



## **DUBUQUE AREA LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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### **News release**

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#### **8 Students Receive Education-to-Employment Grant**

Eight students who are getting ready for occupations in the Dubuque-area workforce have been awarded “Education to Employment” grants by the Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council and funded through the sponsorships of Summerfest Dubuque. This brings the number to 173 students supported since 2000. Two students that have been awarded a grant will receive a multi-year grant. Amanda Ties of Dubuque will receive \$4,000 to study Accounting at Loras College, and Jason Tschiggfrie will receive \$2,000 to study Business Administration at NICC.

The recipients – each of whom will get \$1,000 grants – will be recognized at a banquet on Tuesday, November 23 at the Grand River Center.

The Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council will distribute additional funds in financial aid as part of its eleventh annual Education-to-Employment Grants Program starting on November 1.

To show that “there is a future for young people in the tri-state area,” the program is part of the Council’s goal to retain a higher percentage of school graduates in the area workforce and to develop and maintain a highly-skilled workforce.

The Education-to-Employment Grant Program is designed to increase awareness about skilled fields of occupation in the Dubuque area where there is a demand for good workers who need specific education or training to qualify for available jobs. Applicants must indicate that they want to work in the Dubuque area following the completion of their education.

Eligible to apply are the children, foster children, employees, members and underemployed/unemployed spouses of workers affiliated with the over 100 employers, unions and other organizations that are corporate sponsors of Summerfest Dubuque or members of the Labor-Management Council. Also eligible are National Guard and Reserve personnel who have served since September 11, 2001, and their immediate family members.

The program was launched in 1999 and is financed by the proceeds of Summerfest Dubuque, a community music and entertainment extravaganza sponsored by the Labor-Management Council and other employers, unions and individuals in the community. Summerfest Dubuque 2010 is set for Friday, August 13, 5-10 p.m. on Main Street at the Town Clock with music by The R Factor.

Employers and unions may become a sponsor of the program or join the Labor-Management Council to make the immediate families of their employees and members eligible for grant assistance.

Applications and detailed guidelines are available through member or sponsoring organizations. A list of these organizations can be found on the Internet at [www.dalmc.com](http://www.dalmc.com). The guidelines are also posted on the website, and applications can be downloaded from there.

“One of the unique aspects of this program is that people do not need to be straight-A students or show financial need in order to qualify for assistance,” explained Kelly Cooper, Assistant Director of the Labor-Management Council. “We ask that individuals be serious about

their education, be knowledgeable about the growth occupations in the tri-states, and show evidence of their desire and potential to succeed in a high-skill, high-wage jobs in the Dubuque area.”

## **2010 Second Round Recipients**

### **Drew Danner:**

Occupation: Nursing  
School: University of Iowa  
Parents: Mary Jo Danner (Finley Hospital)

### **Kathleen Flurry:**

Occupation: Nursing  
School: University of Dubuque  
Parents: John & Mary Lou Flurry (Carpenters Local 678)

### **Emily Freiburger:**

Occupation: Lab Technician  
School: University of Iowa  
Parents: Gary & Shelly Freiburger (IBEW 204/IBEW 704)

### **Tamara Hammerand:**

Occupation: Medical Lab Technician  
School: NICC  
Parents: Howard & Sandra Hammerand (Mercy Medical Center)

### **Nicholas Merfeld:**

Occupation: Mechanical Engineering  
School: University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
Parents: Jay & Linda Merfeld (Quad/Graphics)

### **Audrey Piekenbrock:**

Occupation: Nursing  
School: Winona State University  
Parents: Charles & Susan Piekenbrock (Flexsteel Industries)

### **Scott Timmerman:**

Occupation: Accounting  
School: St. Ambrose University  
Parents: Kim Murdock-Timmerman (Thermo Fisher Scientific)

### **Jason Tschiggfrie:**

Occupation: Business Administrations  
School: NICC  
Employer: Deere & Co. and U.A.W. Local 94

For more information, or to schedule a presentation about the program for a group, contact Cooper at the Labor-Management Council, at 582-8804.