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SUNY Unveils Thruway Kiosks- MVCC, HCCC and SUNY IT Highlighted

Vice President for Instruction Dan Larson jokes with (left to right), Dr. Kenneth Kraft, SUNY IT Provost/VP for Academic Affairs, Chancellor Robert King and HCCC President Ron Williams.

On Thursday, November 18th, SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King, NY State Thruway Authority Chairman John L Buono and Thruway Authority Executive Director Michael Fleischer unveiled a SUNY kiosk at the NY State Thruway Oneida Travel Plaza.

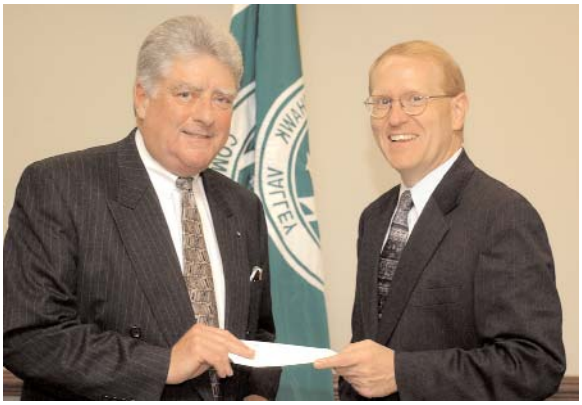
The kiosks, which display information about SUNY campuses, will be placed inside all 27 Thruway Travel Plazas by the end of 2005 and will be stocked with SUNY brochures for Thruway travelers.

"Placing SUNY kiosks at the Thruway Travel Plazas provides valuable exposure for our 64 campuses to the millions of motorists who travel the Thruway each year," said SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King. "Motorists will be able to learn more about the great variety of programs and degrees and the high quality education available at SUNY and I commend the Thruway Authority for helping make this project possible."

President Michael I. Shafer said, "The State University of New York, including its community colleges, is a tremendous asset for both individual achievement and economic development. These kiosks will help millions of New Yorkers and visitors to our State better understand the powerful opportunities these colleges provide. I am especially pleased that the SUNY campuses in the Mohawk Valley - MVCC, HCCC and SUNYIT - are the focus of the first of these kiosks."

The kiosks will display SUNY information for the more than 20 million motorists who stop at Thruway Travel Plazas each year. The kiosks will highlight for the Thruway's millions of travelers the excellence of New York State's incomparable system of public higher education.

The Thruway Authority is building the oak kiosks, which are seven feet high and composed of four 35 ½ inch wide panels. Each kiosk will highlight the entire SUNY system as well as campuses in the vicinity of the individual service areas. One panel lists the SUNY campuses and has a state map showing their location within the State; one panel focuses on the State-operated campuses; one panel focuses on the community colleges; and the fourth panel focuses on regional SUNY campuses. The kiosks also convey the message that New York State, with its outstanding system of public higher education and many campuses, is a great place to live and work.



First Source Federal Credit Union Sponsors MVCC Gala - AGAIN!

Our good friends at First Source Federal Credit Union were again the title sponsors of MVCC's Annual Gala.

The 3rd installment of the Gala, entitled "Dance the Night Away," took place Saturday in the Information Technology Building. With two regionally-acclaimed bands, "The Gap Mangione Quartet" and "Classified," the black tie optional event offered a smorgasbord of entertainment for music lovers of all types. The evening also included delectable hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, legal beverages, a silent auction, an art show and conversation with many colleagues and friends.

First Source President and CEO Michael Parsons (r) presents President Schafer with the sponsorship check for the 3rd Annual Gala. First Source is one of the providers of financial products and services to MVCC employees. Visit them at www.fsource.org.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 11/29
~ Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: "Recycled Percussion," 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $5; free for students with ID.
Tuesday, 11/30
~ Interview Workshop, 2:00pm, AB 244.
Wednesday, 12/1
~ MVCC Concert Band, 8:00pm, IT Theater.
~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Sunny Portugal." Seating begins at 11:45am in RA 108, Rome Campus.
~ Poet's Recluse, 2:00pm-3:00pm, PH Lobby.
~ World AIDS Awareness Day activities.
~ Hockey vs. Hudson Valley, 7:00pm, Utica Aud.
Thursday, 12/2
~ Placement testing, 6:00pm, PCA 10, Rome Campus.
~ DWI exhibition with Dennis Foley, 3:30pm-4:30pm, IT 225.
~ Men's Basketball vs. Fulton-Montgomery, 7:00pm.
Saturday, 12/4
~ Placement testing for students with disabilities, 9:00am, PC 252, Rome Campus.

My family and I are overwhelmed with the outpouring of concern for us after the sudden death of my brother, Mr. Matthew Flanagan.
We have received many cards, mass cards and flowers from the caring community that makes up MVCC, and it has truly touched us.
Thank you so much.
Kate Barefoot

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Kateri Sparks, a 1982 electrical technology grad, is a manager in systems operations for the New York Power Authority. She was just named the NYPA's Woman Leader of the Year for 2004.

MVCC Humanities Professor Alina Mildred Treis Completes Doctorate at SUNY Albany

Instructor Alina Mildred Treis, of the Humanities Department at Mohawk Valley Community College, recently completed a Ph.D. degree in English literature and theory at the State University of New York at Albany. The degree will be conferred in graduation ceremonies on December 12th.

Dr. Treis joined the MVCC faculty in 2002. She also holds a Master of Arts degree from SUNY Albany, a B.A. degree from the College of St. Rose and a B.A. degree from the University of Bombay in literature.