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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

#### 8th Annual Ted Moore Run/Walk

On Saturday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m., the Utica campus will host the 8th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K (3 mile) Run/Walk.

The event is held in memory of Professor Moore, a member of the



College's mathematics faculty, who was killed by a drunk driver in December 1996. Proceeds from the event will go to a local organization involved in drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment as well as to the Ted Moore Memorial Scholarship at MVCC.

Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in selected age groups and special fundraising awards will be given to the individual collecting the highest pledge total.

The registration fee is \$20 per person; \$10 for students and \$40 for a family of up to 5 members. All participants will receive a free commemorative T-shirt. For more information or to register, call the MVCC Office of Institutional Advancement at 792-5648.

The event is sponsored by the MVCC Alumni Association, the MVCC Professional Association, Regent Broadcasting, Nexstar Broadcasting and the Oneida County Stop-DWI Program.



Last week residence hall students watched anxiously as a computer-aided room selection lottery program chose which order students will be able to choose their spot in the New Dormitory, opening this fall. The three story building will house 155 students, bringing the total number to 505 students.

May 14th
Dinner &
Fashion Show
at MVCC To
Benefit
Mychal Harris
Memorial
Scholarship



A number of Utica dignitaries will participate as models in a fashion show benefiting the Mychal R. Harris Memorial Scholarship on the Utica Campus on Saturday, May 14th. The 6:00 p.m. fashion show will be preceded by a buffet dinner. The event, entitled "An Evening of Elegance and Fun," is sponsored by the MVCC Foundation. The dinner is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. in the MV Commons. The fashion show, coordinated by Mrs. Venette Morrison, will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the IT Theater.

The Mychal R. Harris Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 to honor and preserve the memory of one of MVCC's most promising students.

Among those who will serve as models in the fashion show: Oneida County District Attorney Michael Arcuri, Utica Fire Department Chief Russell Brooks; Janet-Evelyn Dorsey, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Business/Computer Division, Herkimer County Community College; Grady Faulkner, Magnet Theme Specialist/TA, Kernan School, Utica City School District; Oneida County Legislator William Hendricks, WKTV newscaster Andy Jenks, Utica Mayor Timothy Julian, Utica Board of Education President Barbara Klein, and Dr. Michael Lavelle.

Also taking part will be David Mathis, Director of the Oneida

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## MVCC Students Receive Chancellor Awards For Student Excellence

Three MVCC students were selected to receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award for their academic and community related achievements. On March 28th, they were honored at a luncheon at the State University Plaza in Albany. They are:

Brenda Barsch, a business administration student from Rome. Brenda is the Vice President of Finance for MVCC's Student Congress, President of the College's Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's chapter, and a recent selection to the 1st team All-New York Academic Team for Phi Theta Kappa. Brenda volunteers for the American Red Cross, and participates in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. She plans on attending Syracuse University as a Chancellor's Scholar in the Fall.

Jennifer Whitney, a liberal arts & sciences student from New Hartford. Jennifer is on the MVCC Academic Appeals Committee, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and the Vice President of Programming for Student Congress. She volunteers her time at her local church, and participates in American Red Cross Blood Drives and the Heart Association Run and Walk.

Pedro Lima, a business management student from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In addition to Pedro's exemplary academic performance, (4.0 GPA), he was the Captain of the MVCC Men's Soccer Team and received the NJCAA Region III Honorable Mention Award for his performance in the 2004 season.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence acknowledges students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, which may include leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, entrepreneurship or career achievements.







#### Scholarship,cont.

County Office of Employment & Training, and Chairman of the MVCC Board of Trustees; Utica Police Chief C. Allen Pylman; Oneida County Family Court Judge Bernadette Romano; Jamie Sitera, New Hartford, Magnet Theme Specialist at Watson-Williams School, Utica School District; Louis Tehan, executive director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Utica; and Claudia Tenney, attorney and Chief of Staff to Assemblyman David Townsend: and Jennifer Spring, Principal of the Business & Finance Academy at Proctor High School.

Tickets for the dinner and fashion show are \$35 and may be obtained by calling the Office of Institutional Advancement at x5555, or by visiting the office in PH 366.All net proceeds will go directly to the scholarship fund.

#### MV Council on Alcoholism & Addictions Presents Awards at MVCC

On Tuesday, April 5th, the Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism & Addictions (MVCAA) presented several awards during its annual Alcohol Awareness Breakfast in IT 225.

Associate Professor Patty Hirsch (right) of the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department accepted the Amethyst Award from Paul Dunn, MVCAA Board Representative. The award is given out annually to individuals in the community who have had a strong impact in the field of chemical dependency treatment and prevention. Community members nominate individuals, and the MVCAA board of directors makes a decision based on leadership qualities, and visible impact of the nominee's efforts.

MVCC also received the College Campus Leadership Award. Last fall, MVCC and the Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism & Addictions jointly received a three-year grant for \$236,000 from the New York State Office of

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Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. The funding is being used to plan a program called "Challenging College Alcohol Abuse." When planning is completed, the program will include activities designed to educate MVCC students and the community on social norms related to underage drinking, and to develop an environmental management approach for college and community under-age drinking prevention.

#### Dan Porcelli Named Bursar

Dan Porcelli was named Bursar at the College. In his new position, he



will supervise the daily student activities of the Business Office relative to registration, customer service operations, student billing and student accounting. He will also update and maintain software for student accounts, manage tuition deferral programs for students and sponsoring agencies, and will oversee collection activities. He will lead the front-desk team in developing and maintaining a customer service emphasis in Business Office student activities.

Porcelli has served as a financial aid accountant since 1977, and was acting director of financial aid from 1989 to 1992.

He is a member of the New York State Organization of Bursars and Business Administrators, and BANNER Student SICAS Center of Oneonta. He has served on numerous College committees, including a self-study team related to reaccreditation by the Middle States Association.

Before joining MVCC, he was manager of consumer credit operations for Marine Midland Bank (now HSBC) in Utica.

He holds an Associate's degree in Accounting from MVCC, and is a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School in Utica.

He is a member of American Legion Post 229 of Utica, and is active in Jerry's Kids National.



H. Richard Christman, MVCC class of 1968, chats with Melissa Kolb, Employment Specialist for OSSD at the job fair on Thursday, April 14th in the IT Lobby. Christman is a

Department Manager for PSI, an engineering, consulting and testing firm.

Approximately 160 job seekers attended the event that offered them an

opportunity to "meet the employer," get information on the local labor market, find out what each company or agency does, what kind of jobs they have, qualifications needed, and salary ranges. Thirty-three employers participated.

### Children's Cuisine Day Little Hands Helping Those in Need



Thursday, April 28th 12:00pm - 1:30pm ACC 116 Admission \$2.00

Purchase Tickets at all Sodexho Locations on Campus and at Kiddie Campus

#### Menu

Cracker Stack, Sandwich Roll Ups, Fish in a Pond, Broccoli Trees, Fruit Pizza, Dirt Cups, Fruit Kabobs, Mini Flower Cup Cakes, Fruit Chews.

Sponsored by Sodexho and Kiddie Campus

All Proceeds to Benefit the Catholic Charities Summer Breakfast Program

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, 4/25

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Preventing Plagiarism," 11:00am and Noon, IT 225 Tuesday, 4/26
- ~ Wellness Day, 10:00am-2:00pm, MV Commons.
- ~ Baseball vs. Ithaca JV, 3:00pm., Murnane Field.
- ~ Lacrosse vs. Alfred State College, 4:00pm, Proctor Stadium.
- ~ Drug and Alcohol "Jeopardy" Competition, 7:00pm, ACC 116. Wednesday, 4/27
- ~ Alcohol Screenings, 11:00am-2:00pm, MV Commons.
- ~Hospitality Programs Theme Dinner, "French Bistro," \$18pp, 6:00pm, Hospitality Dining Room, Rome Campus. For reservations, call X7702, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm.
- ~ ECPS Dept. Advisory Dinner, 6:00pm, RA108, RA207, RA223, RA225, Rome Campus. Thursday, 4/28
- ~ Fatal Vision Trike Race, 11:30am-1:00pm, MV Commons.
- ~ Art Dept./ American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) hosts roundtable event, "Revisualization: Reflections on Five Real-World Designers," 7:00pm-9:00pm, ACC 116.
- ~ Lysistrata, 8:00pm, IT Theater. (Adults only) Friday, 4/29
- ~ OSSD Disability Awareness Days Event, 1:00pm-3:00pm, AB 153.
- ~ Men's Tennis vs. Onondaga, 4:00pm.
- ~ Lysistrata, 8:00pm, IT Theater. (Adults only) Saturday, 4/30
- ~ Ted Moore Run/Walk, 9:00am, Gvm.
- ~ Oneida County Dept. of Traffic Safety Defensive Driving Program, 9:00am-4:00pm, PC 211, Rome Campus.
- ~ Lacrosse vs. Broome CC, 1:00pm,

Proctor Stadium.

~ Lysistrata, 8:00pm, IT Theater. (Adults only)

Wednesday, 5/4

~Hospitality Programs Theme Dinner, "Welcome in Spring with a Gift of Southern Hospitality," \$18pp, 6:00pm, Hospitality Dining Room, Rome Campus. For reservations, call X7702, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Friday, 5/6

- ~ Matsuri Arts Festival, TBA
- ~ Special Olympics Dance, 6:00pm-9:00pm, PC Atrium. Saturday, 5/7
- ~ Matsuri Arts Festival, TBA
- ~ Onsite Wastewater Disposal System Design class, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Sunday, 5/8

~ Baseball vs. Erie CC, 1:00pm, Murnane Field.



Randy VituIIo, a 1988 liberal arts & sciences: math and science grad, is a biology teacher at Donovan Middle School. He also haolds a BS in biology and chemistry from Utica College and an MA in chemistry from SUNY Albany.

#### MVCC Schedules Alcohol Awareness Week Events-April 25-30

A week of activities is scheduled in observance of Alcohol Awareness Week.

On Monday, April 25th through Friday, April 29th, displays concerning victims of alcohol abuse will be placed throughout the College's campus.

On Tuesday, April 26th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a Wellness Day event in the Alumni College Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local agencies involved in treatment for drug and alcohol abuse will be present with information booths.

On Wednesday, April 27th, the Alumni College center will be the location for alcohol screenings between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. On Thursday, April 28th, the "Fatal Vision Trike Race" featuring the "D.W. Eyes Obstacle Course" will take place in the Alumni College Center between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The week concludes on **Saturday, April 30th** with the 8th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk. This is a fund-raising event, with a portion of proceeds going to selected local agencies involved in drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment. There is a \$20 participation fee for adults, \$10 for students, and a family fee of \$40 for families up to five members. Information on the run/walk is available from the MVCC Office of Institutional Advancement 792-5648.