



## Sen. Gillibrand unveils manufacturing legislation at MVCC roundtable

With Center New York's economy still floundering, NYS junior Senator Kristen Gillibrand hosted a roundtable discussion on MVCC's Utica Campus Thursday afternoon. With nearly 50 representatives of regional industry, business, trade and union groups presents, Sen. Gillibrand addressed the issues facing the Upstate region.

"The loss of manufacturing jobs has hurt New York," Senator Gillibrand said. "New York's manufacturers powered us through the 20th century, but have been among those hardest hit by these difficult economic times. We cannot rebuild our economy without our manufacturers. I want to see 'Made in America' again."

With New York's unemployment rate hovering round 10 percent, Sen. Gillibrand discussed how the state is to recover the more than 160,000 manufacturing jobs lost since 2001, of which 6,000 are in the Mohawk Valley.

To help New York's manufacturers get back on track and to strengthen the economy for the long term, Sen. Gillibrand used this opportunity to unveiled her plan to help New York's manufacturers transition to clean energy production, including legislation to provide grants and tax credits to manufacturers of goods and components that are used in alternative energy projects. All of these issues were aired during the roundtable discussion.

"I'm here to hear what your concerns are," added Sen. Gillibrand, whose office released a study showing 52 of New York's 62 counties has shown significant manufacturing job loss since 2001.

Sen. Gillibrand's plan includes:

**1. Transition New York Manufacturers to Clean Energy Production.** The Investments for Manufacturing Progress and Clean Technology (IMPACT) Act would invest \$30 billion for states to establish a Manufacturing Revolving Loan Fund – helping small and medium-sized businesses retool, expand or establish homegrown clean energy manufacturing operation.

**2. Expand Manufacturing Tax Credit.** The Security in Energy and Manufacturing (SEAM) Act, which would make domestic manufacturing of clean energy technology cheaper by providing companies grants in lieu of the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (48C).

**3. Support Regional Economic Clusters to Drive Innovation and Entrepreneurship.** The Strengthening Employment Clusters to Organize Regional Success (SECTORS) Act would award competitive industry or sector partnership grants from \$250,000 to \$2.5 million to eligible entities to develop cluster-based economic development strategies.

**4. Retrain NY Workers for Jobs of the Future.** The Upstate Works Act would create partnerships among businesses, colleges and universities to provide worker training opportunities for New York's students and working adults. The legislation would require the U.S. Labor Secretary to award federal grants.



### *Message from the President*

## Getting armed with good information

Greetings,

I'm writing to ask your assistance in promoting the October Institute's plenary session on Sustainability (9:30 a.m. – 12:25) this coming Monday morning. As we all know, the issue of campus sustainability is a key driver to responsible operations of our College and effective and efficient teaching and learning in the future. The Employee Enrichment Committee is bringing in a nationally recognized expert on campus greening processes this Monday, to present an overview of what we can do at MVCC to make our campus a greener and healthier place to work, study, and grow.

I recognize that Monday is Columbus Day with some recruiting activities that day and schedules may be diverse due to the holiday. However, I ask for your best effort to make the time to attend (on-line registration is available now @ [www.mvcc.edu/training/oct/](http://www.mvcc.edu/training/oct/)), and encourage your reports to do so as well.

My hope is that, armed with good information, we can move the College into a leadership position on this issue in the community in the near future. Thanks for taking time to consider this request.

Randy

**Submit information for  
Communitas to  
Rich Haubert  
at [rhaubert@mvcc.edu](mailto:rhaubert@mvcc.edu)**

# Honor society welcomes new members

The Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society welcomed more than 60 new members during the Fall Induction Ceremony on Monday, October 4, in the Commons of the Alumni College Center.

On hand to honor these exceptional students were President Randall VanWagoner, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Learning, Maryrose Eannace, and Dean of Arts and Humanities, Lew Kahler.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for the Two-Year College. It was founded in 1918 and is the largest honor society in American higher education. Membership to Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher over at least 12 credit hours in a degree program.

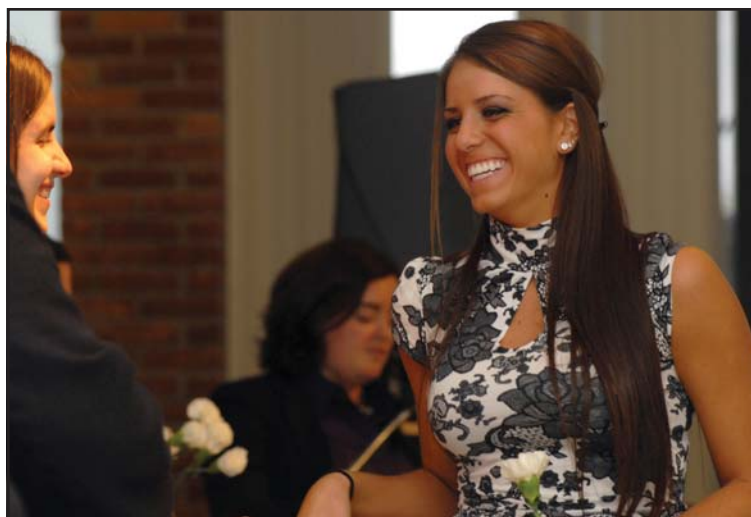
"A big part of being a member of Phi Theta Kappa is about giving back to your community. You will discover it is worth your time and worth your energy," said Dr. VanWagoner. "The opportunities are diverse and you will find many opportunities in your time here and throughout your life to represent MVCC in the community."

Kahler emphasized that academic achievement is rarely done in a vacuum, "what goes hand-in-hand with opportunity is responsibility. We as a society will be looking to you to solve the problems of tomorrow," said Kahler.

MVCC students who were inducted are: Aosama Abdrazak, Lisa M. Allen, Elizabeth D. Ames, Jonathan Richard Thomas Barden, Brett Thomas Baumgarten, Robert Baumgarten, Jr., Cassandra Breese, Yelena Brutskaya, Kayla E. Bunal, Helen Christine Burdick, Gregory A. Butkus, Rosa A. Cardona, Elizabeth A. Climer, Marc Coluzzi, John A. Conley, Jeffrey A. Deep, Bernadette J. Driscoll, Heather M. Eckes-Conway, Kristen Lee Elmer, Brittany M. Gant, Shawn Garceau, Shaler Key Garrett, Jason Gouger, Eric Griffith, Laurene A. Hillman, Eldar Hodzic, May Htoo, Jennifer A. Hurst, Cassandra Renee Jones, Daniel R. Kowal, Kelsey Marie Lust, Natalya Lyubezhanina, Jennifer Mower, William A. Miller, Martha Nichols, Jacob Olds, Audrey Olsen, Svetlana Petrovets, Samuel L. Pruitt, Christopher J. Putnam, Robert P. Ricklefs, Michael Carl Roscup, Meghan Rotolo, Brett A. Saunders, Stephen C. Scheibel, Heidi Rose Schlager, Jennifer L. Schuler, Erica Sexton, DeeAnna M. Smith, Patrick E. Smith, Sara Snell, Rebekah Lynn Spring, Joseph E. Stanton, Jr., Jennifer Szatko, Jessica Weaver, Michael Wilczek, Jeffrey E. Williamson, Jr., Celeste Maddox Wymes, Qianhui Yang, Matthew D. Zotta, and Jacqueline A. Zysk.



**WELCOME TO PHI THETA KAPPA** - Maryrose Eannace congratulates and shakes the hand of Samuel L. Pruitt during the 2010 Fall Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society induction ceremony on Monday in the Commons of the Alumni College Center. There were more than 60 new members inducted. Below, Jessica Weaver shares a laugh with the president of the Lambda Beta Chapter, Trisha Calenzo, after being announced and presented a certificate.



## Cabinet Conversation to produce better communication

Last week, representatives of the President's Cabinet Ron Cantor, Denise DiGiorgio, Maryrose Eannace, Ralph Feola and Matt Snyder spread across the Utica and Rome Campuses for Cabinet Conversations.

With a total of about 75 people in attendance, Cabinet members led inquiries into the results of the most recent Employee Climate Survey and Student Opinion Survey. The areas of focus were chosen based on how MVCC ranks relative to its community college peers; areas where climate has declined since the last survey; or areas where Cabinet is seeking the community's help to gauge the relative importance of certain issues.

Cabinet members asked and fielded questions and brought back the information shared to a special meeting this afternoon. Cabinet members' recaps of the meetings were used as the starting point for a conversation in which Cabinet and President Randall VanWagoner looked for common themes and ideas.

Cabinet members and President VanWagoner used the discussion to add to their understanding of issues at MVCC. Today, the executive leadership team began the process of deciding how to move forward and work with other governance bodies using this information.

Watch for this process to continue in multiple ways. For example, one immediate result is Cabinet's renewed commitment to timely and professional communications such as e-mail and voice mail, both between individual Cabinet members and in each of their reporting areas. Watch for more information on this from your Cabinet member in the near future.

Other things to watch for include announcement of additional conversations with students and employees, and more steps to address the issues that are raised along the way. Additional information will be posted in *Communitas* and other venues, and each member of Cabinet welcomes your ideas and suggestions on the topics being addressed.



# MVCC EVENTS

## Monday, October 11 COLUMBUS DAY - NO CLASSES

- 5:30 am - Employee Enrichment Days,  
IT Lobby, IT218/220/225/MV Commons  
1:00 pm - Spring 2011 Admission Placement Testing, PC252  
5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Beginners, ACC116  
6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Advanced, ACC116  
7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor

## Tuesday, October 12

- 10:00 am - Team MVCC/Breast Cancer Awareness, ACC116  
11:00 am - Tech Tuesdays, AB261, PC209  
1:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays, PC209, AB261  
2:00 pm - Cultural Series Lecture/Exhibit (DGV): "Africa"  
w/Kelly McVicar, PC Auditorium  
3:30 pm - Gay/Straight Alliance Club, IT218  
4:00 pm - MVCC Men's Soccer vs. SUNY Delhi, Soccer Field  
4:00 pm - Film Club, IT220  
4:00 pm - Poetry Union/Student Activities, ACC114  
4:30 pm - Drama Club, ACC212  
6:00 pm - College Night, Gym  
6:00 pm - CCED, IT220  
6:30 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor  
7:00 pm - MV Café Live: Ashley Clark,  
Rome Talent Show Winner, ACC116  
7:00 pm - CCED/Belly Dancing, IT Lobby Ground Floor  
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

## Wednesday, October 13

- 8:00 am - Kiddie Campus Cookie Sale -MV Commons  
9:00 am - Web Wednesdays -PC209, AB261  
10:00 am - CCED/Social Media Now What, IT219  
Noon - Brown Bag Lunch Series:  
"So You Have to Write a Paper," ACC116  
2:00 pm - Cultural Series Lecture/Exhibit (DGV): "Africa"  
w/Kelly McVicar -IT225  
2:00 pm - Web Wednesdays, AB261, PC209  
2:30 pm - Breast Cancer Awareness, AB Lobby  
7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC116  
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

## Thursday, October 14

- 8:00 am - College Works, PH300  
10:00 am - V8 Thursdays, AB261, PC209  
1:00 pm - Chemical Dependency Club, ACC212  
1:00 pm - V8 Thursdays, AB261, PC209  
2:00 pm - Student Congress, ACC212  
2:30 pm - Breast Cancer Awareness, AB Lobby  
3:00 pm - International Club, IT220  
3:00 pm - Program Board, ACC212  
4:00 pm - MVCC Men's Soccer vs. Broome CC, Soccer Field  
6:00 pm - CCED/MYPC Digital Photo Editing, IT219  
6:30 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor  
7:00 pm - Strategic Gaming Club, ACC212  
8:00 pm - Musical: "The Roar of the Greasepaint  
The Smell of the Crowd," Theater

## Friday, October 15

- 10:00 am - MVCC Nursing Poster Presentations, PC Atrium  
Noon - Student Congress, MV Commons  
7:00 pm - MV Café Live: Ashley Clark,  
Rome Talent Show Winner, PC Auditorium  
8:00 pm - Musical: "The Roar of the Greasepaint  
The Smell of the Crowd," Theater

## Saturday, October 16

- 8:00 am - Motorcycle Safety Course, RA207  
9:00 am - CCED/Zumba, ACC116  
10:00 am - CCED/Black Belt, ACC116  
10:00 am - CCED/Magic 101, ACC116  
11:00 am - CCED/Self Defense, ACC116  
1:00 pm - MVCC Women's Volleyball vs. Finger Lakes CC, Gym



## PA of MVCC helps raise money to cure breast cancer research

A Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Raffle was held this past weekend during the annual NYSUT Utica Regional Office 2010 Leadership Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Professional Association members contributed almost \$1,000 in bidding and purchasing. Teachers unions from the greater Utica area and the Professional Association of MVCC created baskets to be raffled off at the event.

Additionally, a live and silent auction of donated items was held. Among the more notable items auctioned off to PA members were a painting made by Associate Professor Jed Kimball and a t-shirt designed by a young artist which raised \$800 for a local area survivor.



## Job Listings at MVCC

**Job Title:** Assistant Director of Facilities & Operations

**Job Salary:** Starting salary in the \$40's.

**Job Duties:** The Assistant Director reports to the Director of Facilities and Operations and acts as Director in his/her absence; supervises personnel and operations in the areas of Housekeeping, Central Receiving, Inventory Control and is responsible for physical plant inventory of equipment and supplies for all campus and center locations of the College. The Assistant Director provides cost estimates for campus rehabilitation projects, assists in the development of the Capital Budget and develops construction documents and specifications lists for campus construction and rehabilitation projects. Works in close cooperation with campus leaders, purchasing staff, administration, contractors, architects and engineers in a multicultural learning environment.

**Job Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in architecture, engineering, construction technology or related field and three (3) years progressive management and supervisory experience or an Associate's degree in engineering or engineering technology (preferably mechanical) or related field and five (5) years of progressive management, supervisory and computer experience preferably in a College or institutional environment; or an equivalent combination of education and experience required.

**Application Deadline:** October 25, 2010





# Clarkson welcomes MVCC students

On Friday, October 1, three faculty members accompanied 13 Engineering Science first-year and second-year students to Clarkson University.

For a number of years our students have been treated to a royal visit and tour of the Clarkson University campus and Engineering Facilities. Their morning started at Cheel Center where they were addressed by Trish Dobbs, Transfer Admissions director, Karla Fennell, Career Center, and Misty Spriggs Engineering and Management programs.

After the talks students were taken on a tour of the campus and the SPEED tour where they got to see the amazing Engineering labs in action. While enjoying an Italian buffet lunch, the students were addressed by MVCC alumni - now Clarkson Senior Engineering students. MVCC alumni - now Clarkson Juniors - discussed how the preparation at MVCC made the transition to Clarkson an easier one.

Various aspects of the Engineering programs were presented and students had ample time to ask questions. On completion of the student presentation, MVCC visiting students were taken to classrooms where they were able to speak to Professor Kerop Janoyan of the Civil and Environmental Engineering program, Professor Ken Willmert of the Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering program, Professor Tom Ortmeyer of the Electrical and Computer Engineering program and a Ph. D. candidate in the Physics department.

MVCC students have been recipients of two transfer scholarships annually for the past five years totaling more than \$200,000. Students who went on the trip are Cynthia Zatawarnicki, Dennis Ofalt, Jason Ritzel, Nathan Bruno, Zack

Pecenek, David Albright, Nathan Sammons, Peter Zumpano, Tyler Dunn, Alec Brindisi, Alex Vogel, Danny Roberts and Matthew Zotta. Professor Dale Horton, Jeff Birt and Celia Domser accompanied the students.

## Student Activities Office will host Volunteer Fair

MVCC's Student Activities Office is organizing a Volunteer Fair, which will be held Tuesday, November 9.

Many civic organizations are seeking volunteers (students, faculty and/or staff) to perform much needed service within the community. Many employees at MVCC already are volunteers with service clubs, organizations and agencies.

This Volunteer Fair will help community organizations to find help for projects being planned. Additionally, some faculty may be involved supervising an internship at a service agency which may be seeking volunteers.

To assist those groups reach the larger MVCC community, the Student Activities Office's Volunteer Fair will allow these organizations to set up at a table seeking the volunteers needed.

"We are simply offering a table and a chance to share their need for help with our MVCC students, staff and faculty," said Dennis Rahn.

To reserve a table, have interested groups contact Sandy Cummings at [scummings@mvcc.edu](mailto:scummings@mvcc.edu) or call 792-5392 no later than Monday, November 1.