



August Institute Success!

The results of this year's August Institute are in and they show increasing participation by faculty and staff. Almost 200 employees registered for over 300 seats available among the eleven sessions offered on August 17, an increase of almost 37 percent over the 2009 program.

Organizers attribute the program's growth to the work the Committee did to respond to comments and suggestions they received from the evaluation of the 2009 August Institute.

"The faculty and staff response to last year's program evaluations drove this year's menu of session offerings," commented Dave Katz, Coordinator of Faculty and Staff Enrichment.

"Norma Chrisman and everyone in the Educational Technology Office deserve all the credit for creating the electronic registration and evaluation processes that help us respond effectively to faculty and staff interests."

Katz also credited the high quality of the August Institute presentations as well. "As a community college, we pride ourselves on the quality of teaching," he said. "That quality extends beyond the traditional classroom to venues and programs like our Enrichment Institute series."

The goal of the Employee Enrichment Committee is to have every full-time employee of the College attend at least one enrichment session each semester.

"That's all going to depend on us putting together an excellent series of sessions that appeal to the interests and needs of our faculty and staff," Katz concluded, "and we're looking forward to meeting that standard."

Hot on the heels of August Institute will be October institute, a day of enrichment geared toward all interested faculty and staff. Topics will include updates on the Web site, wellness, nutrition, and more as well as special early-morning sessions for third shift employees. October Institute: Monday, Oct. 11, 4:45 a.m.-1 p.m. and open to all! Watch for announcements in upcoming editions of Communitas and MVCC Today.



AUGUST INSTITUTE - As the importance of staff development becomes more prominent at colleges across the nation, MVCC's August Institute helped prepare the College's employees for the challenges ahead.



MVCC loses one of its best

Professor Sam (Salvatore) Drogo passed away on Wednesday doing what he loved most, helping his students realize and achieve their true potential. As a member of the Center for Life and Health Sciences at MVCC since 1974, Sam was considered the heart and soul of the Anatomy and Physiology program and a true mentor to all his colleagues, young and old.

Sam devoted his energies to his students and to improving his craft and the quality of the experience his students enjoyed. He was unmatched in his interest and skills in applying innovative technologies to the classroom and lab. He was a completely unselfish individual who spent much of his time outside of class meeting with students and advisees, counseling them, motivating them, and helping to guide them in realistic career directions.

Sam was recognized for his dedication in 1978 when he was awarded the MVCC Award for Excellence in Service. In 2008 he was selected as the MVCC Award for Excellence in Teaching and received the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2009.

"If Sam is to be remembered by students for anything, it will be for his enthusiasm for education and for his fairness and objectivity in dealing with students and colleagues," said one of his colleagues. In the words of one of his students, "Mr. Drogo is an amazing teacher."

On the national stage Sam was a long time member of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society. He was acknowledged by colleagues from across the nation as a dedicated and effective educator. He frequently presented at national conferences on a range of topics and was instrumental in the development of the HAPS comprehensive A&P exam. His friends at MVCC and across the country know him as a quality educator who never sought the limelight but rather just did his job and influenced hundreds of lives for the better.

Sam was a member of the MVCC Professional Association, New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). He was the recipient of the NY-SUT and MVCC PA Outstanding Service Award and the Central New York Labor Council Samuel Gompers Award.

MVCC has lost one of its best.

Honoring MVCC's Dedicated Employees

Dawson McDermott was presented a cookie and balloons from John Joyce along with a plaque from President VanWagoner for 10 years of service. Dawson is the Coordinator of Academic Advisement. ▶



Ralph Feola shares in a laugh with Lynn Breen after she received a plaque for 25 years of service to the College. Lynn is a member of the Auxiliary Services staff. ▼



Fred Dyer was all chuckles as he was presented a plaque for 25 years of service at the College by President VanWagoner. Fred started at MVCC on July 16, 1985 and works in receiving for Facilities. ▲



Moses Hines was joined by President VanWagoner and other members of the Facilities staff in celebrating 10 years of service to the College. Moses joined MVCC in March, 2000. ▶



What's up with the Strategic Planning Committee?

At its first meeting on Monday, August 30, the Strategic Planning Committee identified a number of tasks to be completed during this academic year. In addition to reviewing progress on objectives identified in the 2010-2011 Annual Plan, the committee will be selecting and recommending the Initiatives to be addressed during the 2011-2012 Academic Year. Once approved by the Cabinet, these will be communicated to the college community early in the budget process. The committee will also be conducting sessions with administrators to insure that budget requests are linked to the Strategic Plan.

the next iteration of the College's Strategic Plan. In September, the Strategic Horizon Network will be helping the College conduct sessions with focus groups from the community. The focus groups will provide valuable information on external factors affecting the College. The Strategic Planning Committee will be conducting a scan to determine internal factors likely to affect the college and its programs. These "environmental scans" will provide the framework that will allow us to review and revise our Strategic Plan.

that helps us to effectively manage and control services, processes and fiscal resources. Maintenance of an effective plan requires disciplined, systematic, coordinated, and sustained effort. We invite you to stay involved with the planning process and ask for your continued support and cooperation.

For more information, or if you have questions about the Strategic Planning Committee, please contact:

Chair: Mark Radlowski, PH 329, 792-5467, mradlowski@mvcc.edu

Vice-Chair: John Bullis, PH 307, 792-5307, jbullis@mvcc.edu

The College's Strategic Plan is more than a document-it provides a basic indicator of the strength of our institution

Summer Picnic door prize winners

Golf Balls: Zyn Jackiw
Golf Balls: Margaret Decker
Golf Balls: Rosemary Spetka
Golf Balls: Patti Armitage
Umbrella: Amy Tallman
Umbrella: Jay Salsberg

Shirt: Stuart Deane
Bookstore Gift Card:
 Geri Sultenfuss
 David Yahnke

Dr. Searles selected to Carnegie panel

Dr. George J. Searles, a Professor for the Center of Arts & Humanities, is serving on the selection panel for the Carnegie Foundation's 2010 Professors of the Year awards. He was recruited because he was New York State's Carnegie Foundation winner in 2002.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day - College Closed

Tuesday, September 7

- 2:00 pm - Lecture (DGV): Author & Poet Sofia Starnes, IT 225
- 2:30 pm - College Senate, PH 300
- 7:00 pm - Lecture (DGV): Author & Poet Sofia Starnes, IT 225
- 7:00 pm - MV Café Live: "Great Elk," Indie-Folk Rock, ACC 116
- 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Wednesday, September 8

- Noon - Brown Bag Lunch Series: "If You Want to Get Out Alive: How to Study Math and Science," ACC 116
- 3:30 pm - Lecture (DGV): "Study Abroad" w/MVCC Faculty, IT 225
- 7:00 pm - Concert: Plastic Musik, Theater
- 7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116
- 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, September 9

- 8:00 am - W.I.C., ACC 116
- Noon - Student Barbecue, PC Atrium
- 2:00 pm - Art Lecture: Sean Usyk, MVCC Alumnus, IT 225
- 4:00 pm - CSTEP, IT 220
- 7:00 pm - Discussion (DGV): "A Killer Named Hatch: Massacre on Potato Hill," Theater

Friday, September 10

- 2:00 pm - New Faculty Institute: Monthly Workshop, IT 225
- 7:00 pm - MV Café Live: "Great Elk," Indie-Folk Rock, PC Auditorium
- 8:00 pm - Concert: The Bomb, Theater

Saturday, September 11

- 7:00 am - Chess Tournament, IT 225

Procedure for reserving space at MVCC

This is just a quick update/reminder on how both on-and off-campus groups go about reserving space [conference rooms, lobbies, classrooms, MVCC Theater, etc.] at MVCC.

- The VPLAA Office is responsible for responsible for the coordination of campus classrooms for on-campus instructional purposes.

- * Contact VRoach@mvcc.edu or call the VPLAA Office at 792-5301 [x5301]

- The Office of Facilities and Operation is responsible for the coordination of campus events sponsored by on-campus groups [groups affiliated with MVCC such as clubs, academic centers, etc.]. This office does not reserve the MVCC Theater [see below].

- * Contact RStarsiak@mvcc.edu or call Facilities and Operations at 792-5396 [x5396]

- The Office of Events is responsible for the coordination of campus events produced by off-campus groups and use of the Theater for both on-and off-campus groups.

- * Contact Events@mvcc.edu or call the Office of Events at 731-5864 [x5864] or 731-5722 [x5722]

- * Downloadable rental forms can be found online at www.mvcc.edu/events

Job Listings at MVCC

Position Title: Controller

Salary: In the mid \$70's.

Job Duties: Is responsible for the oversight and management of the College's fiscal affairs and provides service leadership for all Business Office functions including: Bursar's Office, payroll, accounts receivable and payable, purchasing, restricted funds, project accounting, banking, budget preparation and control, student receivables and management of student financial aid funds, grants management, investments and all aspects of internal and external audits and compliance. Directs, guides and trains staff in the achievement of these objectives.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field and ten (10) years demonstrated progressively responsible experience in a complex automated accounting environment and spreadsheet proficiency required. Experience in the field of municipal and/or fund accounting, SCT Banner for financial management in accounting and accounting in higher education, ideally in a community college preferred.

Please contact Human Resources for application instructions.

Application Deadline: September 20, 2010

Position Title: Events Coordinator

Salary: In the \$30's.

Job Duties: Supports events administration with coordination of conference scheduling and facility requests for the Utica and Rome Campuses. Assists in the management of cultural events and entertainment on both campuses including budgeting, revenue processing and bookings. Coordinates and supervises technical and events staff and serves as liaison to the Cultural Events Council and Diversity and Global View Committee.

Qualifications: Associate's degree in related field and one year experience in events coordination required, Bachelor's degree preferred.

Please contact Human Resources for application instructions.

Application Deadline: September 20, 2010

Position Title: Adjunct Faculty

Specific needs for Fall 2010 exist in the following academic areas and require a Bachelor's degree in the discipline and a Master's degree in a related field unless otherwise specified:

Composition - Immediate and October class starts for daytime and evening assignments on the Utica and Rome campuses;

Computer Operating Systems & Environments – daytime assignments, Utica;

English/Writing; General Biology - daytime assignments;

Human Life Science - daytime assignments;

Environmental Science - daytime assignments;

Computer Applications/Food Service - daytime assignments, Rome, Associate's degree in discipline and work experience required;

Developmental Mathematics – Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, Master's degree preferred;

Developmental Chemistry – Bachelor's degree in discipline, Master's degree preferred;

English as a Second Language (ESL) - Bachelor's degree in TESOL, ESL or Linguistics required, Master's degree and/or NYS certification in ESL instruction preferred;

Spanish – Master's degree in Spanish required.

Please contact Human Resources for application instructions.

**Submit information for *Communitas*
to Rich Haubert
at rhaubert@mvcc.edu**

Athlete of the Week

The Hawks men's soccer team took flight for the season with a 2-1 overtime victory over nationally ranked Howard Community College in the Finger Lakes Kick-Off Tournament.

Both of MVCC's goals were scored by sophomore striker Steven Wilday, earning him MVCC Athlete of the Week honor.

The Hawks went on to capture the tournament title to begin the season 2-0.

Wilday is a Physical Education major who graduated from Galway High School.



Wilday

CCED helps promote tourism with Ambassador Training Program

In an effort to promote the Mohawk Valley as a tourist destination, Mohawk Valley Community College's Center for Corporate and Community Education has developed a six-hour "Ambassador Training Program" designed to better inform employees of regional businesses on what the area has to offer.

Tourism is a significant sector of the region's economy, generating almost \$1 billion annually for hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, restaurants, convenience stores, golf courses, tourist attractions and retail establishments. MVCC, working in conjunction with The Genesis Group and Oneida County Tourism, will host the "Ambassador Training Program" training which will be held over two evenings from 4-7 p.m. on the Utica Campus.

Topics to be covered:

- Know your Region
- Customer Service
- First Impressions
- Communication Skills
- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Team Work
- Listening & Speaking Skills
- Familiarization Tour

Regional companies taking part in this program will enable their employees to hone skills in customer service as well as educate them on the region's assets to be shared with customers and visitors. A familiarization bus tour of the region, including lunch, will be held on May 12, 2011 to wrap up the course. Participants will receive discounted tickets to area attractions, and a certificate upon successful completion.

Training sessions for the fall are scheduled as follows: September 13 and 20; October 11 and 18; November 8 and 15; and December 13 and 20. The instructor will be Melissa Kehler and the registration fee is \$40 per student.

For information or to register, call 792-5300 or visit www.mvcc.edu/cced.

MVCC now offers Study Abroad courses

In spring 2011, MVCC will offer two separate sections of SA300, Study Abroad. Each course includes coursework on campus as well as during overseas travel. The on-campus study begins the courses and further study while traveling ends the courses.

One section, SA300 Greece, will be taught by Professors Carolyn West Pace and Robert Chrisman. Students will study the history of Greek art and the major Greek philosophers and will include a nine-day "Treasures of Greece" tour through EF College Study Tours which will include visits to Athens, Delphi, Patras, Epidaurus, and Mycenae.

The other section, SA300 London and Paris, will be taught by Professors Jed Kimball and David Nackley. The course will introduce students to the art, music and literature of the two capitals and will include a nine-day EF College Study Tour which includes a walking tour of London, a visit to Oxford, a trip via Eurostar through the English Channel to France, a guided tour of Paris and a visit to Versailles.

Students who are interested should contact the International Education Office (sengel@mvcc.edu, or studyabroad@mvcc.edu the faculty offering the courses, cpace@mvcc.edu or jkimball2@mvcc.edu.

New ID Cards & Gate Passes

Employees who have been issued ID Cards that act as parking "gate passes" please be aware:

- Embedded in the ID Card / Gate Pass is a small computer chip, each with its own unique number. That number is entered into a software program, which when you hold the card to the reader is recognized and the gate is activated.
- If the card is left near a cell phone, magnet, electrical field, other cards with chips, is bent, cracked, or has a hole punched it - the chip is likely to be rendered useless and the gate will not activate.
- To obtain a new card you will need to go through the entire process of a photo retake and getting the new chip number inputted into the software.

This note was sent from an instructor at Proctor to our Upward Bound staff following a tragic car accident in Iowa, killing two teenage brothers of an Upward Bound ESL student. It truly sums up the program and its people.

Todd, Brandon, Marge + everyone @ UB,
Just a note of thanks for all the continued support you give our ESL students. I was thoroughly impressed by your support through Greenland's recent tragedy. It really warmed my heart to see you at the funeral. The "UB taxi service" for Thao + Tien is so thoughtful and I know you do countless other things to provide all your students the best opportunities in life. We need more programs like yours and certainly more outstanding people like yourselves in the world.
Thanks again, Jason