

# Colo-Nesco Holds Career and College Fair

By Brett Van Waus

Colo-NESCO hosted its Fall Career and College Fair and Iowa College Application Campaign event on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the high school in Colo.

Forty businesses and college departments were in attendance including: 3M, about.me, ACCESS Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support, Accumold, Advance Services, Inc., Ames Chamber of Commerce, Colo-NESCO CSD Director of Information Technology, Colo Telephone Company, Danfoss Power Solutions (US) Company, DMACC Civil Engineering Technology, DMACC Story County Consortium, DMACC Auto Collision Technology, DMACC Health Information Technology (HIT) Program, DMACC Health Occupations/Advanced CNA (Nevada), DMACC Optometric/Ophthalmic Technician Program, DMACC Visual Communication/Web Design, DuPont, Drake University Department of Art and Design, Fire Department (Zearing), Heartland AEA Physical Therapists and Speech Pathologists, Imaging Rox, Indian Hills Community College Robotics/Automation Technology Program, Iowa Central Community College Business Department (Accounting Associate, Computer Networking Technology, Criminal Justice, Graphic and Web Technology), Iowa Central Community College Health Science Department, Iowa Central Community College Engineering & Design Technology Program, Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa Public Television, Iowa Veterans Home, Life Connections, Minerva Valley Companies, NAI—Electric [Nikkel and Associates, Inc. Electrical Contractors], Police Officers Deputy Quinn and Deputy Boeckman from the Patrol Division, Story Construction, Story County – County Outreach and Special Project Manager, Story County – Veterans Affairs, USDA National Centers for Animal Health, Van Wall Group, Volunteer Center of Story County, Woodruff Construction, LLC, and Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. Representatives from the Air Force and the Army also attended.

Fourteen colleges attended, including DMACC, Ellsworth Community College, Graceland University, Grand View University, Iowa State University, Marshalltown Community College, Mercy College of Health Sciences, Simpson College, Waldorf College, Wartburg College, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Upper Iowa University and La'James



**Colo-NESCO parent Stacie Hostetler and her three children Brevik (Pre-K), Abigail (fourth grade) and Emily (seventh grade), learn about the DMACC Auto Collision Technology Program from instructor Kirk Stamper. (Photo submitted)**

International College (LJIC).

Colo-NESCO saw 23 out of 36 seniors apply to colleges as part of the Iowa College Application Campaign. As part of this event, seniors Devin Francis and Kate Hulshizer won two \$25 Visa gift cards donated by the Ames Chamber of Commerce. Colo-NESCO was also able to award 20 students with free breakfast pizza and many others chose to use their "pink check-out slips" as extra credit in a class.

Colo-NESCO thanks all of the participants and

attendees of our Fall Career and College Fair. We look forward to hosting our Spring Career and College Fair in March!

If you would like more information or are interested in participating in the Spring Fair, please contact Jessica Radmaker, K-12 school counselor ([jradmaker@colonesco.k12.ia.us](mailto:jradmaker@colonesco.k12.ia.us)) or Kandice Roethler, K-12 Talented and Gifted and Homeschool coordinator.