



MVCC, Utica Fire Department Schedule Terrorism Awareness Response Seminar - February 10th Event Open to Public

MVCC and the Utica Fire Department will jointly conduct a public seminar on terrorism awareness and response, Thursday, February 10th. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Room 116 of the Alumni College. The community is invited to attend the seminar free of charge.

The program will present a general overview on the history and evolution of terrorism, and the local response.

Presenters will include Professor James Smrtic and Professor William McGowan, of MVCC. Representing the Utica Fire Department will be Assistant Chief Francis Manfredo, and Firefighter/Hazardous Materials Coordinator Robert Stephens of the Utica Fire Department.

Additional information is available by contacting the Social Sciences Department at x5463.

MMR Clinic
February 15th, ACC 104,
Student Health Center,
1pm-3pm.

Call the Health Center at
x5452 if you are in need
of immunizations.

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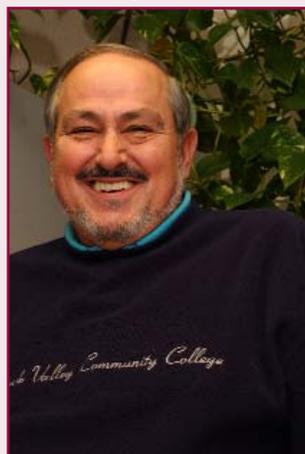


HEART RUN & WALK

Become Part of MVCC's 2nd Annual America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk Team!

Help us fight the nation's #1 killer, heart disease, as well as stroke and related ailments.

- ~ Be a walker or runner with us or collect pledges for "Team MVCC."
- ~ Join students, employees, Student Congress, and Phi Theta Kappa in a friendly competition with other area colleges.
- ~ Recognize "Team MVCC" Heart Run & Walk Inspirational Honoree Gene Militello.
- ~ Buy a heart for \$1 or more.
- ~ Win a free T-shirt if you are among the first 50 people with collected pledges of \$25 (employee registration) or \$15 (student registration) on Registration Day, Wednesday, March 2nd.



In the fall of 1999, I sought medical attention after having chest pains. The doctor found two blockages; one 95%, the other 85%, and remedied the problem for a few years with stent implants. In March of 2004, I started having pains again and on April 23rd, I had five-bypass surgery and a valve replacement. I had smoked for many years, and though I was told to quit, I would, but then always started up again. I have been smoke free since March of 2004 and just passed a stress test with flying colors!

I urge you to contribute to this event so that others like myself, can benefit from the great work of the American Heart Association.

Gene Militello, Systems Engineer

Logo designed by student Dan Southwick

Initial Reaction to Governor's Budget Proposal

Michael I. Schafer, President

Once again, we are disappointed to hear Governor Pataki's budget recommendations for community colleges. The Governor frequently talks about how valuable community colleges are to the State's economic and work force development efforts, but repeatedly fails to recommend a State share of our funding that approaches the long established standard of one-third of our operating budget.

His recommendation in his Executive Budget proposal that community colleges receive \$2,235 per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) student is the same amount received in 2004-2005. However, that amount is \$65 less than we received in 2003-2004, in spite of the increasing costs we face, including double digit increases in energy and fringe benefits for employees such as health insurance. The funding recommended by the Governor for community colleges is still measurably less than that of two years ago.

Fortunately, we have friends in both the State Assembly and Senate who have been supportive of community colleges through the years. Our goal is to turn that support into a more positive budget figure, well above the \$2,300 level of 2003-2004.

That kind of effort is most successful if it is a broad-based team effort. Any support you can provide through personal contacts in the Assembly or Senate can be very helpful.

There is one interesting twist in the budget process this year. A recent court ruling means that the legislature's power to amend the Governor's proposed budget is much more limited than in the past. Previously, the legislators could add to the Governor's recommendations for items such as aid to community colleges when doing so would reflect a legislative priority. According to the recent court ruling, the legislators may not amend the Governor's recommendations, but may only vote for or against them. They may then add new items, starting from scratch in the budget process. This quirk, designed to improve chances for an on-time budget, may actually work against us. It is possible that much of this year's negotiations between the Governor and legislative leaders will focus on procedural modifications in exchange for budgetary items of high priority for the Governor.

My executive assistant, Eileen Dailey, is assembling a team of people to visit State legislators in Albany on February 15th, on what SUNY calls "Community College Day." There may be room for others to attend; if you are interested, please contact Eileen.

New Scholarship Initiative

The SUNY community college code, which governs many of our operations, has several interesting modifications this year.

Among the biggest is a change that allows community colleges to use college funds for scholarships for specific target groups. While funds for these scholarships must be budgeted as expenditures, they also serve as tuition revenue during the year in which they are used.

In the next few months, we will be developing a proposal for Board of Trustees approval that would permit us to recruit targeted groups of students through the use of special targeted scholarships. Our goal is to attract students who might not otherwise choose to attend MVCC. We hope to emulate the success of the Millennium Project in attracting high school students to



MVCC, and the Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter to Provide Program for Individuals with Disabilities

On Thursday, February 3rd MVCC and representatives of the Association for Retarded Citizens will announce the creation of the "CollegeWorks" program.

Angela VanDerhoof, Arc executive director and MVCC President Michael I Schafer will be on hand at the press conference in Payne Hall 300 to discuss details of the program. A Program Coordinator, Patrice Modell will be located on the Utica campus directly adjacent to the Counseling Center in the Student Service Center.

Modeled after a successful program at Cape Cod Community College, "CollegeWorks" is a comprehensive vocational skills training program that offers students with disabilities the opportunity to reach their fullest intellectual, academic, social, emotional and physical potential.

The non-credit, non-degreed program would be available to Special Ed Students graduating from high school, who demonstrate that they need more marketable skills and transferable work experience in order to obtain employment.

These students will be taking non-credit courses, on-campus designed specifically for them.

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Todd T. Walker, a 1999, Electrical Service Technician, and 2001 Electrical Engineering Technology grad, was recently appointed as electrical designer with Nelson Associates Architectural Engineering in Clinton. He also holds a B.S. in electrical engineering technology from SUNYIT. His work includes systems design for health-care, industrial and governmental buildings, as well as development of software tools for power calculations related to load analysis.

Reaction to Budget, cont.

take MVCC courses on a part-time basis while still enrolled in high schools throughout Oneida County. The goal would be to have a proportionate number of part-time enrollments related to the size of the senior class in each Oneida County School District.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 1/31

- ~ Rome Campus New Student Services Center Open House, 9:00am-Noon, PCA30.
- ~ Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "The Corporation," 12:30pm, IT Theater.
- ~ Open Mic Night, 7:00pm, ACC 116.

Tuesday, 2/1

- ~ America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk Kick-off, 11:30am, MV Commons.

Wednesday, 2/2

- ~ Art Department Faculty Select Student Show Opening Reception, 4:00pm-5:30pm, IT Small Works Gallery.
- ~ Men's Basketball vs. Herkimer CCC, 7:00pm, Gym.

Thursday, 2/3

- ~MVCC/Oneida County ARC "CollegeWorks" Press Conference, PH 300.

- ~ Women's Basketball vs Fulton-Montgomery CC, 7:00pm, Gym.

Friday, 2/4

- ~ America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk, "Wear Red Day."

Saturday, 2/5

- ~ Truck Driving Career Day, from 10:00am on, Plumley Complex, Rome Campus.

Sunday, 2/6

- ~ Hockey vs. Monroe CC, 5:00pm, Utica Memorial Auditorium.
- ~ Cultural Series Event: MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: "Schola Cantorum of Syracuse," 3:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is free with MVCC ID; \$5 without.

Tuesday, 2/8

- ~ Hockey vs. SUNY Canton, 7:00pm, Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Wednesday, 2/9

- ~Hospitality Programs Theme Dinner, "Smoke & Fire," \$18pp, 6:00pm, Hospitality Dining Room, Rome Campus. For reservations, call X7702, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

- ~ African-American Storyteller Shindana Cooper, Noon, MV Commons.

- ~ Cultural Series Event: MAGICIAN: "Leon Etienne," doors open at 6:30pm, IT Theater.

Thursday, 2/10

- ~ Terrorism Awareness Response Seminar, 6:00pm, ACC 116.

- ~ Women's Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, 6:00pm, Gym.

- ~ Men's Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, 8:00pm, Gym..

Saturday, 2/12

- ~ Women's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, 1:00pm, Gym.

- ~ Men's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, 3:00pm, Gym.

Sunday, 2/13

- ~ Hockey vs. Erie CC, TBA.

MVCC's "Have-a-Heart" Campaign for America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk 2005



Starting on February 1st, offices across the MVCC campus will be "selling" paper hearts as part of the many efforts the college is making to support America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk.

For just \$1.00, donors may dedicate their hearts to a loved one who has experienced the ravages of this too-often deadly disease. The hearts with their messages will be displayed in prominent locations on the Utica and Rome campuses.

Whether or not you run or walk, or sponsor someone who does, please stop by a campus office and Have-a-Heart!

