Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter May 19th 2003

Dedication of Faculty and Staff will be Recognized at Summer Institute Luncheon

The following individuals will be recognized at the Summer Institute Luncheon on Thursday, May 22nd.

Ten Years of Service

DAVID GUIDO, Facilities and Operations
MARIE KOHL, Alumni Office
RAMON SANTIAGO, Facilities and Operations
DAVID BROUGH, Campus Safety and Security Office
JO-ANN NOVAK, Library
RICHARD WOOLHEATER, Facilities and Operations
JANET VISALLI, Access and Retention
CYNTHIA BUSIC-SNYDER, Art Dept.
MARY JANE PARRY, Business Office
MAUREEN MCCLEARY, Life Science Dept.
RICARDO ROSERO, Engineering, Technologies & the Trades Dept..
PATTY FOX, Vice President for Instruction Office

Twenty Years of Service

CHARLES BURKHART, Facilities and Operations
ELLEN NICHOLS, Life Science Dept.
ANN NICHOLSON Hospitality Programs
SUSAN WATERS, Facilities and Operations
LINDA GOTTE, Business Office
MICHAEL FERRIS , Business Office

Twenty-Five Years of Service

BEVERLY HERTLINE, Business Office
BARBARA ECHTERMANN, Business/ Management Systems Dept.
DONALD REESE, Center for Community and Economic Development
RICHARD THOMAS, Life Science
RANDALL WEBSTER, Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Dept.
DENISE DIGIORGIO, Student Services Office

Thirty Years of Service

MARIE CUPOLO, Engineering, Technologies & the Trades Dept.
SALVATORE DROGO, Life Science
ROBERT LACELL, Public Information
JEROME BROWN, Human Resources
THOMAS GIOMETTI, Humanities Dept.
DENIS KENNELTY, Admissions Office
JAMES SHEAFFER, Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Dept.
WILLIAM SMITH, Business/Management Systems Dept.
IVAN SMITH, Humanities Dept.
STEPHEN SOTHERDEN, Business/ Management Systems Dept.

Thirty-Five Years of Service

WAYNE MASER, Facilities and Operations
WILLIAM NEWMAN, Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Dept.
THOMAS MANEEN, Art Dept.

More Than Thirty-Five Years of Service

TONI CARBONE, Office of the President
JOHN SNYDER Business/ Management Systems Dept.
FRANK PRZYBYCIEN, Engineering Technologies and the Trades
FRANK TOBIASZ, Engineering Technologies and the Trades.

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MVCCFACES

Carol Young, Part-time Secretary Engineering Technologies & The Trades

Carol helps students with any problems and directs them to the right advisor; prepares articulation agreements with various High School and BOCES; records change of major as well as other secretary duties such as typing, filing, answering the phone, etc.

She has worked here for six years.

She lives in Utica with husband Lee; and she has two adult children who both graduated from MVCC.

Carol has taken several courses towards a degree in real estate from MVCC.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
DR. CARMELITA LOMEO, Psychology, Human Services and Education Dept.
PATRICIA M. HIRSCH, Psychology, Human Services and Education Dept.

EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
PAUL HALKO, Engineering Technologies & the Trades

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE
SHERRY DAY, Library

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE
PETE PETERSON, Facilities and Operations

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
JAMES GIFFORD, Humanities Dept.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS
EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
GEORGE SEARLES, Humanities Dept.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
CYNTHIA VILLANTI , Humanities Dept.

EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
BARBARA SEATON, Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences Dept and Life Science Dept.

ADJUNCT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
TINA FAHRINGER, Human Services Department
FRANK CALIDONNA, Art Dept.
SALVATORE PRISTERA, Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences Dept.
DENISE HUGHES, Health Science Dept.

CAREER APPOINTMENTS
Kathryn Barefoot, Registrar's Office
David Warren, Athletics
Sharon Zohne, Public Information

CONTINUING APPOINTMENTS
Gary Broadhurst, Athletics
Delores Caruso, Millennium Project
Barbara Evans, Library
Andrew Glidden, Hospitality Programs
Linda Matthews, Advisement
Richard Suhr, CCED
Cynthia Villanti, Humanities Dept.

Left to right:Janelle LaMonte, Jackie Gallahan, Rachel Glod, Jillian LaMonte, Heather Spadaro, Stefanie Tremblay, Coach Parker, Stacey Egbert, Lindsey Horn, Danielle Seigers

MVCC Wins National Team Titles in Two Sports

MVCC recently won two Division III national championships in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The MVCC Hawks are national champions for 2003 in women's tennis and in women's track and field.

National Track & Field Champions

MVCC won the Division III NJCAA National Women's Track & Field Championship May 10th at Delhi, NY, defeating teams from Illinois, Maryland, Rhode Island and several other New York two-year colleges. A total of 21 colleges were represented.

MVCC's Stacy Egbert, from Danbury, Connecticut, won the 400-meter national title with a time of 58.55, and the 800-meter national title with a time of 2:25.99. Egbert joined with teammates Stefanie Tremblay of Troy, Heather Spadaro of Holland Patent, and Jillian LaMonte of Utica to take first place and the national title in the 4X800 relay with a 4:12.99 performance.

Egbert also took the top spot in the long jump with a meet and school record jump of 19' 1/4", and won the national title in the high jump at 5' 5 1/4". She set a school record of 37' 11" in the triple jump to take second place at the national championships. She was also second in the javelin, with a throw of 106' 7".

Tremblay contributed a national championship in the heptathalon with a meet and school record of 4,082 points. The two-day event included the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot putt, 200-meter sprint, long jump, javelin and 800-meter run.

Rachel Glod, of Waterville, took first place in the hammer throw at 123' 5", second in the pole vault at 7", and fifth in the discus with 97' 2".

The MVCC 4X800 relay team finished third in 10:55.89. On the team were sisters Janelle and Jillian LaMonte of Utica, Danielle Seigers of Stittville, and Heather Spadaro.

Men's Track and Field Individual Performances

The men's NJCAA Track & Field Division III Championships also took place at Delhi earlier this month, with MVCC finishing 7th of 23 teams overall. MVCC's Mykel Myrick of Earlville won the national title in the high jump with a leap of 6' 7".

Alex Millien of Syracuse took third in the 100-meter sprint with a time of 11.28.

Also taking 3rd was the Hawks' 4X100 relay team, with a time of 43:21. On the team were Vernon Chestnut of New York City, Millien, Pat Noonan of Holland Patent and Brian Moore of Gloversville.

Chestnut was also fourth in the 200 meters, with a time of 23.23, while Syracusan John Benevento finished fourth in the 3,000-mter steeplechase, with a time of 9:59.13.

Whitesboro High School graduate Max Bawarski was fifth in the 10,000 meters, with a time of 34:22.93. The Hawks finished fifth in the nation in the 4X800 relay. Benevento, Clyde Ward of Utica, Ryan Roth of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Pat DeRocco of Utica combined for a fifth-place time of 8:20.87 in the 4X800 event.

Gary Parker coaches both the men's and women's outdoor track and field teams at MVCC, as well as indoor track and cross country.

National Women's Tennis Champions

MVCC won the Division III NJCAA National Women's Tennis Championship May 8th at College Station, Texas, beating Riverland Community College of Minnesota 19-18 to take the title. Linda Bloss of Westmoreland won the No. 4 singles title. She and teammate Christin Shepard of Holland Patent also won the national title at No. 2 doubles. The Hawks qualified for the national tournament with a perfect 14-0 season last fall, including Mountain Valley Conference and NJCAA Region III titles. They are coached by Phil Gaffney.

Also on the MVCC women's tennis team were Laura Zick of Sauquoit, Heather Smith of Westmoreland, Ayuma Josha of Tokyo, Japan, and Onessa Williams of Albany.

Post-Season Awards for MVCC Hawks Men's Lacrosse Team

Several members of the men's intercollegiate lacrosse team at MVCC have been selected for post-season awards by Region III of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Mountain Valley Conference.

Freshman attackman David Saccocci of West Monroe, NY, was named to the NJCAA Region III Second Team. The 2001 graduate of Lowville Academy recorded 66 points for the Hawks, including 51 goals and 16 assists, fourth best in Region III. He was also named Most Valuable Player for the Hawks, and was selected for the All-Mountain Valley Conference Team.

Also on the All-Mountain Valley Conference Team is Mike Grant of Ava, a 2000 graduate of Rome Free Academy. He contributed seven goals and eight assists.

Two members of the MVCC team received NJCAA Region III Honorable Mention. Freshman Mike Pinto of Whitesboro, a 2002 Whitesboro High School graduate contributed 10 goals and 15 assists for MVCC. Senior Ryan Thomas of Cassville had 138 ground balls for MVCC during his two-year career. Thomas is a 2001 graduate of Sauquoit Valley Central School.

Paul Noecker, a former assistant coach at Rome Free Academy, coaches the Hawks lacrosse team. He is also a past head coach and manager of the Tri-City Lacrosse Club. The 2003 season was his second as head coach at MVCC.

Marjorie Thorpe Awards

On Tuesday, May 13th, the MVCC Libraries held the Thirteenth Annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Awards Ceremony in the Library on the Utica Campus.

Vice President Larson presented awards and prizes to the following students:

FIRST PLACE: Angel Zakala for "Kate Chopin". Instructor: Bill Hysell. Angel is the daughter of Sheila (Bookstore) and Mark (formerly of Facilities and Operations.)

SECOND PLACE: Noriko Yamada for "Paper and Ink Analysis". Instructor: Joseph Sowich.

THIRD PLACE: Cheryl Barnes for "African American Civil Rights Throughout the 1960s". Instructor: Paul Cruskie.

Left to right: Krista Hartman, Cheryl Barnes, Dr. Larson, Noriko Yamada, Angel Zakala and Stephen Frisbee

HONORABLE MENTION: Jim Gregory for "Should the U.S. Attack Iraq?" Instructor: Sarah Landau.

Papers were judged by five librarians on variety and quality of sources (50%), writing style (30%), and accurate and appropriate use of references (ie, the bibliography and citations within the text) (20%). This year 13 papers were submitted by 13 students from the county.

All winners receive a certificate. In addition, the first place winner receives $75.00, second place $50.00, and third place $25.00. The Award is sponsored by the Friends of the Mohawk Valley Community College Libraries, and named for a former librarian at the College.

Engineering Technologies and the Trades Students and Faculty Tour "Big Dig"

Dept. Head Frank Przybycien, faculty members Maggie Reilly, Alan Chase, and twenty-three current and former MVCC students toured the biggest urban highway construction project in the world on April 24th and 25th.

Boston's "Big Dig" project began in 1985 and is estimated to be completed in 2006 for a total of approximately $20 billion. The project entails replacing the elevated highways with underground tunnels throughout the city.

The students toured the site with design and construction engineers and were able to see bridge design, soil mechanics, strength materials, concrete and steel design and surveying; all topics that are applicable to what they're learning in class.

The project was sponsored by SOCET (Society of Civil Engineering Technology), and Student Activities.

Students and faculty pose for a picture on the new cable suspension bridge that mimics the Bunker Hill Monument in Boston.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 5/20

- Dept. of Defense, Syracuse Military Entrance Processing Station, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Testing, 5:00pm-8:00pm, Academic Building Room 309, Rome Campus.
- College Senate Meeting, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Plumley Complex Distance Learning Room, Rome Campus.
- Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Alumni College Center Commons, 12Noon.

Wednesday, 5/21

- Federal Armed Services Testing, 4:30pm-8:30pm, Academic Building Room 207, Rome Campus.
- Summer Institute Registration/Folder Pick-up, 8:30am- IT Lobby.
- Summer Institute Benefits Fair/Showcase Reception, 11:00am-1:00pm, IT Lobby.
- Placement Test, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Plumley Complex Room A10, Rome Campus.

Thursday, 5/22

- Placement Test, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Plumley Complex Room A10, Rome Campus.
- Office of Personnel Mgmt. Federal Armed Services Testing, 4:30pm-8:30pm, Academic Building Room 207, Rome Campus.
- Summer Institute Recognition Luncheon, 12:00Noon- 1:30pm, Alumni College Center Commons.

Friday, 5/23

- Commencement, 4:00pm, Utica Aud.
- Student Art Exhibit Opening, after Commencement, Small Works Gallery, IT Building and Library Lobby, Payne Hall.

Monday, 5/26

- Memorial Day.

Beyond Books...

by Stephen Frisbee, Coordinator, Libraries and Library Services

It's hard to believe another academic term is coming to an end. We have been very busy in the libraries over the past year updating the collection as well as the library web site. Some of these improvements include:

- A running list of bestsellers available at the Utica campus library, as well as lists of new books, videos, and audio-cassettes arranged by subject, can now be found under "Library Catalog".

- A new page under "Research Resources", called Term Paper Tips, includes links to web sites on plagiarism, sensitive language, sexism in language, and English grammar and composition. Both students and faculty should find those sites of interest.

- New Quick Reference Guides have been compiled by Lesley, including Photography, Anthropology/Archaeology, and Music. Other reference guides have been updated.

- A new category of reference guides, Special Resource Lists, has been created, which includes bibliographies compiled by Krista on banned books, 9/11 resources, women's history, MVCC authors, and poetry.

- Our Sites by Subject page includes nine (9) new subject categories of bookmarked web site links: Anthropology/Archaeology, Careers and Jobs, Earth Science, History--New York State, Music, Native Americans, Nursing, Photography, and Women's History. Many new web links have been added to already existing categories.

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Beyond Books...contined

• On our General Reference Web Sites page, you can now find sites on copyright and plagiarism, three new links to news sources, and an online book repair manual.

• Various collections in the Utica library received a renovation or a new home. Our video collection now runs parallel to the book collection, providing more continuity and clearer access. New locations were set up for the audiocassette collection and the career center, which has increased usage for both areas. In addition, we have designated a quiet study area, as requested by the students, which has been well received.

• We have many exciting plans for the Summer 2003, which we look forward to share with you in the fall. These include:

• EZ Proxy software customized and made available to allow access to all electronic resources for MVCC students, faculty and staff from off-campus through network user name and password. This will open up all our research databases and electronic journals to distance learners and those who have access to the Internet from home.

• SFX software customized and made available to provide linking between all our research databases and electronic journals. Essentially, if an article is not available in full-text in the current database, it will search our other online products and try and locate that article, providing more effective and efficient use of our electronic resources. We are very excited about the possibilities with this software!

• Addition of even more new web links, reference guides, resource lists, and several new search engine links. The library's web site is jam-packed with useful and interesting information!

• Continued reclassification of books, weeding of collection (especially nursing and Dewey books), inventorying, relocating CD collection for improved browsing, updating of periodicals and microfilm holdings lists, in addition to regular cleaning and shifting of all materials (books, periodicals, and microfilm). We will also be performing much online catalog and circulation database cleanup in anticipation of switching automated systems along with the MidYork Library System in early 2004.

Summer is a time of renewal and growth in the libraries. In the fall, look for more workshops and information about the great things happening here – beyond books!

Don't miss Colleen and Krista's Summer Institute workshop, "Exploring the Mohawk Valley: Print and Online Resources." You won't believe what we have in our collections on local history, culture, recreation, and wildlife! They've found lots of cool web sites too. The entire workshop and all its handouts will be available online on our "Sites by Subject": History -- New York State page. They'll be handing out free local pamphlets, and may even play a round of the New York State Trivia Game. Join them on Wednesday, May 21st, at 1:00 in the Utica campus library computer lab (PH212).

George Searles Authors Poem

Dr. George J. Searles (Professor, Humanities) has authored a poem in "Emerson of Harvard," an anthology published by Quill Books (Bristol, IN) to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Ralph Waldo Emerson's birth.

This is the last Communitas for the semester. Have a safe and happy summer.