of the Vermilion Advantage Board; and as president of the Danville Symphony Board.

Her service has been recognized with the 2007 American Association of University Women Woman of **See JACOBS on other side**



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From the Blotter

Walter L. Hollis, 51, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 3:50 p.m. Thursday to the 400 block of West Lincoln, where a 35-year-old Hoopeston woman reported she had been battered.

Hollis was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **46-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 4:55 p.m. Saturday that someone stole money and items from his vehicle in the 400 block of West Maple.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Monical's, 618 W. Orange.

Police said Donald Huff, of Milford, in a 2006 Ford truck, struck a parked 2015 Dodge SUV owned by Nathan Linder, of Lafayette, Ind.

A **46-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 10:01 p.m. Saturday that someone broke into his garage and vehicle, stole several items and damaged his property. The burglary occurred in the 400 block of West Maple.

Two people were arrested after a 65-year-old Hoopes-

ton man alleged he was battered in an incident at 11:01 p.m. Saturday at Lincoln and Euclid.

Arrested were Lucas Morgeson, 32, of Hoopeston, and

Joshua Morgeson, 36, of Plainfield. Each was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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Fire Calls

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Achievement Award; the 2009 Outstanding Service Award from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools; the 2010 Golden Ruler Award from the Regional Office of Education; and the 2015 Visionary Award from the Eastern Illinois Community Action Agency. Nationally, her leadership skills were recognized by the Association of Community College Trustees in 2007 with the Central Region's Outstanding CEO Award.

Despite state budget uncertainty, Harby said the college has a good reputation for student achievement, is financially sound, and should be appealing to presidential prospects.

For her part, while family will play a much more active role in her future, Jacobs said she can't imagine not being involved with the college. "If there is any way I can help DACC in the future, I will not hesitate." She plans to continue her service to community colleges on a state and national level through her involvement with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and as a peer reviewer through the Higher Learning Commission.



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Obituaries

BREYMEYER - Lester A. Breymeyer, 95, of Watseka, formerly of Woodworth, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Tuesday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka; Prairieview Lutheran Home, Danforth or donor's choice.

FINLEY - Ellen Elizabeth (Forney) Finley, 92, of Roscoe, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, at NorthPointe

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, Salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Pizza quesadilla, chips & salsa, baby carrots, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Hotdog or cheeseburger, baked beans, pears, salad bar, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Chicken pot pie w/biscuit or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

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