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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

April 5th 2004

Hospitality Programs Host a "Dessert Extravaganza" April 20th

If you like good desserts, you'll love the "Dessert Extravaganza & Chocolate Fondue Fountain Reception" scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, at the Rome Campus.

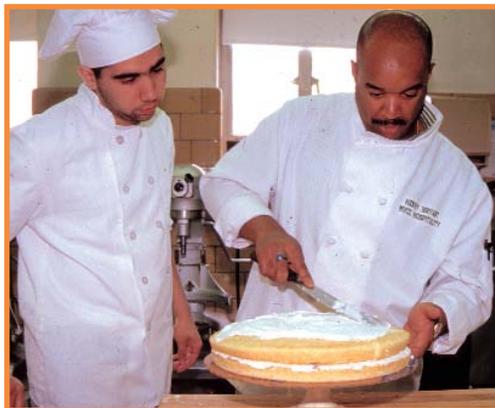
Presented by the Hospitality Programs, the event is scheduled for 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Dining Room. The event is a fund-raiser for the Hospitality Programs; admission is \$6.50 at the door.

Guests will sample a wide array of desserts and pastries prepared by MVCC's culinary arts students, alumni guest chefs, and "Friends of Hospitality" sponsors.

The reception will showcase a grand buffet featuring the work of students in MVCC's new Baking and Pastry Arts emphasis, part of the Culinary Arts Management degree program. In this new emphasis, students may specialize in baking and pastry or cuisine studies, and take courses in advanced bread baking, cake decorating, and pastry techniques and practices in addition to more basic baking courses which hospitality students are required to complete.

In addition to mingling at a fabulous "Chocolate Fondue Fountain," guests will savor a variety of sweets such as: chocolate truffles, cheesecakes, chocolate decadence, apple tarts, chocolate mint torte, cream swans, pecan whiskey tart, and a variety of other dessert specialties.

The program is sponsored by the MVCC Hospitality Programs, Excellus BlueCross-BlueShield of Utica-Watertown, the Mohawk Regional Dietetic Association, Chocolate Eventz, and Paul DeLima Coffee.



MVCC Senior Nursing Students To Conduct Health Education Activities This Week

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, 84 senior nursing students will conduct health education and promotion activities as part of their course requirements.

Each student in his or her final semester is required to present a community teaching project.

Students are assigned specific topics that they research and then develop a method to inform the public about the assigned topic.

Topics are related to diseases with the focus on health promotion and disease prevention.

Various modes of presentations are used to inform and educate the public about how to stay healthy and how to avoid risk factors that may lead to disease. Nursing is more than direct patient care - it is caring about the community at large and teaching is one aspect of caring.

A sampling of topics to be addressed by students includes: inflammatory bowel disease, sexually transmitted diseases, seizures, asthma, multiple sclerosis, skin cancer, colon cancer, urinary tract infections, osteoporosis, dental health, stroke, and glaucoma.

The activities will be held in the AB Lobby on April 5th from 2-4 and from 7-9 p.m., April 7th from 8-10 a.m. and from 2-4 p.m., and April 8th from 3-5 p.m.

READERS WANTED!!!!

Do you have a favorite short story, book, or poem? We'd like to hear your voice at this year's annual ReadAloud to celebrate National Library Week. This event will take place on Tuesday, 4/20 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the PH Lobby. Readers are asked to read a selection of their choice for a duration of five minutes. It's easy to sign up - please contact Barbara Granato in PH203, or call 792-5338, or send an e-mail to bgranato@mvcc.edu.

This event is open to all members of the College community. It's a great opportunity for your voice to be heard!

Faculty and Staff News

Dr. George J. Searles (Professor, Humanities) has published two poems in the Winter/Spring '04 issue of the Haz Mat Review, a Rochester-based literary magazine.

Sonoscop, a company located in Barcelona, Spain is using a work titled "Isaias Said ...", an electronic setting written and realized by retired Professor **Norbert Oldani** of a Bible quote. It will be made available on the internet in Sonoscop's "archivo de arte sonoro."

Karen Buono, Coordinator of Child Care Services was elected Vice President of the Executive Board of the Mid-York Child Care Coordinating Council, Inc. for a two year term. Buono was appointed to the Board in September 2001 to fill a vacant seat. In March 2002 she was elected to the Board and chaired the Board Development and Nominating Committee for the past two years.

Mid-York Child Care Coordinating Council, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to promote and support available, affordable and accessible quality child care for families within Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties through education, advocacy and coordinated community planning.

From the Desk of Gary Cohen, Substance Abuse Coordinator.

If you think no one is watching, think twice. Our younger generation has their eyes on you. They see as clear as day, and want to become what they see. Your actions speak much louder than words. Make healthy choices, take your education seriously, not only will it benefit you later in life, but that brother, sister, son, or daughter may become your prize student.



Nursing Career Paths for the MVCC Nursing Graduate

To instill the importance of continuing education in nursing and life-long learning, students were afforded the opportunity to hear "first-hand" from an advanced nurse practitioner. As an activity in NU 102 (Family Centered Nursing during the Pregnancy Cycle), Mariane Stalteri, CNM, NP (Certified Nurse Midwife and Nurse Practitioner) came to class on March 24, 2004 to discuss her role as an advanced nurse practitioner. Marianne educated the students about her role as a certified nurse midwife/nurse practitioner, her educational background, and other various topics in relation to her role. She currently is practicing with the

Mohawk Valley Women's Health Associates and has delivery privileges at Rome Memorial Hospital. This activity gave our students yet another look at the wide range of opportunities available to them after graduating from MVCC's ADN program.

Julie Wells, Nursing Instructor

MVCC, Utica College Concert Bands Plan Joint Concert at MVCC April 28th - Open to Public Free of Charge

The MVCC Concert Band and the Utica College Concert Band, will perform in a joint concert Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00pm in the IT Theater.

Each ensemble will present several numbers of its own, then combine for several pieces. Michael J. DiMeo will conduct the Utica College group. Barb Seaton will conduct the MVCC band.

The MVCC group, which operates as a non-credit college course, includes volunteer musicians of all ages and musical abilities. The ensemble, established in 1978, rehearses on Wednesday evenings during the school year, and performs several concerts each season in area nursing homes, care facilities, retirement communities, and other public locations. New members are always welcome, as well as new locations for concerts.

Additional information is available by calling conductor Barb Seaton at 334-7737.

April Is National Child Abuse Awareness Month Part 1

Throughout the month of April, the staff of Kiddie Campus will offer a variety of educational programs and activities that will assist parents with the somewhat difficult task of talking with their children about sexual abuse and personal safety. Some of the activities planned include a puppet show explaining the concept of "good touch-bad touch," discussions and games that teach children their bodies are special and belong to them, and the "What If" role-playing game that teaches children what to do if someone touches them in a "yucky" way, a stranger tries to give them a toy so they(the child) will go with them, and how to Say "No!!"

In addition, the center will provide parents w/ resources that will help them w/ appropriate discipline techniques, alternatives to help reduce daily stresses, positive praise methods, and resource and referral information.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, 4/5

Men's Lacrosse vs. Finger Lakes CC, 7:00pm., Proctor Stadium.

Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, RA 302, Rome Campus.

Nursing student's Community Health Promotion Activities, 2:00pm-4:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm, AB Lobby.

Tuesday, 4/6

Women's Softball vs. Broome CC, 3:00pm.

Men's Tennis vs. SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00pm.

Wednesday, 4/7

Brown Bag Lunch Series, theme: "Study Skills & Techniques," Noon and 1:00pm, ACC 116.

Hospitality Dinner, theme- "Nuevo Latino" Seating begins at 5:45pm in AB 108, Rome Campus. Price is \$18. Call 334-7702 for reservations.

Men's Lacrosse vs. Cayuga CC, 7:00pm., Proctor Stadium.

Nursing student's Community Health Promotion Activities, 8:00am-10:00am, 2:00pm-4:00pm, AB Lobby.

Thursday, 4/8

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

Nursing student's Community Health Promotion Activities, 3:00pm-5:00pm, AB Lobby.

Friday, 4/9

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

Wednesday, 4/14

Brown Bag Lunch Series, theme: "Creative Writing Workshop & Editing," Noon, IT 226.

Hospitality Dinner, theme- "Titanic Fundraiser" Seating begins at 6:00pm in AB 108, Rome Campus. Price is \$35. Call 334-7702 for reservations.

Job Fair, 10:00am-2:00pm, IT Lobby.

Baseball vs. Herkimer CCC, 4:00pm, Donovan Stadium.

Thursday, 4/15

Softball vs. Herkimer CCC, 3:00pm.

Men's Tennis vs. Onondaga CC, 4:00pm.

Saturday, 4/17

Softball vs. Adirondack CC, 1:00pm.

Child Abuse Awareness, cont.

The statistics on child abuse, child neglect, maltreatment and sexual abuse are both disturbing and at epidemic levels in the US. According to a Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) report released in 1996, it was estimated that child abuse and neglect in the US nearly doubled between 1986 to 1993. The report estimated the number of abused and neglected children increased from 1.4 million in 1986, to over 2.8 million in 1993. The number of children who were seriously injured quadrupled from nearly 143,000 to 570,000. (HHS Release, 9/18/96).

Here are some other key facts on Child Abuse/Maltreatment from Prevent Child Abuse America:

* Approximately three children died each day in the US from abuse or neglect in 1997.

* While overall crime rates fell 22% from 1993-97, reports of child abuse/neglect grew by 8% and confirmed cases increased by 4%.

* 51% of reported cases in 1998 involved neglect, 25% involved physical abuse, 10% involved sexual abuse, 3% involved emotional abuse and 11% were related to other forms of child maltreatment.

* It is estimated that 95% of children sexually abused, are done so by people they know and trust; parents, relatives, friends of the family, and authority figures (teachers/child care providers, coaches, youth group leaders, clergy, etc..) Part 2 of this series will focus on ways parents/adults can communicate and actively listen to children and other safety rules to follow.



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