



## MVCC makes a connection with Irish college

The College enjoyed some Irish luck on Thursday, September 23, when Marianne Doyle, International Student Relations Manager of National College of Ireland, visited MVCC to discuss opportunities for MVCC students to attend NCI, likely through a 2+2 articulation agreement. Doyle and MVCC administrators and faculty made substantial progress toward this goal.

The National College of Ireland is a public business and information technology university in Dublin. The new campus is located in Dublin's Docklands, in the International Financial Service Center area of the city. NCI has 5,000 students and a strong entrepreneurial spirit. Because of strict accreditation of business programs in Ireland, the two schools agreed prior to her visit to focus more on possibilities for recruiting MVCC students to study at MCI.

Doyle's visit kicked off her participation in a high-level educational trade mission from Ireland with stops in Boston, Chicago and St Louis.

In addition to meeting President VanWagoner, Doyle met with Vice President Maryrose Eannace, Executive Director of the MVCC Foundation Frank DuRoss, Jim Maio, Director of Career, Transfer and Job Placement Services, professor George Gerner, Dean Marianne Buttenschon, Matt Snyder, Dan Porcelli and Annette Broski.

She also had lunch with Great American Irish Festival representative Kate Barefoot along with Dawson McDermott.



**VISITOR FROM IRELAND** - MVCC President Randall VanWagoner, Ph.D., welcomed Marianne Doyle, International Student Relations Manager of National College of Ireland, to the Utica Campus on Thursday.

Doyle formerly worked in the Fulbright Program office in Dublin, and thus was the first person Sandra Engel, Ph.D., encountered when seeking a partner in the United Kingdom.

## Team MVCC celebrates 4-Runners Club

Team MVCC celebrated the success of its third year by honoring those at the College who have reached the goal of joining the 4-Runners Club. Monday morning at a celebration breakfast, 34 MVCC employees were recognized for their work and participation. Along with these employees, 20 students will be honored next week.

Team MVCC promotes, organizes and communicates events and activities to the College community and works to bring the College together in an effort to achieve our mission of "promoting student success and community involvement through a commitment to excellence and a spirit of service." To qualify to be a 4-Runner Club member, participants need to achieve three goals. First, donate to the Foundation's annual campaign, donate to the United Way and take part in two Team MVCC events over the academic year.

For the academic year of 2009-2010, Team MVCC recruited more than 400 volunteers and participants to raise more than \$68,000 for local organizations and campaigns.

### Some of Team MVCC's achievements for last year:

- 2009 Convocation Food Drive: 11 boxes of food and \$71 collected for the Utica Utica Community Food Bank and the Rome Rescue Mission.
- Baseball team and Team MVCC Holly Days Toy Drive: Over 200 toys and \$50.00 collected

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk: More than 160 MVCC employee and student participants to raise \$4,703 to rank fourth overall.
- Oneida County Intergenerational Clean-up Weekend: More than 50 student volunteers from five clubs participate: Student Congress, Latino Student Union, PTK, Welders Among Communities Club & Habitat for Humanity Club. MVCC had the largest group of volunteers out of all of the local colleges that participated.
- 2009 United Way & MVCC Foundation Campaign: 119 donors (an increase of 52 percent over the previous year) raised \$14,370 (an increase of 39 percent).
- 2009 United Way & MVCC Foundation Campaign: 156 donors raised \$38,054
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers: More than 45 MVCC Bell Ringers volunteered for an entire Saturday at Chanatry's and Price Chopper
- American Red Cross Haitian Relief: With help of Student Congress, a raffle helped raise \$3,430
- Greatest American Heart Run & Walk: 125 participants helped raise \$3,874
- 13th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk: Of the 230 participants at the Run/Walk, over 45 were MVCC employees and students who helped contribute to the over \$7,000 raised.

# Employees, students, say goodbye to Sam Drogo

It has been a difficult start to the semester with the death of beloved professor Salvatore "Sam" Drogo, but those who knew him best helped ease the pain and sadness with a memorial gathering on Thursday, September 16, which packed the theater.

While some of the discussion was about Sam's work as a negotiator for the Professional Association, it was the testament of his work in the classroom which left a lasting effect on so many lives.

Following an introduction by Alison Doughtie, President of the PA, it was the comments from two of Sam's former students which brought many of those in attendance to tears. Jennifer Szatko began by talking about how Sam was so endearing to his students, especially when he was trying to make a point. She talked, while fighting back tears, of how he would go out of his way for anyone of his students to make sure they understood their lessons. He gave so much of himself in order that his students succeeded and this caring went beyond her time at MVCC. Sam wrote numerous letters of recommendation to ensure her success after MVCC.

Aaron Glass also had very fond memories of Sam such as his conspicuously placed teddy bear on his lab coat. "It truly symbolized his teddy bear nature." Glass went on to talk about Sam's strong belief in promoting advancement of his students and mentioned how Sam was always there for him, even when he had caused "the veins in forehead to bulge."

These two testimonials of Sam's impact on his students' lives brought tears to the eyes of Sam's family who were present.



Long-time friends Don Willner, Bob Jubenville and Bill Perrotti were also on hand to remember the traits which made Sam unique. From his untied shoes to his wrongly-buttoned shirts, his inability to find his wallet, car keys or even his car in the parking lot, Sam's dedication in the workplace was always to his students.

Don talked of how humble Sam was about all of his accomplishments over his 30-plus years at MVCC and Bob told jovial stories using "Yogisms" Sam's favorite baseball team being the Yankees. Bill gave the audience insight to Sam as an office-mate, which turned tears to laughter. All three friends emphasized Sam's dedication most of all to his family. How he couldn't find enough hours in the day to spend time with his grandchildren, son and wife.

Bill put it perfectly when he finished by saying, "Sam blessed and enriched the lives of everyone he came in contact with."

## Cabinet Conversations Start Monday

Starting Monday, Sept. 27, MVCC's President's Cabinet will begin college-wide conversations about the results of the Student Opinion Survey and the Employee Climate Survey. These sessions are intended for people at all levels of the organizations to speak their minds about why MVCC has scored as it did, and how we can work together to improve.

Members of the MVCC community who wish to participate may attend any Cabinet member's session that fits their schedule, and each conversation is open to all faculty and staff. No RSVP is required - just come and share your thoughts and ideas in an open, respectful environment.

For those who wish to explore the content being discussed, the most recent Climate Survey and Student Opinion Survey summaries have been posted on the College's network, in the folder belonging to the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. From an on-campus computer, employees can click on "My Computer," > "departments on 'mvhawk,'" > "IEC" and view either "Climate Survey 2010 Results" or "SUNY SOS COMPARISONS." These surveys will be the jumping-off point for all of next week's discussions. Information can also be accessed via individuals' Microsoft Outlook accounts > Public Folders > IEC Archives.

### ***Cabinet Conversation Schedule***

- Monday, Sept. 27, 3-4 p.m.: Maryrose Eannace, Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs, AB 157, Utica.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2-3 p.m.: Denise DiGiorgio, Vice President for Student Services, Resident Dining Hall, Utica.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2-3 p.m.: Matthew Snyder, Director of Marketing and Communications, RA 223, Rome.
- Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2-3 p.m.: Ron Cantor, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Rome Campus, AB121, Utica.
- Thursday, Sept. 30, 1-2 p.m.: Ralph Feola, Vice President for Administrative Services, IT 224, Utica.

## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The MVCC PA is selling raffle tickets for the 2010 NYSUT Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

The Raffle Drawing is October 2.

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

Over 100 Prizes to win such as baskets and gift certificates - Need not be present to win.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Carla Zupancic, CSTEP Coordinator, at czupancic@mvcc.edu

## Monday, September 27

10:00 am - Psychology Club, ACC 212  
 Noon - MVCC Rome Campus Blood Drive, PC Entrance  
 1:00 pm - CSTEP, IT 220  
 3:00 pm - Chess Club, ACC 114  
 3:30 pm - Circle K, ACC 212  
 4:30 pm - Latino Student Union, ACC 212  
 5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Beginners, ACC 116  
 6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Advanced, ACC 116  
 7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby

## Tuesday, September 28

11:00 am - Tech Tuesdays, PC 209, AB 261  
 1:00 pm - CSTEP, IT 220  
 1:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays, PC 209, AB 261  
 2:00 pm - Lecture: "Darfur Today" w/Abdelshakour Khamis of  
 MV Resource Center for Refugees, IT 225  
 4:30 pm - Drama Club, ACC 212  
 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

## Wednesday, September 29

8:00 am - Club Day, MV Commons  
 9:00 am - Web Wednesdays, PC 209, AB 261  
 10:00 am - Club & Student Services Day, MV Commons  
 10:00 am - Public Policy Club/Women Voters, AB Lobby  
 Noon - Brown Bag Series "Becoming a Master Student," AB Lobby  
 2:00 pm - Web Wednesdays, PC 209, AB 261  
 3:00 pm - Lecture: "Dining Out of Our Cultural Safety Zone:  
 From Sushi to Pig's Feet" w/Dr. Anne Rogan, IT 225  
 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons  
 7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116

## Thursday, September 30

10:00 am - V8 Thursdays, PC 209, AB 261  
 10:00 am - Public Policy Club/Women Voters, AB Lobby  
 1:00 pm - Chemical Dependency Club, ACC 212  
 1:00 pm - V8 Thursdays, PC 209, AB 261  
 2:00 pm - Lecture: "Darfur Today" w/Abdelshakour Khamis of  
 MV Resource Center for Refugees, PC Auditorium  
 2:00 pm - Student Congress, ACC 212  
 3:00 pm - International Club, IT 218  
 3:00 pm - Program Board, ACC 212  
 4:00 pm - CSTEP, ACC 116  
 7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 7:00 pm - Strategic Gaming Club, ACC 212

## Friday, October 1

8:00 am - MVCC Utica Campus Blood Drive, ACC 116

## Saturday, October 2

8:00 am - Motorcycle Safety Course, RA 207

## Sabbatical applications available

This is to advise employees that applications for Sabbatical Leave for 2011-12 are now available in the office of the Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs, Room 396, Payne Hall. The applications are for faculty, non-teaching professional staff, and administrators.

The deadline to submit an application is Monday, November 1, 2010, by 4:30 p.m.

## Donate blood in Rome on Monday

The Student Nurse Organization will be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, September 27, from noon to 5 p.m. on the Rome Campus. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on hand with the reception and seating area being in the Plumley Complex atrium.

To make a reservation, email Dawn Amankwaa at DAmankwaa14@student.mvcc.edu.

## Athlete of the Week

When it comes to running, it is tough catching Savannah Boucher.

Boucher won the Finger Lakes Community College 5K Invitational race on Saturday, September 18. This performance earned her the honor of being named MVCC Athlete of the Week.

With a winning time of 20 minutes, 24 seconds, Boucher was a while 20 seconds in front of the second place finisher.

Her performance helped lead the women's cross country team to its first victory of the year.

Boucher is a freshman General Studies major who graduated from New Hartford High School.



Boucher

## Job Listings at MVCC

**Job Title:** Media Content Coordinator

**Salary:** mid \$30's

**Job Duties:** Coordinates and implements compelling marketing content to all media and deliverables used by the MVCC Marketing and Communications Office. Provides creative expertise to the copywriting and editorial process and works with designers, content authors and clients to ensure that multiple forms of media are aligned with the MVCC brand.

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree and minimum three (3) years progressive experience in public relations, advertising, journalism or related field; demonstrated success in mass communications; excellent writing, organizational, interpersonal, and customer skills required. Knowledge of MS Office, Adobe creative Suite, content-managed Web site creation and familiarity with industry standards for advertising, graphic design, and news media preferred.

**Application Deadline:** October 11, 2010.

**Job Title:** Educational Applications Assistant

**Salary:** low \$30's

**Job Duties:** Responsible for the operation, maintenance, and low level administration of the instructional computers and administrative desk top computers on both the Utica and Rome Campuses. Evenings and Saturdays required.

**Qualifications:** Associate's degree in computer science or related field and significant experience with MS-Windows, software installations and troubleshooting, "computer ghosting," TCP/IP with a wide variety of software products required. Bachelor's degree and experience with MACs preferred.

**Application Deadline:** October 11, 2010

**Job Title:** Technical Assistant Institutional Advancement

**Salary:** low \$30's

**Job Duties:** To provide technical and administrative support in the Institutional Advancement Office including scheduling meetings, preparing correspondence and campaign updates, developing and maintaining databases, utilizing Banner, arranging travel plans, coordinating special events, and maintaining accurate financial records.

**Qualifications:** Associate's degree in an appropriate field and minimum one year of experience in a college setting required. Bachelor's degree preferred.

**Application Deadline:** October 11, 2010

# MVCC in the fast lane at NASCAR



**MVCC IN THE FAST LANE** - MVCC's David Michel, a Technical Assistant and adjunct in the Aviation Maintenance program, stands next to the #28 car which sported the College's logo.



**MEET THE DRIVER** - MVCC's Walter Constantini, Director of the Aviation Maintenance program gets driver Kenny Wallace autograph in the pit.

## Team MVCC joins Hawks' 'Holly Day Toy Drive'

Join Team MVCC in supporting the MVCC baseball team as the squad begins its annual "Holly Days Toy Drive."

Last year the Hawks donated nearly 200 toys to the Holly Days Program. These toys were delivered to local families throughout the Mohawk Valley. The MVCC baseball team will be making a toy donation during the first week of October, and is hoping with help from Team MVCC, can double the donation this year.

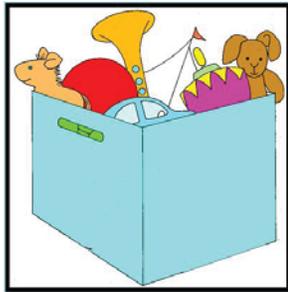
This year's Toy Drive will be held until October 5.

### Toy Drive Drop-Off Locations

Utica Campus:  
Student Activities: ACC 208  
MVCC Athletics Dept: Gym 203

Rome Campus:  
Student Services Office: PC A30

Contact Dave Warren at extension 5674 with questions or for additional information.



The College was traveling at Mach 1 this summer, well okay maybe a bit slower, but MVCC was going fast.

Through a promotion deal for the College's Aviation Maintenance program, MVCC's logo was placed on the #28 Bully Hill Vineyard's Chevrolet as an associate sponsor for NASCAR's Nationwide Series race at Watkins Glen on Saturday, August 7. The Nationwide Series is NASCAR's second highest level of its touring racing series.

The #28 Chevrolet was driven by long time NASCAR driver and TV commentator, Kenny Wallace. Owners of the racing team, Jay Robinson Racing, agreed to allow the MVCC decal to remain on the car for three additional races - Michigan International raceway, Bristol TN, and Montreal Canada - and flew the MVCC flag over the pit during the race.

"This opportunity allowed the MVCC Aviation Maintenance program to gain wide spread exposure in the northeastern quadrant of the country," said Walter Constantini, Director of the Aviation Maintenance program. "Each race is attended by on average 130,000 people. The decal is relatively small but NASCAR allows fans to get up close to the cars when they are in the pits at each track, and Kenny Wallace is a very popular driver so many pictures get taken of him and his race car."

Constantini also had the opportunity to meet Wallace along with hang out in the pit area prior to the race.

## Aviation Club plans Fall trip

The MVCC Aviation Club is planning a trip to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, on October 9.

Anyone interested is invited to go at a discounted group rate of \$15 per person. This includes admission to both the museum and the air show. The event will include both the regular show and additional aircraft from the Glenn Curtiss Museum. They will also be holding a fall festival and will have live music prior to the show.

There are currently 16 students and 2-3 faculty going. Refreshments and food is the responsibility of the individuals as this is a carpool trip. For anyone interested, contact the Aviation Club at the hangar through Student Services on the Rome Campus.

## Become a Slush Duck

MVCC's co-ed, faculty/staff basketball team is looking for a few good women and men to play in the annual "Slush Ducks" game against the championship-contending MVCC Hawks women's basketball team.

This popular community event will kick off the Hawks' season. If last year was any indication the game will be hotly competitive. The Slush Ducks will be coached by David Katz, and for information about playing, contact Bill Dustin at wdustin@mvcc.edu.

The game will be Friday, October 8 at 7 p.m. in the Gymnasium, with practices the week before the game.

### If not a Duck, be a fan!

The "quack" is back in town and the Lady Hawks are back for revenge! Come out to support MVCC's women's basketball team, seven-time Mountain Valley Conference defending champions, against the Ducks.

Join us for an exciting game and lots of laughs!

Tickets are \$5 General Admission [public, faculty, staff] and FREE for all MVCC Students.

Pick up your tickets in the MVCC Bookstores!

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