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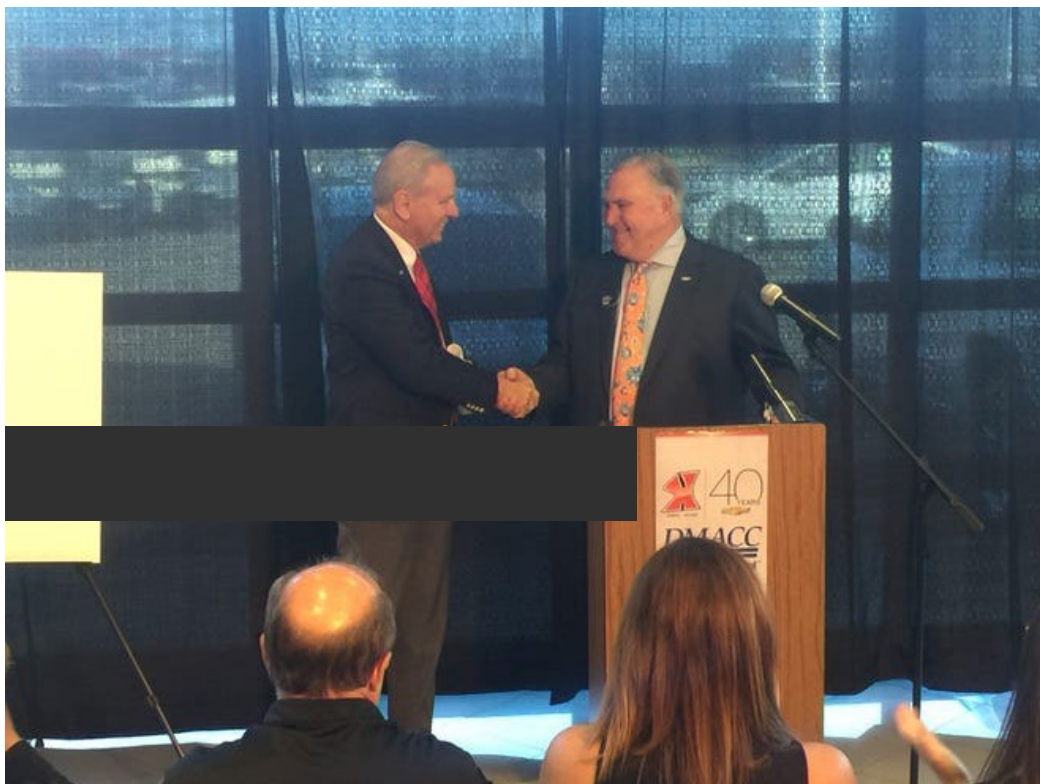
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Karl Chevrolet donates \$1 million to expand DMACC's automotive facility in Ankeny

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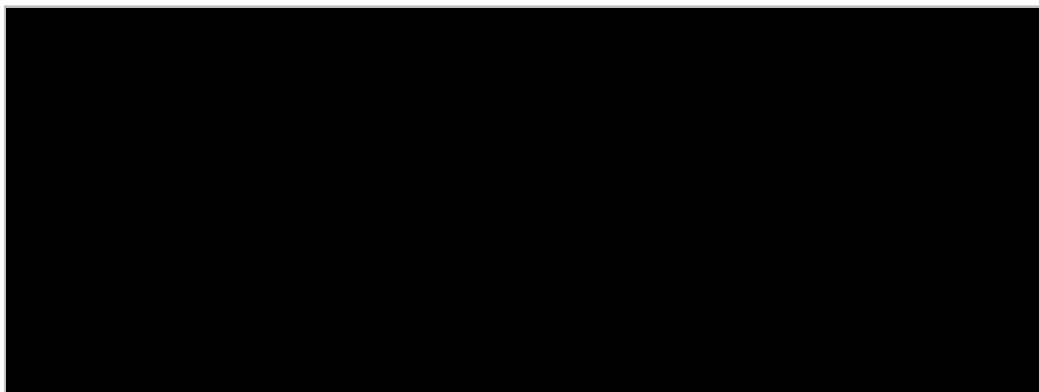
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Carl Moyer, right, of Karl Chevrolet in Ankeny, announces a \$1 million donation to the Des Moines Area Community College to expand the Automotive Technology Center on the Ankeny DMACC campus. *Makayla Tendall/ The Register*

Des Moines Area Community College will renovate and expand the Automotive Technology Center at its Ankeny campus after receiving a \$1 million donation from Carl and Penny Moyer, owners of Karl Chevrolet.

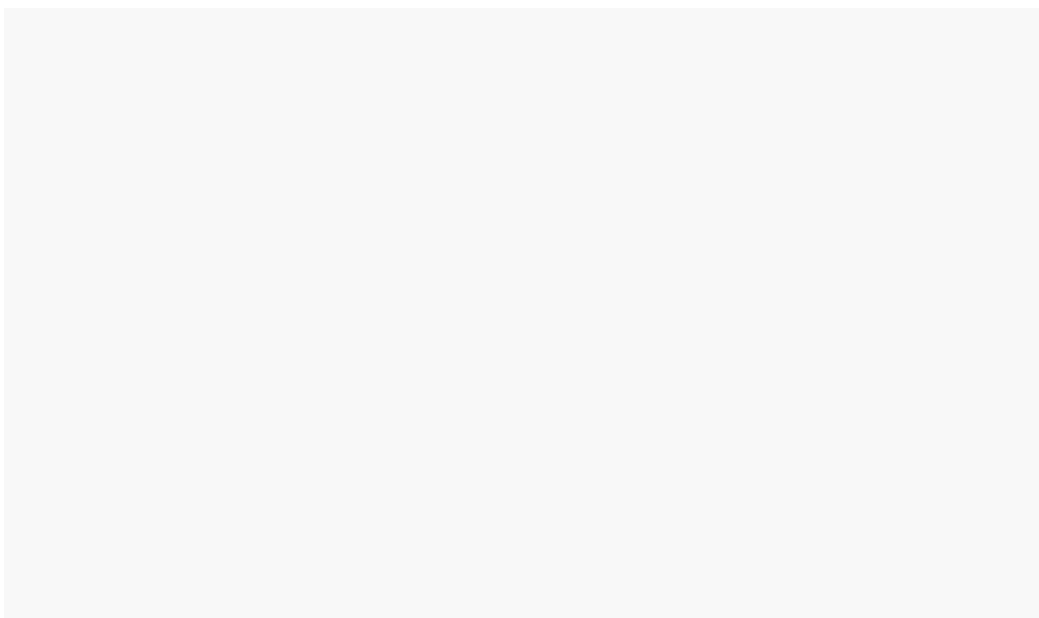
Carl Moyer announced the donation Wednesday morning at the dealership off S.E. Oralabor Road in Ankeny.



The Des Moines Area Community College intends to expand their automotive education facility, named in honor of Karl Chevrolet, which donated \$1 million to the project on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018. A rendering depicts the facility once finished. *DLR Group/ Special To The Register*

DMACC President Rob Denson said the automotive education facility at the Ankeny campus — in use since 1980 — has been in "desperate need" of renovation and expansion for years.

"We actually have to pull cars out in the aisle so students can work on them in the way they're supposed to," Denson said of the existing center. "We needed to expand for a long time. This will allow us to double the size of the facility."



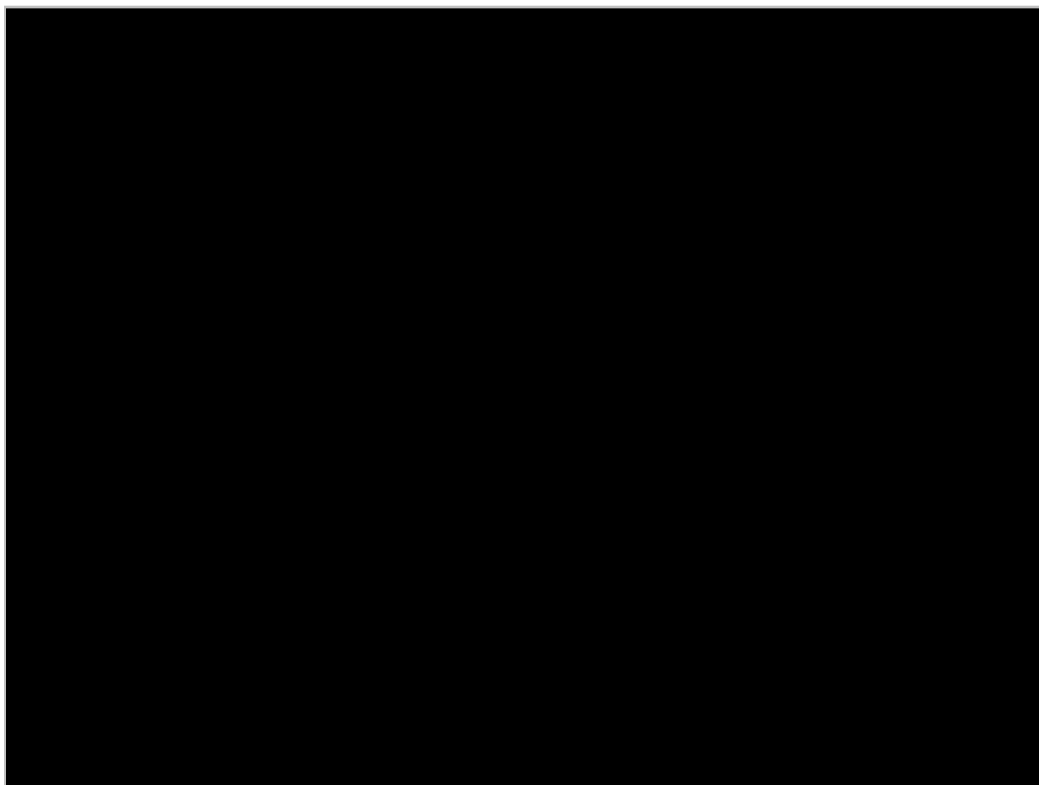
Since Karl Chevrolet opened 40 years ago, Moyer said the dealership has a long history of working with DMACC and hiring its graduates. A few months ago, when DMACC had a plan ready for expansion, Denson met with Moyer about the

possibility of a donation.

"It took one meeting, less than 30 minutes," Denson said. "To go from zero to a million bucks in just a few minutes, that warms a president's heart."

Moyer said it was an easy decision.

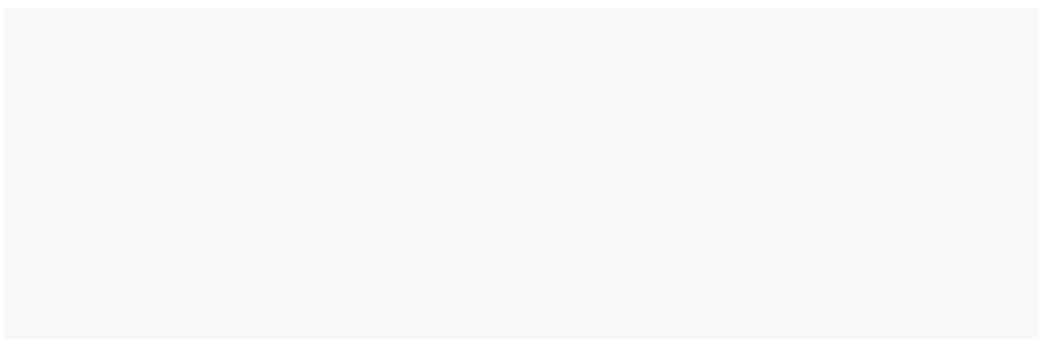
"(Denson) told me what he needed. I said 'Is that all you need? You got it,'" Moyer said. "What we get from DMACC is a good quality product. That's why we're on board."

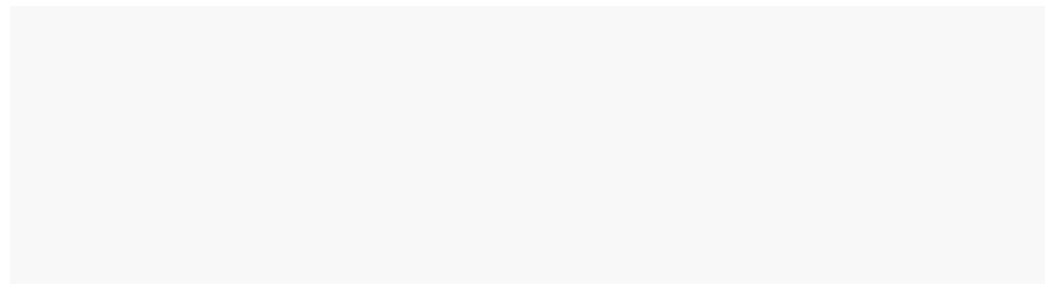


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DMACC has secured Des Moines-based architect DLR Group for the \$12 million project. Construction should begin next spring.

The project will include doubling the Automotive Technology Center by adding 20,000 square feet of space, renovating the existing 40,000 square feet, adding 22 more vehicle bays, new classrooms and student lounge, conference room and showroom. Nine classrooms in the existing facility will be renovated.



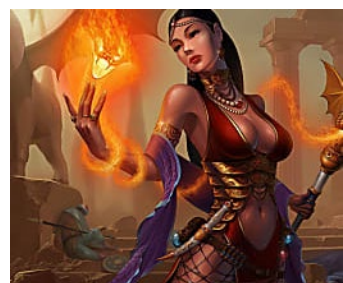


The facility will be named the Karl Automotive Technology Center. Moyer said the donation strengthens the relationship between Karl Chevrolet, DMACC and the Ankeny community.

Expanding the reach of the automotive education program is also prudent as more skilled workers are needed for trade professions locally and across Iowa, Denson said.

"That's one of the reasons community colleges are so successful," Denson said. "We are joined at the hip with local businesses. We're all in this together."

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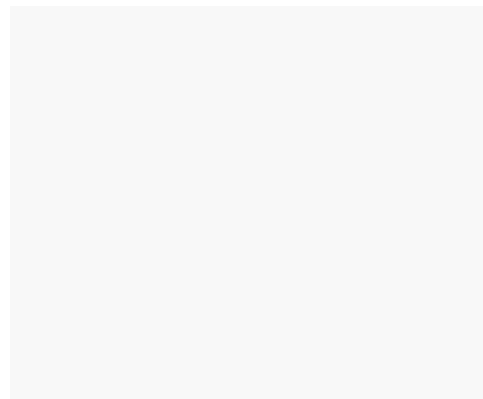
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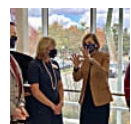
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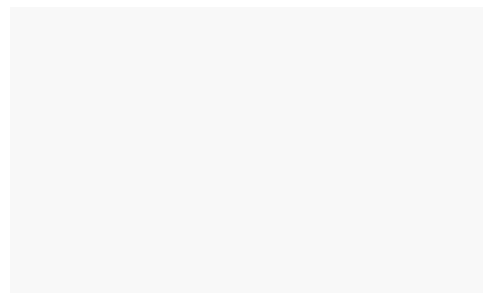
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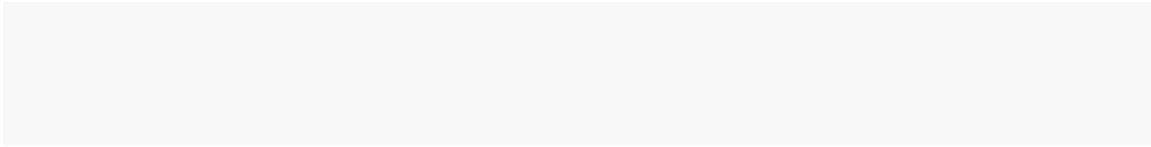
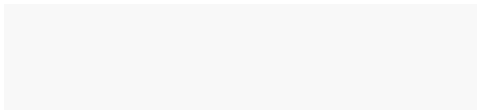


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