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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of September 6, 2010

Student Services wins 2nd leg of Triple Crown

There are only two weeks and one race remaining in the MVCC Triple Crown, and so far the Internal Campaign is at 64 percent participation overall.

The second jewel of the MVCC Triple Crown was awarded last week to Secretariat! The Secretariat Team was able to increase their participation from 25 percent during the Kentucky Derby, to 83 percent for the Preakness! The Secretariat Team will be treated to a celebration luncheon this Wednesday where attendees will have the opportunity to enter into a raffle for some great prizes!

There is just one more leg of the MVCC Triple Crown remaining. The winner of the Belmont Stakes will be announced on Friday, September 24, so there is plenty of time for your team to pull ahead of the pack.

Please remember the goal of the campaign is participation, so any amount you are able to give will go a long way in helping the MVCC Foundation achieve success!

Security Force Recognized

Members of the College Security Department were recognized last month for their years of service to MVCC. President VanWagoner presented plaques to each member. From left are: Martin Tracy, 15 years of service; Cathy Myers, 10 years of service; the late Terry Kohl, 10 years of service; Dave Gabiger, 15 years of service; Michael Vallese, 25 years of service; and Jim Kinney, 25 years of service.

Memorial gathering for Sam Drogo

On Thursday, Sept. 16 from 3-4 p.m. in the IT Theater, the MVCC Professional Association will host a memorial gathering to honor Professor Salvatore "Sam" Drogo, who passed away Sept. 1. The event is open to all members of the College community and anyone else who wishes to reflect on Sam's 35+ years on the MVCC faculty.

For more information, contact PA President Alison Doughtie at adoughtie@mvcc.edu or x5766.

MVCC loses one of its officers

When it comes to providing a safe working and learning environment, the College looks toward the Security department. This is a group of dedicated employees, who work behind the scenes, are the eyes and ears of the College.

Over the weekend, MVCC lost one of these dedicated servants as Security Officer Terry J. Kohl was killed in an automobile accident on Dyke Road in the Town of Frankfort. Terry, who was just 34 years old, worked the 3-11 p.m. shift and was heading home when another driver crossed the line and struck his vehicle.

"He was a dedicated worker who would go out of his way to help anyone. Terry always had a unique way of handling complaints," said MVCC Chief of Security Joseph Palmer. "He always found a way to make people feel comfortable and he always saw their complaints through to the end. He was a light-hearted guy who listened and in the end would put you in a good mood no matter what the situation."

Terry joined the MVCC family on July 10, 2000 and was recently recognized for 10 years of services. He was the first to respond when co-worker, Professor Sam (Salvatore) Drogo, collapsed in class and provided medical assistance until the rescue crew arrived.

"Terry Kohl was a very nice man," wrote Cynthia C. Riedi of the Center for Life and Health Sciences. "He was always very watchful of me when I taught a late class on campus and was walking to my car alone at night."

"Like many of his fellow officers, Terry worked quietly behind the scenes in serve to our community. He will be greatly missed by his fellow officers, Facilities staff and the many lives he touched throughout the College," said Ralph J. Feola, Vice President of Administrative Affairs.

Terry is survived by his parents Richard and Carolyn Kohl, his daughter Riley Rose and her mother Gina, brothers Randy Kohl and Kelly Kohl with wife Lynn. He is also survived by both his grandmothers, Helen Kohl and Jane Kazek, both of Boonville.

Calling hours will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Heintz Funeral Home, 408 Herkimer Road in North Utica. There will be a graveside funeral service held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Boonville.

Athlete of the Week

Armin Budnjo scored three goals in two games at the Alfred Soccer Tournament in leading the Hawks men's soccer team to a victory and a tie.

This performance earned him the honor of being named MVCC's Athlete of the Week for September 5. The Hawks' record is 4-0-2 and ranked 14th in the NJCAA's weekly pole.

Budnjo

Budnjo is a freshman majoring in General Studies. He is also a graduate of Proctor High School.

Team MVCC joins Paws For A Cause

The annual Paws For A Cause walk-a-thon to benefit the Humane Society of Rome will be held on Saturday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bellamy Harbor Park off of Mill Road in the City of Rome.

This walk will help fund the construction of the new Humane Society building on Erie Boulevard in Rome.

MVCC faculty, staff, students and retirees are invited to participate in this annual walk.

Registration opportunities will be at the following times/locations:

Rome: Wednesday, Sept. 15
Plumley Complex Atrium
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Utica: Thursday, Sept. 16th
Academic Building Lobby
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so at the above times.

For more information about this Team MVCC event, please contact Sandy Cummings at scummings@mvcc.edu, ext. 5392 or Sarah Tierney at stierney@mvcc.edu, ext. 7750.

December break College hours

As in past years, most College offices will close at the end of the day on Wednesday December 22, 2010 and re-open on Monday January 3, 2011.

Those of you who are represented by AMVA and the PA will take December 23, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2010 as the days provided in your union contracts. Members of the classified staff who wish to take time off will use accrued time. Exempt administrators will use vacation.

MVCC EVENTS

Tuesday, September 14

2:00 pm - Lecture (DGV) "Study Abroad" w/MVCC Faculty, PC Auditorium
6:00 pm - Women's Volleyball hosts Herkimer CCC, Gym
6:00 pm - Drama Club, IT225
7:00 pm - Nighthawk Café, MV Commons
9:00 pm - Movie/Lecture (DGV) "The Hurt Locker" w/Academy Award, Theater

Wednesday, September 15

Noon - Brown Bag Lunch Series "Fear Not: Test Anxiety Help!", ACC 116
4:00 pm – CSTEP, IT220
7:00 pm - Concert, "City of God," Theater
7:00 pm - Lecture (DGV) "World War II, The Global Intelligence Network and the Myth of UFOs" with Mr. Black, PC Auditorium
7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC116
7:00 pm - Nighthawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, September 16

2:00 pm - Student Congress, ACC212
3:00 pm - Program Board, ACC212
4:00 pm - Women's Tennis hosts Hudson Valley CC, MV Tennis Courts
6:00 pm - Movie, "Toy Story III," PC Auditorium(R)

Friday, September 17

2:00 pm – CSTEP, ACC116
2:30 pm - Upward Bound, IT225
3:30 pm – CSTEP, ACC114
6:00 pm - Movie,"Toy Story III," Theater

Saturday, September 18

9:00 am - Defensive Driving Course, PC205
10:00 am – CSTEP, ACC116
10:00 am – CSTEP, IT225(U)
1:00 pm - Men's Soccer hosts Genesee CC, MV Soccer Field
1:00 pm - Women's Soccer hosts Genesee CC, Proctor Stadium
8:00 pm - Concert, "Lights," Juno Award Winning Indie/Electro-Pop, Theater

Job Listings at MVCC

Part-time Vacancies

Student Services Specialist (Two Positions) – To work with specialized populations assisting with advising, mentoring and monitoring for student success. Bachelor's degree, networking with outside agencies, and afternoon and evening hours required. Salary rate $12.00 per hour.

Communications Specialist – To assist with creating, implementing and promoting programs and services throughout the Student Services division. Bachelor's degree, attention to detail, strong organizational skills, and excellent computer and communications skills required. Salary rate $12.00 per hour.

Counselor Associate – To assist with intake, enrollment and retention services for specialized, at-risk populations at the College. Responsible for mentoring, counseling, advocating and assistance with off-campus services for student success. Master's degree in Social Work, experience working with judicial compliance agencies and a diverse population required. Salary rate $20.00 per hour.

Submit letter of application and resume to: Director of Human Resources, Mohawk Valley Community College, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica NY 13501 or humanresources@mvcc.edu. For all positions official academic transcripts are required at time of hire.