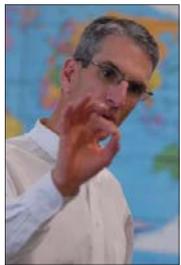




Katz recognized as International Exemplar in Professional Development

David Katz, Associate Professor at MVCC, has been honored as an inaugural recipient of the Exemplar Award by the North American Council for Staff, Program, and Organizational Development (NCSPOD), a leading international professional development organization. Katz was presented the award Friday, Oct. 29, at the 33rd Annual Conference of NCSPOD in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



David Katz

NCSPOD, an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges, strives to share expertise in professional development among a membership that spans the globe.

Katz was selected to join the first-ever group of NCSPOD Exemplar Award recipients for his work to strengthen MVCC's culture of employee enrichment and professional development. The Exemplar Award annually recognizes faculty and staff who have done the most to model professional development at their institutions through supporting professional development programs, making conference presentations, creating innovations in professional development, and otherwise promoting the enrichment and continuing education of their colleagues.

In addition to his award-winning instruction in political science and history, Katz is Coordinator of Professional Enrichment at MVCC. He also presides over the College Senate and chairs the Political Outreach Committee of the MVCC Professional Association. He has been instrumental in designing, developing, conducting and promoting the College's New Faculty Institute as well as the Employee Enrichment Institutes, which reach hundreds of faculty and staff annually.

While attending the NCSPOD Conference, Katz and MVCC Executive Director of Organizational Development John Bullis also gave an invited presentation titled "Zero to Sixty: Building a Professional Development Culture," in which they discussed the development and maturation of the MVCC Employee Enrichment Institutes. The audience included college educators and administrators from institutions on four continents, and conference organizers have invited Katz and Bullis to reformat the presentation so it can be offered more broadly as a webinar.

Katz presents at SUNY Institute successful teaching conference

On Friday, Oct. 22, in Syracuse, MVCC Associate Professor David Katz gave an invited presentation, "Emotional Intelligence, Student Efficacy, and Student Success" before the Successful Teaching Conference of the SUNY Institute for Community College Development (ICCD). In the audience were community college faculty and administrators from across New York State and beyond, including MVCC associate professor Barbara Scantlebury.

Katz' presentation focused on the ways in which the classroom environment affects students' emotional state — which in turn influences their success in the classroom. He discussed the role of faculty as leaders of students' emotional response, and shared ways for faculty to create a more persistent effort among students.

The Successful Teaching Conference is one of several offered by ICCD. From its headquarters at Cornell University, ICCD offers comprehensive programs on leadership development. Conferences are offered across the state with sessions on a wide variety of topics. To view upcoming conference opportunities visit ICCD at www.iccd.edu/iccd/conferences.

Aviation Club Exhibit



AVIATION EXHIBIT - The Aviation Club put the College's biplane on exhibit in the Plumley Complex Atrium. This is a kit plane - "Baby Great Lakes" - sold through AircraftSpruce.com. With a continental aircraft 4-cylinder engine, it is fully aerobatic, meaning it can fly upside down and perform loops. This plane flies at approximately 100 mph. It takes off in just 400 feet and lands safely in 600 feet. This aircraft requires a private pilot license to operate.

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Hospitality program impresses area guidance counselors

The hospitality program on the Rome Campus played host to guidance counselors from area high schools and BOCES earlier this week in an effort to show off the program.

"A lot of the older guidance counselors in the school districts have retired. These new guidance counselors were unaware of how extensive our hospitality program is," said Joann DeTraglia of the Hospitality Program.

There were 28 guidance counselors and culinary instructors from Herkimer, Oneida and Madison county BOCES as well as from Proctor, Whitesboro, Westmoreland, New York Mills, Holland Patent, Oneida, Rome Catholic and Rome Free Academy schools.

The visitors to the campus received a tour of the Rome Campus and the culinary arts facilities before being served a three-course luncheon. Everything was prepared by students in the Food Prep 3, Dining Room Service and Advanced Pastry Techniques classes.

"The Proctor counselors with whom Sue Smith and I sat had no idea about many of the programs offered in Rome and were extremely impressed with the Hospitality program," said Susan Halbritter.

The lunch featured Nicoise salad, cheddar and leeks soup, chicken breast sautéed with pepper sauce and served with broccoli almondine and couscous. For dessert, a peach crisp with homemade vanilla maple walnut ice cream was served. The ice cream was pressed into molds.

"This was a great opportunity for us to show off what the Rome Campus and the Hospitality program has to offer. Judging by their reactions, this event was a hit," added DeTraglia.



It is always a challenge to get students to engage and drawing them into deep conversations when dealing with traditional and modern literature. But Sarah Beck has proven to have the perfect balance of engaging students and challenging them at the same time.

"Using exciting classroom experiences, meaningful assignments, and field trips, my primary mission as an English instructor is to motivate my students to communicate clearly, think deeply, and express themselves creatively through writing," says Beck. "In my literature classes, I hope we raise hundreds of more questions than answers, and in grappling with those questions, we learn more about what we each believe and value."

As a new instructor of English at MVCC, Beck is working with Scott Selden, George Searles, David Nackley, and Rialda Alibegic in an effort to add a literary component to Signature, MVCC's publication for student artwork. Students will submit poems and short stories this winter for the upcoming spring issue. "Our goal is to provide a creative outlet for student writers and show the unification of the Arts and Humanities departments now encompassed within the same center," added Beck.

Beck holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and French from Pacific Lutheran University and a Masters of Fine Arts in English and Creative Writing from the City College of New York. She also earned a teaching certificate from George Washington University. Prior to coming to MVCC, Beck was an English adjunct at City College where she was awarded the department's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2008.

"I hope to develop a course with other faculty about literature from Central and Western New York with authors like James Fenimore Cooper, Richard Russo, and Joyce Carol Oates to show students the history of writing in the area. Too often students read writers 'from elsewhere,' and conclude that serious reading and writing must belong elsewhere as well," said Beck. "I also hope to lead trips geared for specific classes. For example, for the Contemporary Poetry course I'll be teaching this spring, the class will attend a Spoken Word performance at the end of the semester, preferably at Nuyorican Poets Café in New York City."

When not working with students, Beck enjoys hiking, swimming and traveling along with dabbling in drawing and gardening.

Monday, November 8

- 8:00 am - Student Activities, MV Commons
- 10:00 am - Psychology Club, ACC212
- 1:00 pm - Spring 2011 Admission Placement Testing, PC252
- 3:00 pm - Chess Club, ACC114
- 3:30 pm - Circle K, ACC212
- 4:00 pm - CCED/Intro To Healthcare, IT219
- 5:00 pm - Alcohol Education Class, ACC212
- 5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Beginners, ACC116
- 6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Advanced, ACC116

Tuesday, November 9

- 11:00 am - Tech Tuesdays, PC209, AB261
- 11:00 am - Volunteer Fair, ACC Snack Bar
- 1:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays, PC209, AB261
- 3:30 pm - Gay/Straight Alliance Club, IT218
- 4:00 pm - Film Club, IT220
- 4:00 pm - Poetry Club, ACC114
- 4:30 pm - Drama Club, ACC212
- 7:00 pm - MV Café Live: Student Talent Showcase, ACC116
- 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Wednesday, November 10

- 9:00 am - Web Wednesdays, PC209, AB261
- Noon - John Taglieri: Acoustic Performer, MV Commons
- 2:00 pm - Web Wednesdays, PC209, AB261
- 5:00 pm - Alcohol Education Class, ACC212
- 7:00 pm - Men's Ice Hockey vs. Hudson Valley CC, Utica Aud
- 7:30 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC116
- 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, November 11

- 7:00 am - MVCC Emeritus Breakfast, IT Lobby 2nd Floor
- 8:00 am - WIC, ACC116
- 10:00 am - Veterans Day Ceremony, ACC116
- 10:00 am - V8 Thursdays, PC209, AB261
- 12:30 pm - Phi Beta Lambda, IT218
- 1:00 pm - Chemical Dependency Club, ACC212
- 1:00 pm - V8 Thursdays, PC209, AB261
- 2:00 pm - Student Congress, ACC212
- 3:00 pm - International Club, IT218
- 3:00 pm - Program Board, ACC212
- 7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC116
- 7:00 pm - Strategic Gaming Club, ACC212

Friday, November 12

- 5:00 pm - Video Game Tournament, MV Commons
- 7:00 pm - MV Café: Student Talent Showcase, PC Auditorium

Saturday, November 13

- 7:00 am - Chess Tournament, IT225
- 8:00 am - Motorcycle Safety Course, RA207
- 9:00 am - Oneida County Defensive Driving Course, PC205

Hawks hoops tip off in Torchia Classic

The Annual Torchia Classic Basketball Tournament tips off today at 6 p.m. with Jefferson Community College men's basketball team squaring off against Orange Community College in the Gymnasium. This game will be followed by the MVCC Hawks taking on Queensborough Community College at 8 p.m.



The consolation game for the men's portion of the tournament will be held Saturday at noon followed by the championship game at 2 p.m.

The second half of the Torchia Classic tips off with the women's tournament beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, with Jefferson CC taking on Genesee Community College. The Lady Hawks will face Lackawanna College at 7 p.m.

The consolation game will be Sunday at noon followed by the championship game at 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the tournament go toward the Anthony Torchia Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of 19-year-old Anthony Torchia, who died in a car accident in 2000.

Athlete of the Week

Cassie White helped lead the Women's cross country team to a NJCAA Region III Championship this past Saturday.



White

Her second place finish in a time of 20 minutes, nine seconds was her fastest time on the Finger Lakes Course. This performance earned White the honor of being named MVCC's Athlete of the Week.

White is a two-time All-Region III selection. The Sophomore Liberal Arts major graduated from Whitesboro High School.

Rome Campus food drive

Team MVCC and the Rome Campus are participating members in the Rome Area's American Red Cross Annual Thanksgiving Basket Program. This annual Thanksgiving food drive aims to distribute 600 Thanksgiving Baskets to families who reside in the Rome and Western Oneida County.

Non-perishable goods can be dropped off at the following locations: Utica Campus - Student Activities (ACC 208) & Rome Campus - Student Services Office (PC A30). Donations will be accepted until Friday, November 12. Check donations - payable to the "American Red Cross Rome Area Chapter" and the memo line must designate the donation for the "Thanksgiving Basket Program" - are also being accepted.

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Phi Theta Kappa helps clean up neighborhoods

For the second year in a row, members of Phi Theta Kappa volunteered to rake the leaves for senior citizens in the community. The PTK Chapter at MVCC participated on both Saturday "Make A Difference Day" and Sunday "Grab an Umbrella Day."

"What a great weekend. We successfully raked and swept for three houses in Sauquoit on Saturday, and one house in New Hartford on Sunday," Steve Frisbee, PTK Advisor and Director of College Libraries.

There were 12 volunteers on Saturday which included Amanda Ajaeb, Cassandra Breese and her mother Judy, Yelena Brutskaaya, Trisha Calenzo and her friend Max Klein, Steve Frisbee, Jason Gouger, Heather Ryerson, Jessica Weaver and Sue Smith with her husband Roger. The seven volunteers on Sunday were Jon Barden, Trisha Calenzo with Max Klein, Heather Eckes-Conway, Steve Frisbee, Laurene Hillman and Chelsea Hoffman.

Team MVCC provided coffee and cereal bars to energize the volunteers.



MAKING CONNECTIONS - The College's Career Services Office and the Alumni Office collaborated on presenting an Alumni Career Panel which brought in MVCC graduates to discuss opportunities which await current students. This event was held Wednesday, October 27 in the multi-purpose room in the New Hall residence building. Students were able to network successful alumni, who talked about what helped them succeed at MVCC. One of the repeating topics of the night was the importance of internships if one was available in the students' field of study.

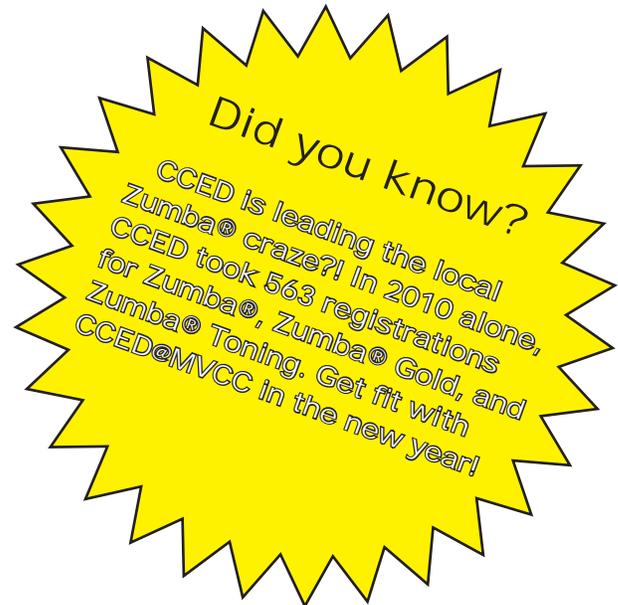
BERT system up and running

Denise DiGiorgio

Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students

This is just a friendly reminder regarding our BERT system and how to access it. If you witness inappropriate or concerning behavior from a student, you can report it to BERT via this website: www.mvcc.edu/bert That information is sent directly to me and automatically populates into a database. I assess the situation and either make a suggestion on how to resolve the situation or call the BERT team together for more in-depth conversation and action.

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MVCC alum named Fireman of the Year

An MVCC alum and a member of the Utica Fire Department was recognized for exceptional service Thursday night at the American Legion Post 229 in North Utica.

Jeffrey Hogan, who was the first of two people to graduate from the College's Fire Protection Program, was presented Post 2229's annual Firefighter of the Year award. Hogan graduated from MVCC in 2008 along with Michael Bauer as the first to complete this program.

Hogan joined the Utica Fire Department in 2007. He has since completed his baccalaureate.

Fire Chief Russell Brooks said the award, which has been ongoing since at least the 1970s, is "one of the most positive events of the year for the department." And Thursday's ceremony was no exception, as relatives of Hogan filled the Legion hall to celebrate their loved one's accomplishments.

Hogan is also a Marine staff sergeant who recently returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq.

"We measure an individual not by one act or one accomplishment but by what he's like every day, every tour of duty, and every call," Brooks said. "This individual has risen to the task. He's an exemplary individual who has displayed his knowledge and his courage on the fire grounds."

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