



## Highlights of July 25th Board of Trustees Meeting

During its July 25th regular monthly meeting, the MVCC Board of Trustees took the following actions:

- Approved awarding of an honorary Associate degree in Humane Letters to Trustee Warren Copeland in recognition of 25 years of service as a member of the MVCC Board of Trustees.
  - Received the report of its Nominating Committee for Board Officers for 2005-2006, as follows: Chair, David Mathis, Sheila Vandevener, Vice Chair; Ralph Feola, Treasurer; and Toni Carbone, Secretary. The Committee also nominated 2005-2006 officers for the MVCC Dormitory Corporation: John Stetson, Chair; William Calli, Jr., Vice Chair; Lynn Breen, Treasurer; Ralph Feola, Assistant Treasurer; Dennis Gibbons, Secretary; and Denise DiGiorgio, Assistant Secretary.
  - Recognized Trustee John Stetson for his selection as a "Living Legend" by the Oneida County Historical Society.
  - Recognized the MVCC intercollegiate athletics program for its close second place finish in balloting for this year's Pepsi/NATYCAA award for the best non-scholarship collegiate sports program in the U.S. MVCC was edged out by the College of DuPage (Illinois), a 34,000-student institution which previously had won the top honor in the scholarship division.
  - Approved submission of a program title change to SUNY, changing Health Information Technology/Medical Records to Health Information Technology. The
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Cutting the ribbon from left to right were College Trustees Warren E. Copeland, Sheila Vandevener, Vice Chair; Student Trustee Doug Koba, William S. Calli, Jr., Mary-Carmel Wolf, David Mathis, Chair; and John B. Stetson

## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Marks Opening of New MVCC Utica Campus Residence Hall

On Monday, August 15th, the College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the new \$6 million three-story residence hall.

The building will house 155 second-year students in five-person suites, and brings the on-campus residential capacity to more than 500 students. The new air-conditioned facility features a game room, rooms for meetings and social events, high speed internet, in-room telephones, and cable TV service.

The Charles A. Gaetano Construction Corp. of Utica oversaw the building's construction, which took just over a year to complete. Stantec, an architectural firm operating in the U.S. and Canada, was employed by Gaetano to work on the project, along with Almy & Associates Consulting Engineers, of Utica.

The MVCC Dormitory Corporation, which operates residence halls on the College's Utica Campus, bonded for the project. As a result, no State or Oneida County funding was used.

The project also included construction of new linking corridors joining two existing residence halls at the north side of the complex, and two halls on the south side of the complex. This modification reduces to three the number of entry points to all five residence halls, providing increased security. In addition, dining and mailroom facilities in the Alumni College Center were expanded to accommodate the larger on-campus population, as was campus parking.



Resident Director Jamie Schabenbauer, left, gives members of the staff a tour.

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change conforms to recommendations from the American Health Information Management Association.

- Approved submission of a program proposal to SUNY for an A.A.S. degree in Fire Protection Technology. The program is being developed by the Social Sciences Department at the request of and in collaboration with the Utica Fire Academy. The program is for graduates of the Academy, and equates the training and instruction received at the Academy to 31 hours of academic credit. Matriculants will be provided with the general education and program-related courses to supplement their fire protection education.

- Approved submission of a program proposal to SUNY for a Surgical Technician Certificate. The program will prepare students to work as surgical technicians (scrub technicians) in the operating suites of healthcare facilities, preparing patients for surgery, setting up surgical instruments and equipment, passing instruments and sterile supplies, and performing needle and sponge counts. Courses will include Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2, Medical Terminology, Introduction to Health Care or Professional Standards in Health Care, Surgical Technology Clinical Seminar, Fundamentals of Surgical Technology, Pharmacology for Allied Health, Surgical Technology Skills/Surgical Procedures, and Surgical Technology Clinical Practice 1 & 2.

- Ratified the probationary appointment of Keith F. Lynip as Director of Distance Learning. He comes to MVCC from Element K in Rochester, where he was an instructional designer, instructional design consultant, content development manager-customer services, and manager of content development services at various times. His work involved design and development of web-based classes for Cisco Systems, and other clients. He assembled, trained and led a team of up to 30 instructional designers/ developers. He holds a B.A. degree in History/English Literature from Houghton College, and an M.A. degree in History/Community College Education from Appalachian State University.

- Approved the probationary appointment of Susan Perry-Zasa as an Instructor in the Health Services Department. A staff nurse at Rome Memorial Hospital, she has also served as the Health Services Retention Specialist at MVCC. She is an MVCC Nursing graduate, and holds two degrees from SUNYIT, a B.S. degree in Nursing, and an M.S. degree in Nursing Administration.

- Approved the probationary appointment of Ann M. Popeo as College Nurse. Most recently employed as a staff rehabilitation nurse at Rome Memorial Hospital, she holds two MVCC degrees, in Secretarial Science and Nursing. She also holds a B.P.S. degree in Business Public Management from SUNYIT.

- Approved the probationary appointment of Rebecca Cooper as Coordinator of International Student Services. She holds a B.S. degree in Psychology from Ball State University, where she is an M.A. candidate in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education.

- Approved the probationary appointment of Christopher Lockwood as an Instructor in Accounting in the Business & Information Technology Department. He comes to MVCC from the Oneida Indian Nation, where he has served as Director of Treasury Operations and Budget. He also held several positions at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino, including financial analyst, senior accountant and financial manager. He holds an A.A.S. degree in Accounting from Herkimer County Community College, and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Accounting from SUNYIT.

- Approved creation of a programmer position in the Information Technology Department (Administrative Applications), to provide programming services in support of the Business Office and Human Resources.

- Accepted the resignation of Mark Waldrop as Director of Hospitality

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During their August 15th meeting, the MVCC Trustees took the following actions:

- Accepted the resignation of Dr. John Rosicky as a member of the faculty and as Department Head in Psychology, Human Services & Education. Dr. Rosicky has accepted a position at Prince George's Community College in Maryland.

The Trustees authorized filling the position. The Trustees also accepted the resignation of Melissa Kolb as program specialist in the Center for Community & Economic Development. Her position was funded by a grant from the Workforce Investment Board as a way of helping students with disabilities with job placement.

- Approved the following full-time probationary appointments:

- Dale Millson as an instructor in the Business & Information Technology Department. He is an MVCC graduate, with an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences. He has also earned a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Utica College, an M.S. degree in Computer & Information Science at SUNYIT, and is a Ph.D. candidate in Computer & Information Science at Syracuse University.

- Roman C. Santos as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. He has been a Spanish teacher at the high school level in California. He earned a B.A. degree in History at Brigham Young University, an M.A. degree in Spanish at San Diego State University, and is enrolled in a Secondary Education master's degree program at the University of Phoenix.

- Rosemary E. Mink as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. She has been an instructor on term appointments at the College since 2001, and was a member of the adjunct faculty from 1989 to 2001. She has also taught at Utica College. She earned a B.A. degree in English/Professional Writing at

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Programs, and authorized the College to seek qualified candidates for the position.

- Accepted the resignation of Frederic Barns as Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, and authorized the College to seek qualified candidates for the position.
- Authorized the College to seek qualified candidates for instructor positions in Accounting, Information Technology, Humanities, English, Physical Education & Athletics, and the Health Services retention Specialist position. The Trustees accepted resignations from Luther Riedel, Humanities; Cynthia Villanti, Humanities; Catherine Don Diego, Humanities; and Phillip Gaffney, Athletics & Physical Education.
- Approved allocation of up to an additional \$400,000 in operating funds for the purchase of equipment in support of College operations. With limited increases in State operating support, the College held equipment allocations to an artificially low limit of \$46,000 in 2004-2005. Increasing the allocation more closely reflects the resources needed to support operations.
- Approved minutes of its May 16th and May 31st meetings.
- Approved warrants and expenditures for College operations during June.
- Ratified appointment of the following individuals as members of the College's adjunct faculty for the Summer and Fall 2005 semesters, as well as future semesters as needed:
  - Linda Budlong, to teach Swimming for Beginners and Basic Swimming for the Athletics & Physical Education Department. She is certified by the American Red Cross as a water safety instructor. She is also certified by the Red Cross in CPR/AED for the Professional and Fundamentals of Instructor Training.
  - Robert Collea, to teach Essentials of Chemistry for the Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences Department. He is an MVCC graduate with an A.S. degree in Liberal

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SUNY Fredonia, and an M.A. degree in English Literature at Syracuse University.

- Lewis J. Kahler as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. He has been an Adjunct instructor at both MVCC and Utica College. He earned a B.A. degree in English from Utica College, and an M.A. degree in English at SUNY Cortland.
- Ratified the following grant-funded appointments:
  - Francia I. Reed, RN as an Instructor in the Health Services Department, to teach Nursing courses. A former nurse at Rome Memorial Hospital, she is a family nurse practitioner in endocrinology, and is a Captain and clinical nurse in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. She holds an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts from Chapman College, a diploma in Nursing from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing (Duluth, Minnesota), and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Nursing from SUNYIT.
  - Megan L. Kosemchak as an Instructor in the Life Science Department, to support the Nursing program at the Rome Campus. A practicing chiropractor, she earned a B.A. degree in Theater from Penn State University, and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the New York Chiropractic College.
  - Ann Dousharm, RN as Health Services Retention Specialist in the Health Services Department. She has been an adjunct instructor at MVCC since 2003, and has also served as master nursing instructor at Madison-Oneida BOCES. She is a former nurse at both the St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Faxton-St. Luke's Health Care. She is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Nursing. She also holds two degrees from SUNYIT; a B.S. in Nursing and an M.S. in Nursing Administration.
- Approved the following term appointments:
  - Colleen Bolton as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. She was an instructor at the College on a term appointment during the 2004-2005 academic year, and was an adjunct instructor from 1999 to 2004. She holds two degrees from SUNY Empire State College; a B.P.S. degree with an Emphasis in Fiber Art, and an M.A. degree in Liberal Arts.
  - A. Ronald Medici as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. He has been an adjunct instructor in English at MVCC since 2001, and an adjunct instructor in Theater at Utica College since 2002. He has also taught at SUNY Oswego. He holds a B.A. degree in English from Utica College, and an M.A. degree in Theater from Syracuse University.
- Approved the following Board committees for 2005-2006:
  - Audit & Finance: Mr. Yagey, Chair; Mrs. Falvo, Mr. Stetson
  - Student Services Committee: Mrs. Wolf, Chair; Mr. Austin, Mr. Koba
  - Academic Affairs Committee: Mrs. Vandever, Chair; Mr. Calli, Mr. Koba
  - Millennium Policy Board: Mrs. Falvo, Chair; Mr. Calli, Mr. Mathis
  - Joint Liaison Committee/MVCC Foundation: Mr. Stetson, Chair; Mrs. Wolf, Mr. Austin
  - Board Appointees to the MVCC Foundation Board: Mrs. Vandever, Mr. Yagey, Mr. Copeland
  - Rome Campus Review Committee: Mr. Austin, Chair; Mrs. Falvo, Mr. Yagey, Mrs. Wolf
  - SUNYIT/MVCC Collaboration Committee: Mr. Stetson, Chair; Mrs. Falvo, Mrs. Vandever
  - Executive Committee/MVCC Foundation: Mrs. Falvo
  - Auxiliary Services Committee: Mr. Calli
  - New York Community College Trustees/Association of Community College Trustees: Mr. Mathis
  - Nominating Committee: Mr. Copeland, Chair; Mr. Calli, Mr. Yagey
  - Presidential Search Committee: Mr. Yagey, Chair; Mrs. Vandever, Mr. Mathis

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Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science (Biology). He also holds a B.S. degree in Biology from SUNY Albany.

- Frederick E. Cook, to teach Chemical Dependencies for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. He is a licensed social worker, has been credentialed as an alcoholism and substance abuse counselor by the NYS Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services. He is service coordinator for the Central New York DDSO. He is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. in Chemical Dependency Counseling (now known as Chemical Dependency Practitioner). He also holds B.S.S.W. and M.S.W. degrees in Social Work from Syracuse University.

- Kimberly Greenleaf Hanna, to teach Death, Dying & Bereavement for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. She was formerly employed by the Samaritan Counseling Center in its Community Grief Education Programs, and was a staff therapist there from 1995 to 2001. She holds an A.A.S. degree in Nursing from St. Elizabeth Medical Center College of Nursing, a B.P.S. degree in Health Services Management from SUNYIT, and an M.S. degree in Counseling Psychology from SUNY Albany.

- George Markwardt, to teach Nursing 3 for the Health Services Department. A Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner at St. Elizabeth's Medical Group, he previously was director of nursing at the Loretto Utica Center. He has taught in the Nursing programs at Herkimer County BOCES and Madison-Oneida BOCES. He holds an A.S. degree in Nursing from Excelsior College, a B.S. degree in Human Services from Empire State College, and an M.S.N.-ANP degree from SUNY Stony Brook.

- Terrence Mielnicki, to teach Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. He is also coordinator of dual recovery at the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center. He was employed previously as a psychiatric social worker by the Herkimer County Health Department. He is a credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselor, a licensed certified social worker and a licensed nursing home administrator. He holds a B.P.S. degree in Business from SUNY IT, and M.P.S. degree in Health Administration from the New School, and an M.S.W. degree in Social Work from Syracuse University.

- Brian O'Key, to teach Respiratory Care Clinical Practicum 4 for the Health Services Department. He also works as a neonatal ICU respiratory therapist at Crouse Hospital and is a transport therapist from Neonatal Associates of CNY. He earned an A.A. degree in General Studies at Edison Community College, and a B.S. degree in Respiratory Care from Upstate Medical University. He also holds certificates in Pediatrics Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Advanced Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and is an emergency medical technician.

- John Richard, to teach Survey of Economics, Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics on a dual credit basis for the Business & Information Technology Department. He has taught previously at Aquinas Institute, Mount Markham High School and HCCC. He holds a B.A. degree in Economics, and an M.S. Ed. in Education, both from the University of Rochester.

- Lenny Richer, to teach Respiratory Care Clinical Practicum 4 for the Health Services Department. He is also employed as a neonatal ICU respiratory therapist at Crouse Hospital. He holds an A.A.S. degree in Respiratory Care from Onondaga Community College, and is a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

- Gina Marie Seelmann, to teach Introduction to Exceptionalities for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. She is also employed as a school psychologist for the Utica City School District and Oneida County BOCES, and taught at MVCC as a full-time faculty member from 2000 to 2004. She is an MVCC graduate, with an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts &

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Dr. Ronald Cantor, the Secretary for the Board of Trustees for the Rome College Foundation, presented the 2005 Peter A. Fabrizio, Jr., Scholarship to Sandy Wilson, a student at Rome Catholic School.

The \$500 scholarship is given each year to a third grader who holds the highest grade point average at the end of May, and will continue to attend a Catholic School.

Standing behind Sandy is Gregory Fabrizio, brother of the late Peter Fabrizio. Gregory also presented Sandy with a trophy earned by his brother, in remembrance of Peter.

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Sciences. She also holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from SUNYIT, and an M.S.Ed. degree in School Psychology from the College of Saint Rose.

- William Shanley, to teach Respiratory Care Clinical Practicum 4 for the Health Services Department. He is also employed as a neonatal ICU respiratory therapist at Crouse Hospital, and is a Registered Respiratory Therapist. He holds an A.A.S. degree in Respiratory Therapy from Upstate Medical University.

- Denise Smith, to teach Nursing 3 for the Health Services Department. She has extensive nursing experience in acute medical/surgical nursing, including critical care, and as a preceptor for nursing students. She holds an A.A.S. degree in Nursing from MVCC, a B.S.N. degree in Nursing from SUNYIT, and an M.B.A. degree from the University of Phoenix.

- Melissa Wines, to teach Child Development for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. She holds an A.S. degree in Human Services from HCCC, a B.S. degree in Social Work from University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and an M.S. degree in Elementary Education from Utica College.

• Approved the following resolution: Resolved that the Professional Association be notified that December 23, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2005 will be taken in lieu of Columbus Day, Election Day, Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Day and Washington's Birthday as provided in Article 11.7 of the collective bargaining agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Association of Mohawk Valley Administrators be notified that the five days of paid leave provided in Article 13.2 of the collective bargaining agreement will be taken on December 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2005. Since the contract with the classified staff does not contain a similar provision, essential services will be provided by those employees during this period, although most of them will be offered the opportunity to take vacation or other leave.

• Amended the November 15, 2004 Master Plan Resolution to add two items for 2006, replacing the pool filter system and basketball backboards.

• Amended Section 8.9 (G) of the Board Policy Manual updating the list of designated depositories, deleting Fleet Bank, and adding Adirondack Bank, Bank of America, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Partners Trust Municipal Bank. Also on the list of depositories are Bank of Utica, HSBC, Key Bank and NBT Bank.

## Nursing Program Expands Thanks to Hospital Partnership

An innovative partnership has been formed to implement a solution to the local nursing shortage. MVCC, in conjunction with Rome Memorial Hospital, is now offering an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing on the Rome campus - the first ever complete nursing program in Rome.

"We have long had a very successful and highly regarded nursing program on our Utica campus," said President Schafer. "With the very generous support of Rome Memorial Hospital, it now becomes possible to expand that quality instruction to MVCC's Rome campus." Rome Memorial Hospital President/CEO Darlene Burns called the partnership "a win-win situation for Rome Memorial Hospital, MVCC, area nursing students and the community at large."

Enrollment on MVCC's Rome campus will expand as an additional fifty future nurses start classes this fall. The college and the hospital have joined forces to add faculty and staff to the program and equip a state-of-the-art nursing laboratory, complete with hospital beds, related devices, and automated manikins that present real symptoms and respond to treatment. In-depth clinical learning experiences are being provided at Rome Memorial Hospital. All MVCC nursing students make use of a regionally unique human cadaver laboratory on the Utica campus.

This collaboration will yield more nurses, deliver quality education, and fill jobs locally. It all adds up to a better quality of life.



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- Ratified the appointment of the following individuals as members of the adjunct faculty:
  - Mary B. DeMatteo, to teach Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1 for the Mathematics Department, a dual credit course at Rome Free Academy. She has been a fulltime teacher at RFA since 2000, and taught previously at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central School. She holds a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Utica College, and an M.S. degree in Education/Reading from SUNY Cortland. She has also worked as a programmer/analyst at PAR Microsystems and at Autometric, Inc.
  - Erie Hesse, to teach Adolescent Psychology for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. He is a primary therapist-treatment team supervisor at the House of Good Shepherd. An MVCC graduate with an A.A.S. in Human Services, he also holds a B.A. degree in Management of Human Resources from the University of Colorado, and an M.A. degree in Psychology (Counseling Emphasis) from Chapman University. He is a nationally certified counselor, and a professional member of both the NYS Mental Health Counselors Association and the American Association of Christian Counselors.
  - Jonas Kover, to teach Journalism for the Humanities Department. He is retired from the Utica Observer-Dispatch, where he was employed for over 30 years as a reporter, feature writer, cultural reviewer and columnist. He holds a Bachelor's degree in English from Utica College.
  - Ibrahim Rosic, to teach Introductory Mathematics for the Mathematics Department. He has been a part-time Mathematics Lab tutor since 2002. He is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He also holds a B.S. degree in the same field from SUNYIT.
  - Dr. Paul H. Schulman, to teach Evaluation/Measurement in Behavioral Science for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. He is also a full-time member of the psychology faculty at SUNYIT, a position he has held since 1978. He holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from SUNY Stony Brook. He also holds two degrees from the New School for Social Research: an M.A. degree in Psychology, and a Ph.D. degree in Experimental Psychology.
  - Carmella Speciale, to teach Human Resources Management for the Business & Information Technology Department. She is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Office Technologies. She also holds B.S. and M.S degrees in Vocational Technical Education from SUNY Oswego. She also teaches business courses at Oneida County BOCES and is on the NYS Advisory Board for the Future Business Leaders Association.
- Approved minutes of their July 25th meeting.
- Approved warrants and investments covering the month of July 2005.
- Granted Administrative Appointment for Vice President for Instruction Daniel Larson, effective September 1, 2005, and renewed Administrative Appointments for the following individuals effective September 1, 2006: Jerome M. Brown, Dean of Human Resources, Denise DiGiorgio, Vice President for Student Services; Ralph Feola, Vice President for Administrative Services, and Patricia Fox, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Instruction. Under Board of Trustee procedures, the first Administrative Appointment is granted effective September 1st after the successful completion of two years of service. These appointments are then renewed on a three-year cycle.

## 2005-2006 Academic Year Holidays

### College is **CLOSED**

Labor Day, Sept. 5  
Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 & 25  
Christmas, Dec. 25 & 26  
New Year's, Jan. 1 & 2  
Memorial Day, May 29  
Independence Day, July 4

### College is **OPEN**

Columbus Day, Oct. 10  
Election Day, Nov. 8  
Veteran's Day, Nov. 11  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 16  
Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12  
Washington's Birthday/ President's Day, Feb. 20  
Good Friday, Apr. 14

Most College offices will be closed Dec 23, 27, 28, 29,30, 2005.

Some of these holidays are not available to everyone because each union contract contains a different list of holidays. Employees required to work on a holiday for which they are eligible will be compensated or accrue time as provided in the appropriate union contract.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, 9/1  
~ Open Mic Night, 7:00pm-9:00pm, ACC 116  
Tuesday, 9/6  
~ Women's Tennis vs. Onondaga CC, 4:00pm.  
Wednesday, 9/7  
~ MOVIE: A Very Long Engagement (Jean-Pierre Jeunet, 2004), 134 minutes, Rated R, 7:00pm, IT Theater.  
Friday, 9/9  
~ MUSIC: "John Brown's Body" 8:00pm, \$7 public, \$3 w/ college ID, IT Theater.  
Saturday, 9/10  
~ Women's Tennis vs. Monroe CC, 1:00pm.  
~ Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Canton, 2:00pm.  
~ Volleyball Hawk Invite, TBA.