



Welcome back MVCC employees

Convocation Set for August 16th

*A message from the President
Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D.*

Greetings,

As this warm and sunny summer winds down, we are well positioned for another outstanding year at MVCC.

We met the challenge to balance the budget for the coming year ; broke ground on the new Robert Jorgensen Athletic Center; and are making a number of improvements to classrooms, spaces, and grounds at both campuses.

The start of the fall semester is fast approaching and I look forward to August 16, when we'll hold Convocation to open the 2010-11 academic year. Convocation

Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. in the MVCC Commons and the formal program will begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Theatre on the Utica Campus. At Convocation we will welcome new faculty and staff as members of the College community and preview the coming year.

In addition, this year we will have a very exciting August Institute on Tuesday, August 17, with an array of interesting workshops for all employees. Look for more detailed information in the coming days and plan to attend one or more of these sessions.

College offices associated with direct service to students during registration should remain open with minimal coverage during Convocation, which will end around 10 a.m.

Again, I hope you've had an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you on August 16th and 17th.

Thanks for all you do for our students.
Randy



Dr. VanWagoner



CAMPUS COMES ALIVE - Both the Utica and Rome campuses will be buzzing with life beginning on Monday, August 16, when the faculty returns from summer break in preparation for the arrival of the students the following week. Check the College's television system, email and other signage for messages of coming events this fall.

MV's first faculty member to be honored Monday

As Mohawk Valley Community College continues its commitment to educating the leaders of the future, we must not forget the past and those individuals who paved the way for the College to become such an exceptional and inspirational institution it is today.

Returning to the Mohawk Valley to help celebrate MVCC's future and highlight the past will be the College's first faculty member, Seymour R. "Steve" Eskow, Ph.D., Eskow joined the college when it was known as The New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences at Utica in 1946. The Institute was the founding institution that led to MVCC, New York State's first-ever community college.

Eskow will be recognized and honored at Monday's Board of Trustees meeting, which will be held in Room 300 of Payne Hall.

Eskow was the first faculty member hired, became the first

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August Institute offers a day of enrichment

This fall's August Institute will take place Tuesday, August 17. The August Institute brings the faculty and staff community together in an inviting learning environment, with presentations by colleagues and peers.

The online signup for August Institute sessions is now available at <http://www.mvcc.edu/training/fi/>. Seats are limited and faculty and staff are invited to sign up as soon as possible for the sessions they want.

The day starts with coffee and networking at 8:45 a.m. in the IT Lobby. Informative workshops will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on topics such as Student Motivation, Classroom Management, Netiquette, Supervisory Tools, Web Page Creation, Learning Communities, and much more! Following the presentations, there will be a casual lunch from 12:15-1 p.m. in the IT Lobby.

Employees may register for as many workshop sessions as their work schedules allow. Supervisors in all areas are urged to facilitate employees participation while maintaining adequate staffing for frontline service needs. Registrations will be accepted right up to the start time of each event or until seats are filled. It is sure to be an exciting and stimulating day and all are encouraged to attend the session or sessions of their choosing.

First faculty honored

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dean of instruction, and left in 1963 to become President of Rockland Community College. Recounts Eskow, "Back then it was on-the-job training, and we loved it: we felt we were part of educational history."

At Monday's Board meeting, he'll be honored with a ceremony in which the College will present him with a symbol of its appreciation that will be permanently displayed in our boardroom in Dr. Eskow's honor. In the ceremony, Eskow will be honored for "his historic contributions to MVCC's educational excellence as our first faculty member in 1946 and first Dean of Instruction in 1953."

The Board of Trustees will present Eskow with an historical artifact of the college's first-ever large-scale construction project, the building of the present-day Utica campus. The College's first campus was a former country day school in New Hartford, which was soon expanded to a second building in downtown Utica. Eskow was also a strong supporter of dormitories at the College in an era when such a notion was viewed "as a challenge to community college orthodoxy."

Back in 1946, Paul B. Richardson was the Director of the Institute who oversaw the faculty of nine. They were Ralph G. Hoag (Registrar and assistant director), Harold Burdick and Leonard Schwartz (department heads), Robert Henry, William Chamberlain, Willard Sauter, Kenneth Doran, Eskow and Albert Payne (instructors).

There were 53 students registered on October 15 of that year and the Student Activities Counsel was organized 10 days later. On January 6, 1947, Textile Technology was introduced as a field of study with each course costing \$5.

Presenters and sessions include:

- David Katz - Classroom Management - Get Them On Your Side!
- Jim Lynch - E-Mails May be Used as Evidence!
- Anne Ichihana, Maimun Khan and Rialdo Alibegic - Book Discussion: "Things Fall Apart."
- Rick Rosero - Helping students succeed in spite of their emotional baggage!
- Cheryl Plescia - Learner-Centered Strategies for Improving Academic Success.
- Jennifer Boulanger - Linking Courses to Enhance Learning - Learning Communities Preparation, Part 1.
- David Katz - Emotional Intelligence, Student Efficacy & Student Success.
- Matt Snyder - When Will the Web Site Be Done? Where the Heck is My Page? And other Frequently Asked Questions.
- Robert Christman, Maimun Khan and Matt Russo - Creating a Safe Zone for the Invisible Minority.
- Sandra Engel - MVCC Going Global: Overseas Opportunities for Students, Faculty and Staff.
- Jennifer Boulanger - Linking Courses to Enhance Learning - Learning Communities Preparation, Part 2.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, August 16

Convocation Breakfast, ACC Snack Bar, 8 a.m.

Convocation, Theater, 8:45 a.m.

All-Faculty Meeting, Theater, 1-2:30 p.m.

Learning & Language Design Center Meeting, AB 157, 2:30 p.m.

Arts & Humanities Center Meeting, ACC 116, 2:30 p.m.

Life & Health Sciences Center Meeting, PH 102, 2:30 p.m.

Mathematics, Engineering, Physical Sciences &

Applied Technologies Center Meeting, AB 145, 2:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, August 17

August Institute, IT Building, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18

Administrators' Meeting, IT 225, 8:30-10 a.m.

Thursday, August 19

Social Science, Business & Information Sciences

Center Meeting, AB 141, 1 p.m.

Friday, August 20

Residence Hall check-in - new students,

ACC Snack Bar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, August 21

Residence Hall check-in - academic probation students,

New Hall, noon- 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 22

Residence Hall check-in -- returning students,

New Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, August 23

Major Gifts Campaign Committee Meetings, PH 300, 8:30 a.m.

Start of Classes, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, August 24

Cabinet Meeting, PH 304, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 26

Welcome Back Concert - Shontelle, Theater, 8 p.m.

August 30-September 3

Welcome Week events for students, Utica Campus

Thursday, September 2

Student BBQ—Utica, Quad, noon-2 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Student BBQ—Rome, Plumley Atrium, noon- 2 p.m.

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