



May 8th Dinner & Fashion Show at MVCC to Benefit Mychal Harris Memorial Scholarship



A dinner and fashion show benefiting the Mychal R. Harris Memorial Scholarship will be held on Saturday, May 8th. Advance sale tickets are available now through the MVCC Office of Institutional Advancement.

The dinner will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Alumni College Center. The fashion show, featuring a number of local dignitaries as models will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the IT Theater.

One scene, entitled "The Elite Club," features local dignitaries in a variety of attire. Among those who will serve as models: Josh Wright, a senior basketball standout at Proctor High School, Oneida County Legislator Bill Hendricks, Utica Mayor Tim Julian, Utica Councilman Bill Phillips, Oneida County District Attorney Michael Arcuri, Cheryl Minor, principal of Martin Luther King School, and Rome Family Court Judge Jawwaad Rasheed.

Other models will include Oneida County Youth Bureau Executive Director James LaFountain, Dan Marcano of the Utica Police Department, Barbara Klein, of the Volunteer Center, a member of the Utica City School District Board of Education, David Mathis, director of the Oneida County Office of Workforce Development and MVCC Trustee, and Fritz Barns, director of institu-

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"Chulrua" Brings Live Irish Traditional Music to MVCC Stage Tuesday, May 11th

"Chulrua," a three-piece band specializing in Irish traditional music, will appear in the IT Theater on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m..

There is a \$12 admission charge for the general public; students will be admitted for \$6.

"Chulrua" translates from the Irish as "red back," and was the name and distinguishing feature of the favorite wolfhound belonging to ancient Irish hero Fionn MacCumhaill. It is also the name of this internationally acclaimed trio of respected and unique exponents of Irish traditional music.

Button accordion icon Paddy O'Brien has accumulated a veritable hoard of rare versions of tunes and stories gleaned from more than 40 years of patiently seeking out and spending time with older musicians throughout Ireland. A native of County Offaly in the Midlands of Ireland, he is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant to record and annotate 500 dance tunes (a small fraction of his repertoire).

Also an avid student of the old masters, Patrick Ourceau is a virtuoso on the fiddle, and a particular specialist in the old tunes of County Clare. Originally from France, he has toured extensively in Europe and North America, and has taught at many respected Irish traditional music schools.

For 20 years, Tipperary man Pat Egan has developed his own powerfully emotive style of guitar accompaniment and vocal delivery. He has a large repertoire of little-known songs, old and new, that fit into both traditional and contemporary contexts.

The performance is presented through a partnership between Craobh Dugan of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eirann and the MVCC Cultural Committee. For more information, please visit www.mayo-ireland.ie/CCE.htm or www.chulrua.com.

Ted Moore Run/Walk and Teen Traffic Safety Events This Week

The 7th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore Run/Walk will take place this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on the Utica Campus.

To participate, stop by Cathy Hardy's office in PH 366 from 8:30am-4:00pm up until Friday, April 30th. Registrations will be accepted the morning of the event as well. The registration fee is \$25 per person and includes a commemorative T-shirt and race packet. Family and student fees are also available.

Faculty and staff as well as students can stop by many of the displays and events throughout the three-day Teen Traffic Safety Event on April 28th-30th. Check "MVToday" for daily events.



Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 100+ Students

Over 100 students were inducted into the National Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa on Friday, April 16th at 4pm in the IT Theater.

Opening remarks were presented by President Schafer, and VP Daniel Larson gave a keynote speech. Marissa George, President of the Lambda Beta Chapter gave concluding remarks.



Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members.

Eligible students have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 or higher on 12 hours of associate degree course work.



MVCC Teacher Invited To Speak At International Conferences

Assistant Professor David J. Morrill, Business and Information Technology, will be presenting research papers at two international conferences this spring.

The first conference will take place May 5-7 at the Academia De Ciencias Administrativas VIII Congreso Anual in Acapulco Mexico. The title of the manuscript accepted for this event is "Strategic Planning in a Time of Crisis for a Small Corporation." He is the lead author of this work with coauthors Dr. Prosper Bernard and Dr. Michel Plaisent, professors at the University of Quebec.

The second event, The Third Wuhan International Conference on E-Business will take place June 4-7 in Wuhan China. The title of the paper to be presented at this conference is "Job Satisfaction Level of Petrochemical Workers in the Philippines: A Comparative Case Study."

Mr. Morrill created these manuscripts as a doctoral candidate at Argosy University Sarasota previously known as the University of Sarasota. He will be conducting further research this summer on national and international aspects of job satisfaction levels to fulfill his dissertation requirement for the Doctor of Business Administration degree.

In addition, he has lived in the town of Hermon for over 12 years and currently serves that community as Town Justice.

College Sends Delegation to SUNY Day

On Tuesday, February 3rd, a group of faculty, staff and Trustee's of the College participated in SUNY Day in Albany. Public Policy student Danielle Francis was also invited to attend the day long event which offered the opportunity to meet with office staff of our representatives to voice budget concerns in the upcoming state budget.



Bill WC Pope a 1981 Advertising, Design & Production grad, is a freelance illustrator and cartoonist in the Mohawk Valley. He is a prominent cartoonist for the Air Force and Marine Corps.

OSSD Recognition Reception

The Office for Services to Students with Disabilities invites you to join us at the annual Recognition Reception on Friday, April 30, from 2:30 to 4:00 in the "Interlude." We will be honoring special members of the college community: faculty and staff who have demonstrated excellence in service to students with disabilities, and students who have distinguished themselves by overcoming the obstacles presented by their disabilities and demonstrating superior achievement. Even if you have only a few minutes, please stop by to recognize these exemplary individuals. Refreshments will be served.

Highlights of April Trustees Meeting

During their regular monthly meeting on April 19th, the MVCC Trustees took the following actions:

- o Approved a College policy and procedures relating to the designation of selected members of the Campus Safety & Security Department as Peace Officer. Among requirements for assuming the duties of a Peace Officer is satisfactory completion of the approved Municipal Police Training Council Training Program for Community College Peace Officers. MVCC's Peace Officers will not carry firearms.

- o Approved the appointment of Michael E. Chauvin as controller. Mr. Chauvin comes to MVCC from North Carolina Wesleyan College, where he has been controller since 1999. He has also served as controller at Trinity College in Burlington, Vermont, and at North Country Community College in Saranac Lake, NY. He was also college bur-sar/accountant at Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh, NY. He received a B.S. degree in Business from St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- o Approved the appointment of Richard Zaklukiewicz as assistant controller. He has been the College's financial systems manager since 2000. He first joined the College in 1984, and has also served as assistant to the controller and as financial analyst. He holds an A.A.S. degree in Accounting from HCCC, and a B.S. degree in Accounting from Utica College.

- o Approved a capital budget for 2005-2008, subject to approval and funding by Oneida County and New York State. Details are published elsewhere in this issue of *Communitas*.

- o Approved an academic calendar for 2005-2006, published elsewhere in this issue of *Communitas*.

- o Approved submission to SUNY of a Program Proposal for a certificate in Forensic Photography, which would provide students with techni-

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2005-2006 Academic Calendar

(Approved by the MVCC College Senate on March 2, 2004, and by the Board of Trustees on April 19, 2004)

Fall 2005

Faculty returns	Monday, August 15
Instruction begins	Monday, August 22
Labor Day (College closed)	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day (College open, no classes)	Monday, October 10
Midterms (Midterm of the semester)	Friday, October 14
Last day to withdraw (16-week courses)	Tuesday, November 8
Thanksgiving Recess (23rd: no classes, College open. 24th-25th: no classes, College closed)	Wed-Sun, Nov. 23-27
Last day of instruction	Friday, December 9
Study/snow day	Monday, December 12
Final exams	Tues-Fri, December 13-16
Grades due	Monday, December 19
NOTE: The week of October 10, 2005 follows as Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday schedule.	

EVENING EXAMS:

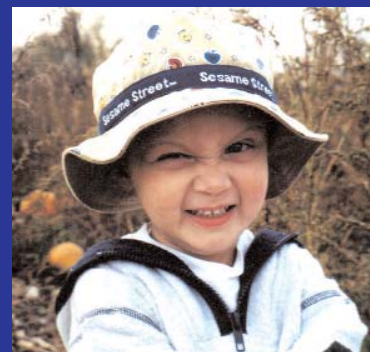
Monday evening	Monday, December 12
Tuesday evening	Tuesday, December 13
Wednesday evening	Wednesday, December 14
Thursday evening	Thursday, December 15
Friday evening	Friday, December 16

3rd Annual Cans for Cancer Bottle and Can Drive

To benefit the
*American Cancer Society's
Relay for Life Team*
"OWEN'S OUTBACK"

Sat. May 1st
8:00am-3:00pm

In the Parking lot of
Our Lady of the Rosary Church
at 1736 Burrstone Road,
New Hartford



*In loving memory of
Owen Riley Kimball*

Spring 2006

Faculty returns	Monday, January 16
Instruction begins	Monday, January 23
Spring recess	Mon-Sun, March 20-26
Midterms (Midterm of the Semester)	Wednesday, March 15
Last day to withdraw (16 week courses)	Friday, April 14
Last day of instruction	Friday, May 12
Study/snow day	Monday, May 15
Final exams	Tues-Fri, May 16-19
Grades due	Monday May 22
Commencement	Friday, May 26

EVENING EXAMS

Monday evening	Monday, May 15
Tuesday evening	Tuesday, May 16
Wednesday evening	Wednesday, May 17
Thursday evening	Thursday, May 18
Friday evening	Friday, May 19

Summer Session 2006

First Five-Week Session	
Instruction begins	Tuesday, May 30
Instruction ends	Monday, July 3
Final exams	Monday, July 3
Grades due	Friday, July 7
Second Five-Week Session	
Instruction begins	Monday, July 10
Instruction ends	Friday, August 11
Final exams	Friday, August 11
Grades due	Monday, August 14
First Eight-Week Session	
Instruction begins	Tuesday, May 30
Independence Day recess	Tuesday, July 4
Instruction ends	Thursday, July 20
Final exams	Thursday, July 20
Grades due	Monday, July 24

Capital Projects Budget Approved by Trustees

During their regular monthly meeting on April 19th, the MVCC Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing President Schafer to direct the architectural firm of Alesia & Crewell and the sports facilities planning firm Clough Harbor to complete Master Plans for the Rome Campus and for athletic facilities at the Utica Campus.

The resolution also authorized President Schafer to prepare a capital budget for 2005-2008. This will serve to communicate the College's request for various capital projects to the appropriate Oneida County and New York State officials, and is only the first step in a potentially lengthy process which may, if adequate funding is approved, lead to implementation of a variety of important projects for the future of the College.

Highlights from 2005 include planning and design for:

- Possible renovation of the Plumley Complex at Rome, and a field house, and ice center at the Utica Campus
- Possible relocation of the softball field, development of soccer practice fields, track and field modifications, renovation of the soccer game field, assorted campus walkways and amenities, construction of bleachers, press box and restrooms for athletic activities, and work on the Payne Hall roof.

2006 highlights include:

- Potential renovation and new construction related to the Rome Campus Plumley Complex, site work and parking, work on the Utica Campus Gym roof and possible construction of a Utica Campus field house.

The primary item proposed for 2007 would be construction of an ice center on the Utica Campus.

In the final year covered by the proposed capital budget, 2008, high-

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Upcoming Events

Monday, 4/26

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Bleed," 3:30pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$2 with MVCC ID; \$4 without.

Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, RA 302, Rome Campus.

Men's Tennis vs. Herkimer CCC, 4:00pm.

Tuesday, 4/27

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Bleed," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$2 with MVCC ID; \$4 without.

Baseball vs. Ithaca JV, 3:0pm, Donovan Stadium.

Wednesday, 4/28

Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: MVCC and Utica College Band Concert, 7:00pm, IT Theater. Free.

Hospitality Dinner, theme- "Greek Contemporary" Seating begins at 5:45pm in AB 108, Rome Campus. Call 334-7702 for reservations.

ECPS and ETT dept. information night, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Utica Campus.

Teen Traffic Safety Event, 8:30am-1:00pm, Utica Campus.

Thursday, 4/29

Teen Traffic Safety Event, 8:30am-1:00pm, Utica Campus.

Softball vs. Monroe CC, 3:00pm.

Baseball vs. Onondaga CC, 4:00pm, Donovan Stadium.

RSAA Spring Picnic, Noon-4:00pm, South lawn at the Rome Campus.

Friday, 4/30

Teen Traffic Safety Event, 8:30am-1:00pm, Utica Campus.

Sports Medicine Symposium, 7:30am-3:30pm, IT 225.

Capital Projects, cont.

lights include:

- Potential demolition of the Rome Campus Academic Building and Rome Campus barn.
- Possible development of a new facilities building at the Rome Campus.
- Possible renovation of a facility for carpentry and masonry instruction.

Saturday, 5/1

Ted Moore Run/Walk, 9:00am, Gym.

Softball vs. Genesee CC, 1:00pm.

Baseball vs. Adirondack CC, 1:00pm, Donovan Stadium.

Sunday, 5/2

"Isn't It Grand?" Concert Series with Father Jim Tormey, 3:00pm, IT Theater.

Baseball vs. Jamestown CC, Noon, Donovan Stadium.

Wednesday, 5/5

Hospitality Dinner, theme- "Cinco de Mayo buffet" Seating begins at 5:45pm in AB 108, Rome Campus. Call 334-7702 for reservations.

Thursday, 5/6

Open Mic Night, 7:00pm, ACC 116.

Academic Honors Presentation, 3:00pm, Interlude, ACC 114.

Saturday, 5/8

Mychal R. Harris Memorial Scholarship dinner and fashion show, 4:00pm, Alumni College Center; fashion show, 6:00pm, IT Theater.

Trustee's Highlights, cont.

cal knowledge in both criminal justice and photography. The certificate is intended to enhance the skills of students currently majoring in either area, and will amplify investigative abilities of persons currently employed in police agencies and the insurance industry. Major topics will include basic principals of photography, documentation of crime scene evidence, legal aspects of visual evidence, basics of still photography for crime scenes, and photographic aspects of physical injuries.

o Approved minutes of its March 16th meeting.

o Approved the Treasurer's report, and warrants covering College operations during March 2004.

o Approved a series of budget transfers.

o Approved appointment of two individuals as members of the College's adjunct faculty:

- Dr. Deborah Patrick, to teach Intermediate PC Operations for the Business & Information Technology Department. Dr. Patrick holds an M.A. degree in Education Administration from Catholic University of America, an M.B.A. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an Ed.D. degree in General Administration Leadership, with a minor in Information Science, from Peabody College. Her dissertation focused on microcomputer based automation systems for management operations.

- Cleta Patterson-Smith, to teach Introduction to Psychology for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. A counselor at Rome Catholic High School, she holds a B.S. degree in Education from Fayetteville State University, an M.S. degree in Education from Indiana University, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Administration/Supervision from SUNY Cortland.

Mychal Harris, cont.

tional advancement at MVCC.

The theme for the event is "An Evening of Elegance and Fun." Mrs. Venette Morrison, coordinator of the fashion show, promises that the show will appeal to audiences of all ages. The guest emcee, Mark G. Williams, will be traveling from Los Angeles to be part of the show.

The Mychal R. Harris Memorial Scholarship was established last year to honor and preserve the memory of one of MVCC's most promising students. "Mychal was very special to many of us, and the community, the models, everyone has been very eager to help," Mrs. Morrison noted. "Mychal was taken from us too soon, and the community still feels his loss. The fashion show is our way to help keep his memory alive."

Tickets for the dinner and fashion show are \$25 and may be obtained by calling the Office of Institutional Advancement at MVCC at 792-5555 or by visiting the office in Room 366 of Payne Hall, on the College's Utica campus. All net proceeds will go directly to the scholarship fund.