Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of October 25, 2010

Rome Campus houses Surgical Technology lab

The Rome Campus continues to expand the programs offered at the College which keeps MVCC on the leading edge of training the workforce of tomorrow. One of the newest programs exclusive to the Rome Campus is the Surgical Technology Certificate, where a state-of-the-art lab has been created this year.

This lab is an exact replica of what students will find at Rome Memorial Hospital or St. Luke's Hospital.

"This lab was patterned after operating rooms in St. Luke's and operating suites over at the Rome Hospital," said Allen Light, Health Service Retention Specialist on the Rome Campus. "Because of the consistency of our lab with the local hospitals, our students will be familiar and know where things are located when they begin their careers. The lab has the same types of equipment and same types of supplies."

MVCC is the only local Allied Health Program in the region to offer surgical technology and with the availability of this lab, the College's graduates are highly sought after. Prior to this semester, MVCC's surgical technology students had to travel to Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown to perform their practical work. Now under the direction and guidance of Mark Williams and Jamie Cuda, students have the opportunity to set up the operating suite for a particular procedure while getting used to using a scrub room.

Located in Room 216 of the Rome Academic Building, the surgical technology lab features an operation room, scrub room and storage area along with two attached classrooms. The equipment was purchased from MedLine along with some donations from local hospitals.

"Students can go back and forth between classroom and lab to put into practice what they learned," said Light.

Surgical technology graduates are responsible for setting up the operating suite with sterile fields and assisting the physician as soon as he comes in from the scrub room with gown and gloves. They assist the physician by handing them the instruments, help retract, and many other needs during the surgery.

"The cooperation and teamwork between all the different offices on both campuses to make this lab a reality was phenomenal. We put a lot of hours into it, but would not have gotten done if we did not work as a team," added Light.

SNO honors Sam Drogo

The affect and influence Professor Salvatore "Sam" Drogo had on the College continues to flow over his students. In honor of Drogo, the Student Nurses Organization (SNO) wanted to show his family how much this gentle man meant to them.

"The nursing students were like everyone on campus, struck hard by the loss of Professor Drogo and felt strongly about letting his family know how much he touched their lives," Lesa Steele, R.N., who is the SNO advisor and the College's Health Services Retention Specialist.

Abedin Mehmedovic researched the significance of the memory globe and brought it to the SNO meeting. The students loved the idea and took action to purchase the item.

Students Jonelle Ritchie, Eric Flinchum, Esther Caldwell and Marina Joseph obtained a card and wrapped the memory globe. The package was brought to Professor Bill Perrotti, who will be bringing it to Mrs. Drogo this weekend.

On this sterling silver globe is engraved: "In loving Memory of Professor Drogo MVCC SNO 2010"

Bill Hysell 'Live' from Vietnam

By Sandra Engel, Ph.D.

Thanks to the last-minute magic of the Media Center, MVCC successfully completed its first live international Cultural Event featuring Associate Professor Bill Hysell from his temporary location at Kien Giang Community College in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Mr. Nguyen Duy Khang and Ms. Nguyen Thi Phuong Khanh, former visitors to MVCC, also spoke.

Hysell

Bill has been busy teaching and answering a variety of questions from very inquisitive students. He has also given presentations on critical thinking and on American education and culture. He had three general observations about Vietnam: the people are adaptable and cope with a wide variety of conditions, including heat and rain; they have a strong national identity and pride, and, thirdly, there is a sense of balance. For instance, there seem to be no rules to the traffic, but things seem to work. "The flow of traffic characterizes life here," Bill said. He further characterized it as "disorganized organization."

Mr. Khang noted that the classes are bigger and the facilities at KGCC are not as modern as at MVCC. Ms. Khanh noted that Americans are more independent. Independent Americans form committees and work together; Vietnamese culture is very collective and they want to be more independent individually.

All agreed that longer visits to KGCC would be even more productive. According to Bill, two weeks "is not even an introduction."

Mr. Khang and Ms. Khanh send their best to everyone at MVCC, "all the teachers and staff and their children and grandchildren." The event was in the morning in Utica but at night in Rach Gia City, so Ms. Khanh ended the event by singing a lullabye.

OLD FRIENDS REUNITE - Friends from MVCC's Class of 1974 got together for a weekend of fun on October 8. Pictured are Donna Wright, former Miami Homicide Detective; Debbie Brower, teacher at Columbus Elementary; and Kerry Carlos, a Lt. Col who served three tours in Iraq. The range and depth of these occupations once again demonstrates the local and global impact of an MVCC education.

BRINGING HUMOR TO THE WORKPLACE - Henry Bartlett, Ph.D., could have been mistaken for an older version of Harry Potter this week. Enjoying what may be his favorite holiday, Halloween, Dr. Bartlett dressed as a wizard while spreading good cheer with his bag of candy. Dr. Bartlett teaching classes in the Center for Social Sciences, Business and Information Sciences.

Recycling Facts

Since 1991, Oneida and Herkimer counties have recycled 275,000 tons of paper and have saved over 5 million trees.

On average, green schools use 33 percent less energy, save 32 percent more water and reduce solid waste by 74 percent.

One year of recycling at Stanford University saved the equivalent of 33,913 trees and the need for 636 tons of iron ore, coal, and limestone.

Athlete of the Week

Jeremy Hogel helped lead MVCC's men's cross country team to a second place finish in the Mountain Valley Conference Championships last weekend in Proctor Park. His time of 22 minutes, 23 seconds sets the MVCC record for the course, earning him the honor of MVCC's Athlete of the Week.

Hogel

Hogel is a sophomore Liberal Arts major who graduated from Sauquoit High School.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, October 18

10:00 am - Psychology Club, ACC212
3:00 pm - Chess Club, ACC114
3:30 pm -Circle K, ACC212
4:00 pm -Upward Bound, IT218
5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Beginners, ACC116
6:00 pm -Presentation: "Animals of Halloween" w/the Utica ZooMobile, Theater
6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Advanced, ACC116

Tuesday, October 19

11:00 am - Tech Tuesdays, PC209, AB261
1:00 pm -Tech Tuesdays, PC209, AB261
1:30 pm - Phi Beta Lambda, ACC116
2:00 pm -Art Lecture (DGV): "What Should a Sculpture of Leonardo da Vinci Look Like?" w/Gary Radke, IT225
2:00 pm - Cultural Events Council, PH304
2:30 pm - College Senate, PH300
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 - Concert: Jared Campbell, Acoustic Pop/Rock Performer, PC Auditorium
7:00 pm - Casual Conversation (DGV): "Our Cultural Traditions," Theater
7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC116
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Wednesday, October 20

Noon - Jared Campbell, Acoustic Pop/Rock Performer, ACC Snack Bar
6:00 pm -Movie/Lecture: (DGV): "Salt" w/John Patrick Coleman, PC Auditorium
7:00 pm -Performance: Wayne Hoffman, Mentalist, Theater
7:30 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC116
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, October 21

10:00 am - V8 Thursdays, PC209, AB261
Noon - CCED/Medical Transcription Info Session, IT225
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
5:00 pm - CCED/Medical Transcription Info Session, IT225
6:00 pm - Movie/Lecture (DGV): "Salt" w/John Patrick Coleman, Theater
7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC116
7:00 pm - Strategic Gaming Club, ACC212

Friday, October 22

11:30 am - Acoustic Performer "GR6"/Rick Short, MV Commons
5:00 pm - Video Game Tournament, MV Commons

Saturday, October 23

8:00 am - Motorcycle Safety Course, RA207
11:00 am - Upward Bound Dance, IT Lobby

Did you know...

CCED has expanded its professional development offerings in the past year. We now offer Paralegal Certificate, Medical Transcription On-line, Personal Trainer Certification Program, Personal Care Aide, Home Health Aide and Lead Safety Training.

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

Serve and Protect

WAC helps make Utica a safe community

MVCC's students volunteered approximately 100 hours in refurbishing an old junker Brinks security truck into a new Surveillance Vehicle for Utica Police department.

Welders Among Communities (WAC) worked on the truck during this pasted summer and put some last minute touches on it late fall. Assistant Professor Mike Sorrentino, who is director of the welding program and advisor to the club, said it was an awesome project for the club members. "They and I got to fabricate, weld and paint with the intent to make Utica a safer place to live."

This armored truck is presently in the City of Utica equipped with seven infrared colored cameras with sound activation. The cameras are saved to a hard drive and are recording as we speak.

Chief Mark Williams of the Utica Police Department's last few words to Sorrentino were "when can your club refurbish another truck?" Sorrentino, replied "Chief we are the community and we are here for you."

Job Listings at MVCC

Job Title: Career Specialist – Grant-Funded Cybersecurity Training Program (Two positions)

Salary: Starting salary in the low $40's.

Job Duties: Advise clients and coordinate with partners to conduct a workforce training and placement project across a six-county region. Advanced knowledge of Information Technology/Cybersecurity is NOT required for this position which will build marketable cybersecurity/IT skills and prepare individuals to fill existing and emerging jobs. Provide assessment services; intake enrollment assistance and extensive career-services counseling.

Job Qualifications: Bachelor's degree, demonstrated experience with implementation of workplace training in the field of information technology, cybersecurity or related field required.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin on November 14, and continue until successful candidates have been identified.

Three Lady Hawks named to All-Conference Team

Three athletes from the Mohawk Valley Community College women's soccer team were presented All-Mountain Valley Conference honors this week.

The Hawks were led by freshman striker Victoria Reynolds (Chazy/Chazy HS), who has played in 18 games this season. She has 36 points to this point of the season with 16 goals and four assists. "Victoria was a highly touted high school athlete and she has maintained that tenaciousness at MVCC," said MVCC women's soccer coach Steve Senior.

Post season honors are nothing new to Samantha Spohler as the Hawks returning All-American athlete. Spohler has moved this season from striker to midfield where she has continued to control the tempo of MVCC's offense. In 18 games, this sophomore has scored 17 goals and assisted on 11 others for 45 points. "Our strength is our midfield. We have players who can score goals, but if our midfield plays well, our team plays well," said Senior.

The Hawks' third honor went to sophomore defender Veronica Metz. In 16 games, Metz has three goals and three assists for nine points. "She is extremely physical and aggressive as our stopper. She is in control of the defense," said Senior.

The Hawks' record is 12-3-3 as MVCC will be vying for the NJCAA Region III Championship this Saturday against Genesee Community College, which is ranked No. 1 in the nation. This game will be played at Tompkins-Cortland CC at 3:30 p.m. The winner of Region III will advance to the NJCAA National Tournament slated for November 4-6, at Prince George Community College in Maryland.

How to reserve space in Utica or Rome

UTICA CAMPUS

• Vincent Roach, Technical Assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs, is responsible for the coordination of rooms for all classes on the Utica Campus.

Contact VRoach@mvcc.edu or call 792.5479

• Roseann Starsiak, Office Specialist in the Utica Campus Office of Facilities and Operations, is responsible for the coordination of rooms, including all facilities except for the Theater, for any event initiated by an on-campus group in Utica.

Contact RStarsiak@mvcc.edu or call 792.5396

• Bill Dustin, Administrator in the Office of Events, is responsible for the coordination of rooms, including all campus facilities, for any event initiated by an off-campus group as well as the coordination of any event initiated by an on- or off-campus group in the Theater.

Contact WDustin@mvcc.edu or Events@mvcc.edu

Call 731.5722 or 731.5864

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

ROME CAMPUS

• Kristen Bowers, Project Coordinator in the Office of the Associate Vice President and Dean, is responsible for the coordination of rooms for all classes and events on the Rome campus, including all campus facilities and all events initiated by any group on- or off-campus.

Contact KBowers@mvcc.edu or RomeRooms@mvcc.edu

Call 334.7700 or 334.7708

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

TAKING SHAPE - The steel decking and the roof supports were put in place over the past two weeks, outlining the shape of the Jorgensen Athletic Complex. Above is the upper deck of the building with the arch of the roof behind. Below, a workers uses a welder to attach some of the steel decking.

Raise the roof in Utica

The steel frame for the roof of the Jorgensen Athletic Complex is now in place and the construction workers are beginning to enclose the frame of the building this week. With the roof in place and the huge crane removed from the site, scaffolding has been put in place for the masons to begin laying cinderblocks next week.

Also, if the weather next week is warm and dry, they will begin pouring the concrete floor for the upper deck.

"Now that the big steal is in, they want to get the steal deck on the roof to make the building water tight," said Mike McHarris, Director of Facilities.

This also includes putting up ridged insulation board above the future fitness center. The goal is to have the building closed up by December. This will allow the contractor to heat the structure in order to pour the concrete floor over the winter.