



The Phantom has landed in Rome

After nearly two years of planning and 14 months of work, the F-4 Phantom aircraft moved on Friday, December 10, from the College's Aviation Training Center at the Oneida County Airport and was mounted in front of the EADS (Eastern Air Defense Sector) facility located in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome.

The entire aircraft was refurbished by the Airframe and Powerplant program students, taking 3,000-4,000 man hours to complete the project.

"The students were able to apply their sheet metal training, corrosion control and aircraft finishing training to a real aircraft which is excellent exposure for them," said Walter Constantini, Director of MVCC's Airframe & Powerplant Certificate Program. "There were three classes consisting of approximately 55 students who put time in on this project for the Air Force. There were weeks when we spent a full day of classes working on the aircraft."

The F-4 Phantom was manufactured by McDonnell Douglas, and features two J79 Spey turbojet afterburning engines with a top speed of 1,485 mph. This aircraft came from the radar testing site in Newport (NY) and needed to be completely renovated. Repairs included fixing holes cut into the fuselage where the Air Force research lab attached a cage for mounting to a test stand. The holes were repaired by new pieces of skin being fabricated and installed by students. Water damage over the years caused the Plexiglas of the rear canopy to crack. According to Constantini, there were no replacement canopies available so the students fabricated a new one out of aluminum



UP AND OVER - The F-4 Phantom is lifted over the fence at the Eastern Air Defense Sector Headquarters on Friday, December 10. Students from MVCC's Airframe and Powerplant program refurbished the aircraft for the Air Force.

sheet metal.

Because the lab had used the aircraft to simulate several different F-4 models - each with different nose configurations - students re-skinned the nose section and a new airspeed probe was machined for the tip of the nose. In order to prepare the aircraft for primer and final painting, sheet metal repairs were made on the wings, the tail section and the surface was treated to prevent further corrosion. All the seams on the top of the aircraft were sealed to prevent water penetration into the structure.

"Everyone who worked on this was excited about it being placed on display and proud of their accomplishment. Most of them agree it was a unique opportunity and are glad to have had the experience," said Constantini. "The Air Force was very impressed with the final result."

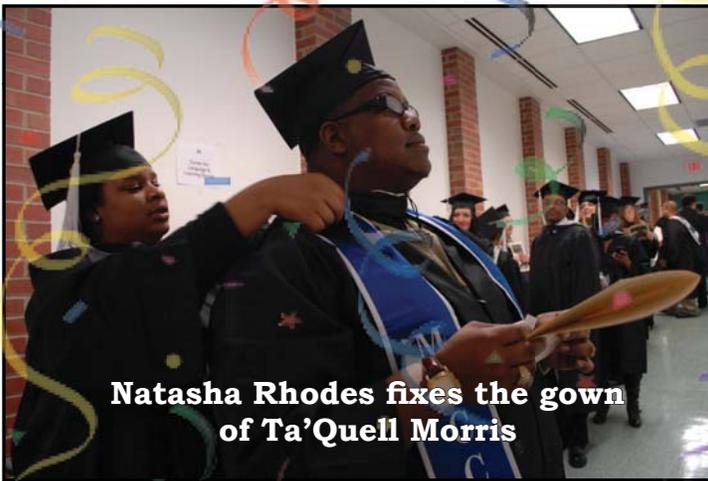
The paint scheme on the aircraft came from the Niagara Falls Air National Guard, the only unit in New York State to have flown F-4s. After the aircraft primer was applied, aircraft approved paint (Sherwin Williams) was used for the top coat. The titanium paint on the tail section is Ford titanium bumper paint. The missiles under the wings are real and were re-painted, while the ones under the belly were fabricated using PVC sewer pipe, according to Constantini. The markings are painted on with stencils and the wing navigation lights came from a Cessna 185 single piston engine aircraft.

There are plans in the works for another project for the A&P students. New Hartford's American Legion is seeking to have its Cobra helicopter refurbished next year.

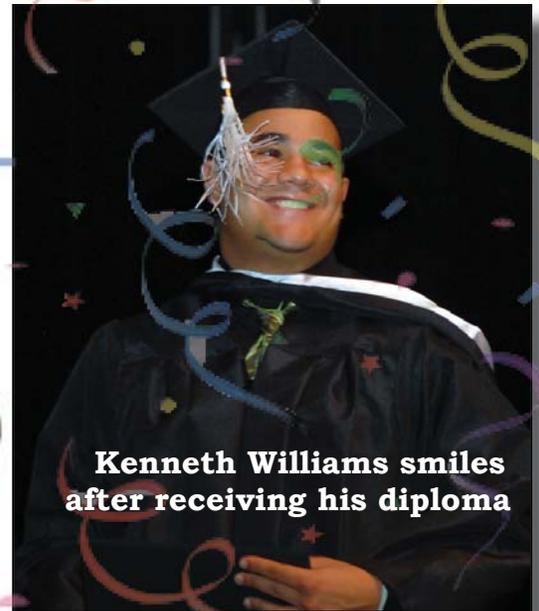


FINAL RESTING PLACE - The F-4 Phantom project is being mounted at its final destination, flying proudly as a guard for the Eastern Air Defense Sector Headquarters.

CONGRATULATIONS DECEMBER GRADUATES



Natasha Rhodes fixes the gown of Ta'Quell Morris



Kenneth Williams smiles after receiving his diploma



Trisha Calenzo gives a hug to graduate Max Klein



Oneida County Executive, and MVCC Alum, Tony Picente gives the address during Thursday's December Commencement Ceremony



Humane Society benefits from celebration

The bi-annual Celebration of Success penny auction was once again a great success. Through the sale of raffle tickets for the 27 baskets donated by different offices, departments and individuals at the College, the event raised \$678. This year's vote was to support the Steven Swan Humane Society.

The Employee Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our "Celebration of Success" fundraiser.

We would especially like thank the following for their generous donation of baskets:



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| 1) Institutional Advancement | 10) Innovation Center | 20) President's Office |
| 2) Irish Festival | 11) Pam and Guy Snedeker | 21) Vice President for Learning Academic Affairs Offices. |
| 3) Center fro Language and Learning Design | 12) FYE/CTJP | 22) ASC/Student Activities/Dorm Corp |
| 4) CCED | 13) Center for Arts and Humanities | 23) BISS |
| 5) Center for Life and Health Sciences | 14) Math/STEM | 24) BISS |
| 6) Kiddie Campus | 15) Aviation Training Center | 25) Sodexo |
| 7) AMVA | 16) College Outreach | 26) Rome Dean's office |
| 8) Professional Association | 17) Library Staff | 27) Adult Learner Services |
| 9) Educational Technologies | 18) The Learning Center | |
| | 19) Maimum Khan | |



SPREADING THE WINGS - Educational Technologies Office was selected as the recipient of the Wings of the Hawk award. From left are: Norma Chrisman, Jim Lynch, Debbie Pryputniewicz, Ron Miller and Jordan Miller.

Educational Technologies receives Wings award

The Educational Technologies Office was selected as the current Wings of the Hawk (Teamwork) Award winner by the WAC Club – which was the Spring '10 award winner.

This award is conferred each semester to recognize exceptional group teamwork and service leadership. It is a “pass it forward” award, which means that Educational Technologies Office staff will be recommending the next winner in May to the Cabinet. The next recognized department will receive the award at the semester-end Celebration of Success.

The award comes with the “Wings” trophy, a wall plaque in the Board Room, and a pizza party for the winning group.

Job Listings at MVCC

Position Title

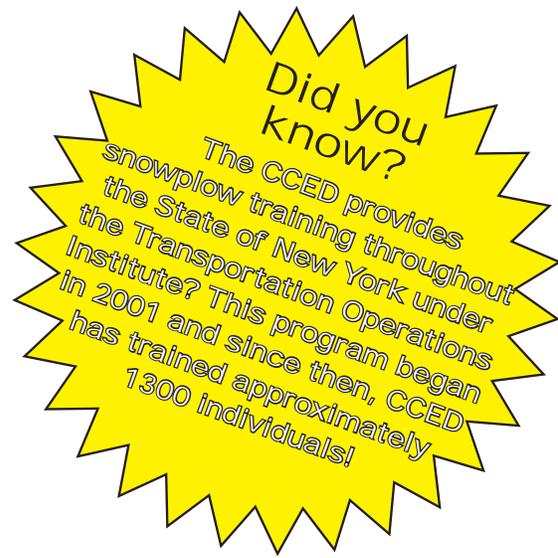
Senior Office Specialist I, Center for Life and Health Sciences

Job Requirements

- Either already hold Oneida County Civil Service Senior Office Specialist I title, **OR**
- Eligible for appointment from Oneida County Civil Service List, **OR**
- Meet eligibility requirements for Oneida County Civil Service Provisional appointment:
 1. Associate degree in secretarial science, office management, office technologies, word processing, business administration, business management, communications or a related field; **OR**
 2. Graduation from High School and two (2) years of office and clerical experience which shall have involved typing/keyboarding

Application Deadline: December 22

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



Dr. Engel part of Chancellor's innovation team

Dr. Sandra Engel, Director of International Education, has been appointed a member of the SUNY Chancellor's The Power of SUNY Innovation Team on SUNY and the World.

The Power of SUNY consists of the six “Big Ideas” of SUNY's strategic plan.

These “Big Ideas” are: SUNY and the Entrepreneurial Century; SUNY and the Seamless Educational Pipeline; SUNY and a Healthier New York; SUNY and an Energy-Smart New York; SUNY and the Vibrant Community; and SUNY and the World.



Dr. Engel

Each “Big Idea” has an Innovation Team of knowledgeable stakeholders. Over a five year horizon, each team will advise on metrics to show progress in the goals outlined in The Power of SUNY, develop/solicit, vet and recommend specific program proposals to advance the initiatives, oversee selected programs, and plan and produce at least one session for each annual Power of SUNY conference.

For more information on The Power of SUNY, check out www.suny.edu.



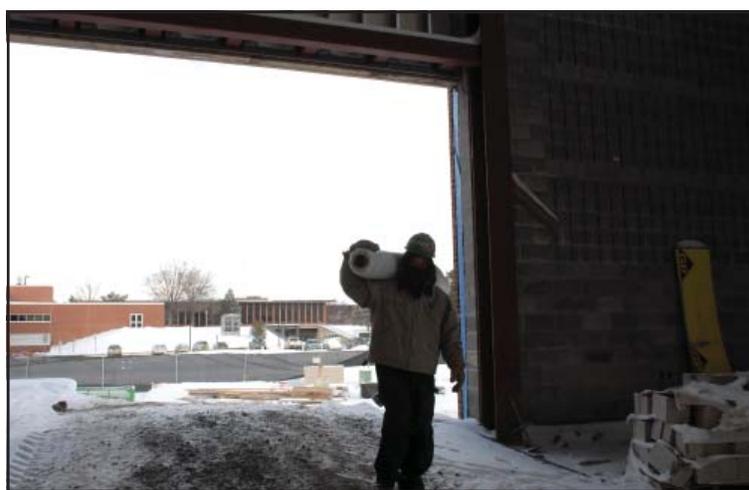
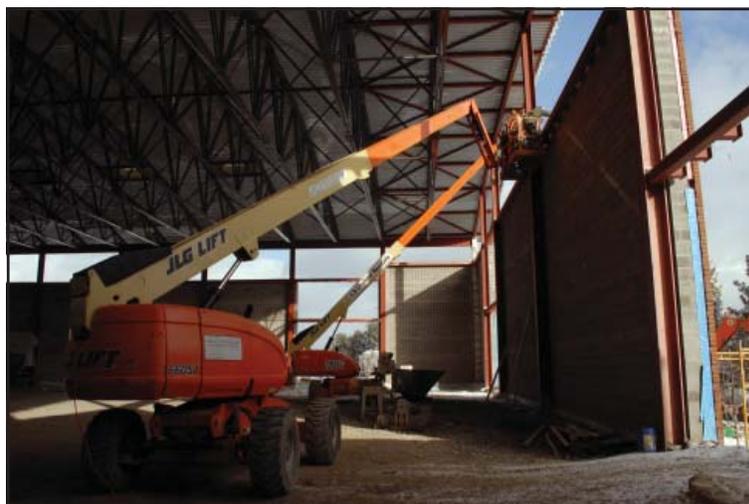
Jorgensen complex slowly gets buttoned up

The work on the Jorgensen Athletics Event Complex is progressing right on schedule as the first blasts of winter have arrived.

The contractors covered most of the existing openings with sheets of plastic and installed a temporary heating system in order to get some of the interior work completed. While the completion of the roof is on hold until there is a break in the snow, the concrete floors have been poured in the storage areas and the fitness center section.

Along the arched section of the roof metal panels will be put in place over the next several weeks which is a big step toward pouring the main gymnasium floor.

Inside the Gymnasium Building, they are in the process of draining the pool and the locker rooms adjacent to the pool are being demolished while the current cage area is being revamped to house the athletic training rooms. Once the pool is drained and dried, the areas where the surface has begun to rust will be re-cemented and tiled. Other areas of the pool which are damaged will also be refurbished.



Speakers' Bureau ready to service the community

If any MVCC employee knows of a community group or organization looking for a guest speaker, the College stands ready to help with its new MVCC Speakers' Bureau - a group of leading MVCC faculty and administrators who will share their expertise on topics of interest to the community.

Speakers are free. To see the 2010-11 lineup and topics visit www.mvcc.edu/MarComm/speakers-bureau/speakers-bureau-1. Speakers can be booked by e-mailing deanna.ferro@mvcc.edu or calling 731-5797.

"Community colleges are hubs for knowledge and partnership," says MVCC President Randall VanWagoner, Ph.D. "As such we have the responsibility to share what we know with other community groups. Our speakers' bureau is a way for us to share MVCC's best knowledge with our community."

Speakers make presentations to local groups such as schools, historical societies, retirement communities, civic

organizations, businesses, and more in Utica, Rome, and across the Mohawk Valley and Central New York areas. Presentations can be on a particular topic or a general overview of the College and can be tailored to the host organization's agenda. Speakers and selected topics include:

Gary Broadhurst, Director of Athletics and Assistant Dean of Life and Health Sciences, on History of Championships: Athletics at MVCC, John Bullis, Executive Director of Organizational Improvement, on \$85 Million and Counting: Overview of MVCC's Economic Impact, and David Katz, Professor of Political Science and History and Chair of the College Senate, on Community College: An Intergenerational Family Affair.

There are also faculty members like David Nackley who talks on How MVCC Saved My Life, and MVCC and Returning Veterans.

Other speakers include Jennifer Bou-langer, Dean of the Center for Language

and Learning Design, on Non-Traditional Student Stories, and What's Different About Community College; while Kim Overrocker, Director of School and Community Outreach, discusses The ABC's of Before, During, and After College, and Success! Student Transitions.

Maryrose Eannace, Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs, will share the Stories: Narratives of Students, Faculty, and Alumni, and Matthew Snyder, Director of Marketing and Communications, discusses Why We're Delighted to Be Here, and Investing in the Future: Enrollment Strategy, Master Plan, and Campaign.

Morris Pearson, Director of Civic Responsibilities, is available to talk about Overcoming Obstacles, Getting a College Education, and Mentoring Community College Students.

There are many more members of the speakers bureau and this is just a sampling of topics. Visit the MVCC website (www.mvcc.edu) for a full list.