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September 2023 NEWSLETTER

# Welcome Back Students!



## Dubuque's College Students Receive Warm Welcome from City of Dubuque Mayor Brad Cavanagh

This month, Greater Dubuque Development worked with Mayor Brad Cavanagh to connect with new and returning college students and their families. In collaboration with the administration at Clarke University, Emmaus Bible College, Loras College, Northeast Iowa Community College, the University of Dubuque, and Wartburg Seminary, over 9,000 electronic and physical welcome letters were sent out. The Mayor's welcoming sentiments were accompanied by information about programs targeted at helping college students find gainful and flexible employment, take advantage of public transportation, and explore all the Greater Dubuque region has to offer so that **YOU can be great here.**

[Learn About Programs for Dubuque's New & Returning College Students](#)

Business Services

**YOUR BUSINESS** can be great here.



Business Services

## **Innovation Lab Offers Seed Funding for Entrepreneurial Efforts**

The Innovation Lab, a non-profit organization working to spark economic growth through innovation and entrepreneurship in the Greater Dubuque region, is accepting grant applications for their [Entrepreneurship Event](#) and [Ecosystem Initiative](#) funding programs.

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**Interested in learning more about support for your new or existing business?**

Contact Jason White, Vice President of Business Services, at 563-557-9049 or [jasonw@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:jasonw@greaterdubuque.org).

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## City of Dubuque Continues Push on New Housing

Hats off to the City of Dubuque as it continues its push to support new housing capacity. In the last month, Dubuque has announced several new major housing developments which combined will create nearly 500 new units.

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## “Staging Storefronts” on Central Avenue Curve

A collaboration between Dubuque Initiatives, Key City Creative Center, and Dubuque Main Street is bringing new life to the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Central Avenue in downtown Dubuque with creations and innovations by local artists and entrepreneurs staged in previously empty storefronts.

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**Interested in learning more about our Strategic Initiatives?**

Contact Dave Lyons, Strategic Initiatives Consultant, at 563-557-9049 or [davel@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:davel@greaterdubuque.org).

Workforce Solutions

**YOUR CAREER** can be great here.





Job seekers and area employers connect at the AccessDubuqueJobs.com College Career & Professional Development Fair in March 2023.

#### Career Fair

## Mark Your Calendar: AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair

Employer registration is now open and all area job seekers are encouraged to attend the AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair. Set for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., this career fair will feature over 40 area employers representing full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities the region.

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[Register for an Employer Booth at the AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair](#)



#### Work That Works

## Aligning Workforce Needs with Student Availability

Our Work that Works program is an innovative solution to fill the growing workforce needs of area employers by connecting students at institutions of high learning with flexible schedule, high-paying opportunities.

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**Interested in learning more about our Work That Works program?**  
Contact Nic Hockenberry, Director of Workforce Programming, at 563-557-9049 or [nicolash@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:nicolash@greaterdubuque.org).



Future Leadership Team members offer introductions during the September 6, 2023 meeting held in the board room at Greater Dubuque Development's office at 900 Jackson Street in Dubuque's Historic Millwork District.

[Event Recap](#)

## Future Leadership Team Provides Input on Next Gen Perceptions Survey, New Members Welcomed

On Wednesday, September 6, 2023, the Greater Dubuque Development Future Leadership Team met for its first regularly scheduled meeting for our 2023-2024 fiscal year. Members were welcomed by Rick Dickinson, President & CEO of Greater Dubuque Development and then offered introductions around the room to acquaint returning and incoming Future Leadership Team members with one another. The remainder of the meeting was facilitated by Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention, to engage the Future Leadership Team in shaping our forthcoming "Next Gen Perceptions Survey" that will launch this Fall.

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Night 4 of Distinctively Dubuque was held at the Dubuque Museum of Art where participants toured the current exhibitions, learned about Dubuque's vibrant arts and culture scene, and played a few hands of euchre.

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## Next Distinctively Dubuque Session Starts October 4

It's hard to believe another successful round of Distinctively Dubuque is already in the books! The final night of our 54th session included a tour of the Historic Millwork District, dinner and stunning views atop the Dupaco Community Credit Union Operations Center, and a panel of community leaders sharing insights into what exciting things are on the horizon for the Greater Dubuque region. The final session of 2023 will kick off on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 and dates are set for all 2024 sessions. Registration is open for this FREE, fun, and interactive class, geared towards newcomers that have moved to the area within the last 5 years.

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AccessDubuqueJobs.com Update

# YOUR SUPPORT can be great here.

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### New Investors

- Welu, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity Dubuque and Jackson Counties
- City of Dyersville

### Renewed Investors

- Innovation Ag
- Honkamp P.C.
- Morrison Bros. Co.
- Premier Tooling & Manufacturing
- Rainbo Oil Company
- Rt&T Enterprises
- Uelner Precision Tool & Die
- Universal Tank & Fabrication
- Zero Zone, Inc.



**Interested in becoming a Workforce Solutions investor with unlimited posting options on [AccessDubuqueJobs.com](#)?**

Contact Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention, at 563-557-9049 or [mandid@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:mandid@greaterdubuque.org).

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#### Community Information

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#### Get Involved

### Connect with the Greater Dubuque Community Through Volunteering

Volunteer DBQ, a partnership between the United Way of the Dubuque Area Tri-States and the City of Dubuque AmeriCorps program connects community members with agencies who can utilize their time and talents to enhance the quality of life in our region.

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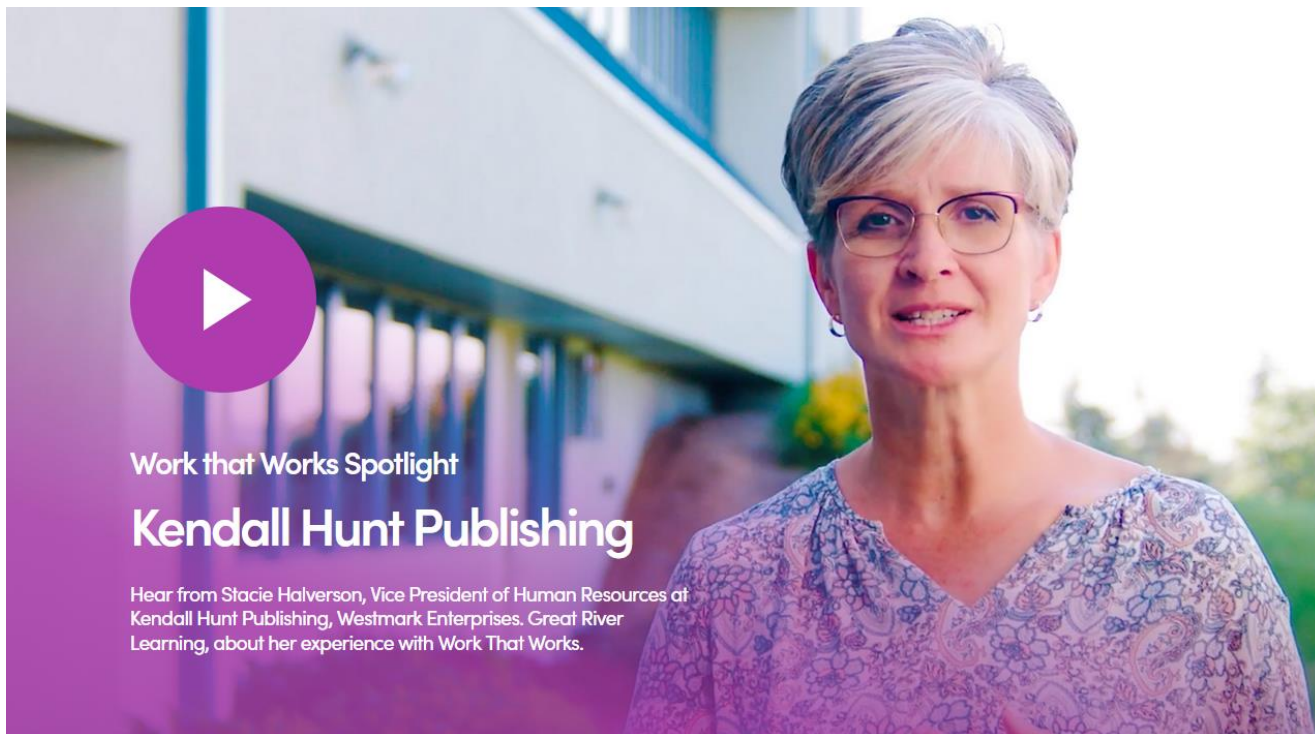


#### Community News

## DRA Awards More than \$1 Million Through Core Grant Program

The DRA, thanks to its gaming and entertainment facilities, recently announced grants to 52 organizations in the tri-state area to support programs and initiatives that focus on people attraction initiatives.

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#### Upcoming Events

## YOUR NETWORK can be great here.

**Saturday, September 30**

### Latinx Fiesta

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 62 E 7th St., Dubuque, IA

Celebrate the diverse cultures, art, music and cuisine of Latin America at the Latinx Fiesta hosted by Dubuque Unidos. This FREE family-friendly festival will take place inside and outside the Smokestack and in the parking lot of the Dubuque County Courthouse at the intersection of 7th and Central Streets in downtown Dubuque. The event will feature Latin



food, live music from Latin bands, dancers performing traditional Latin American dances, vendors selling Latin-inspired crafts and art, and a Latinx art exhibit.

[Learn More >](#)

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**Friday, October 6**

## **“Staging Storefronts” Community Event**

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 1700-1800 Blocks of Central Avenue | Dubuque, IA**

Join Key City Creative Center, Dubuque Initiatives, and Dubuque Main Street to learn more about the Staging Storefronts effort and meet the artists and entrepreneurs participating in the program. Temporarily occupied storefronts throughout the 1700-1800 block of Central Avenue in downtown Dubuque will be open to the public, with entrepreneurs on-hand to talk about their products and services. This FREE event will also feature live music with neighborhood restaurants and established businesses open extended hours.

[Learn More >](#)

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**Wednesday, October 11**

## **AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair**

**1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Hotel Julien | 200 Main St., Dubuque, IA**

Calling all job seekers to Greater Dubuque Development's AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair. Connect with over 40 area employers representing top jobs in the Greater Dubuque region. This event is FREE and open to the public. Employer booths are still available for no charge to all Workforce Solutions Investors.

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# **YOU Can Be Great Here Campaign**

**Our sights are set on 5 goals through 2027.**

**Grow our regional workforce to over 64,000 jobs.**

**Support median household income to reach \$76,000.**

**Encourage and facilitate \$1 billion of new construction.**

**Reduce regional poverty by 5%.**

**Reach a population of 105,000 in the Greater Dubuque region.**

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