



Disability Recognition Awards

Each year, the Office for Services to Students with Disabilities joins together with students to recognize college employees who have gone "above and beyond the call of duty" in their service to students with disabilities. It would be impossible to serve the needs of our students with disabilities without the support and assistance of these noteworthy individuals. So, along with our students, we thank and honor them, and all of the countless others on campus who help make a difference in the lives of these students. The following is a list of the 2005 honorees, accompanied by a brief quote from their nomination letters.

- ~Paul Bowkun "I was able to complete my courses without as great a struggle because of Paul Bowkun."
- ~Julie Dewan "for having to put up with my stubbornness"
- ~Joe Granato "gives me that extra push when I am ready to throw in the towel."
- ~Bill Hysell "helped insure (I received) the resources and support needed...to not just pass his class but to master it."
- ~Kathy Kotary "She is my go-to gal."
- ~Maggie Riley "has gone beyond her normal teaching to allow people to come to see her on her time off."
- ~Tom Schink "has been the best teacher I have had...he gets so excited when you do good"
- ~Kathy Snider "very helpful..."

There were also six students who were singled out by MVCC employees and honored for their hard work and accomplishments:

Theresa Bennett
Dave Bilicki
Frank Druse
Michael Fierro
Linda Quesnelle
Willie White

NY Power Authority Announces Results of Energy Conservation Projects at MVCC and Other Oneida County Locations

Eugene W. Zeltmann, president and chief executive officer of the New York Power Authority (NYPA), came to MVCC's Utica Campus on May 10th to announce completion of 18 energy conservation projects at public facilities in Oneida

County. The projects will cut annual energy bills at the public facilities by an aggregate \$400,000, and will eliminate about 3,300 tons of greenhouse gas emissions as a result of lower demand for power.

Also speaking at the event were Oneida County Executive Joseph Griffo, and MVCC President Michael I. Schafer.

Speaking on behalf of Governor Pataki, Zeltmann noted that the energy conservation projects in Oneida County had cost approximately \$5.6 million, with more than \$4.5 million coming from NYPA. The NYS Energy Research and Development Authority also invested more than \$140,000.

County Executive Griffo said "This is a red-letter occasion for Oneida County, as we celebrate completion of multimillion dollar energy upgrades that will lower our electric bills and free up money for essential public services. This is such a great deal for the County that we're now talking about still more locations."

President Schafer said that "although it's the first community college in New York State, MVCC can now boast of the newest energy-saving technologies. We're exceedingly grateful to Governor Pataki, Oneida County elected officials and the Power Authority for making those upgrades a reality."

Among the modifications at MVCC were lighting upgrades in the Science & Technology Building, Academic Building, Physical Education Building and Alumni College Center, on the Utica Campus, and in the Academic Building on the Rome Campus. They also included a new heat preserving swimming pool cover, which has lowered consumption of both utilities and water, an expansion of the College's energy management system – adding the Physical Education Building and Alumni College Center, meaning that all Utica Campus buildings are on the system – and installation of variable speed drives in Payne Hall and the Alumni College Center. John Zegarelli, of Facilities & Operations assisted in answering reporter's questions on energy savings, and Gary Parker assisted with a demonstration of the automatic pool cover.

The total annual savings for the Utica Campus is estimated at nearly \$60,000.

Energy projects have also been completed at the Oneida County Office Building, the Utica Memorial Auditorium, Union Station, Oneida County



(L-R) Dave Laney, Jim Beyarano, (both from the New York Power Authority, NYPA), Eugene Zeltmann, NYPA president and chief executive officer, and President Schafer.

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MVCC Athletes Win Awards at Annual Athletic Banquet

Student-athletes from Utica, North Bay, Waterville, Canton, Horseheads, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil received awards at the College's annual athletic banquet on May 4th.

Utica resident Sarah LaReaux received the Kiwanis Award, presented by the Utica Kiwanis Club. The award recognizes student-athletes who demonstrate outstanding accomplishment in athletics, academics and leadership. LaReaux, a Liberal Arts & Sciences major, was a two-year starter on the MVCC women's soccer team, and served as co-captain during her senior season. During her two years on the MVCC team, she scored 38 goals and distributed 22 assists, as the Hawks won a national NJCAA Division III title in 2003 and were national runners-up in 2004, losing on penalty kicks in overtime. LaReaux was named to the All-Mountain Valley Conference and All-Region III teams, and was an All-American last fall. She plans to continue her education next fall at SUNY Purchase.

Another member of the Hawks' women's soccer team, Sarin Cavallo, of Sauquoit, won the Robert R. Jorgensen Award. The award is named in honor of a former MVCC athletic director and physical education department head.

Also a two-year starter and co-captain, Cavallo set a new MVCC career scoring record with 59 goals and 54 assists. She was named to the All-Mountain Valley Conference and All-Region III teams, was selected for All-American honors, and was named to the NJCAA All-National Tournament Team. She was also Player of the Year in the Mountain Valley Conference. Cavallo, a General Studies major, will transfer to Utica College.

Utica resident Piotr Wozny was selected to receive the Alumni Award, which recognizes athletes who have shown great dedication to the welfare of the team and a persistent effort in the pursuit of excellence in their sport. Wozny, a Business Management major, played defense on the MVCC men's soccer team for the past two years, and helped the nationally-ranked Hawks achieve a 23-7-4 record during that time. Coaches and teammates consider him the consummate team player.

Waterville resident Kristen Staelens received the Theodore F. Moore Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award. The late Professor Moore was a member of MVCC's mathematics faculty, and a strong supporter of Hawks athletics. The award specifically recognizes varsity sports participation over two years while attaining the top grade average. Staelens, a member of the 71-10 MVCC women's volleyball team for two years, achieved a 3.80 grade point average in the Liberal Arts & Sciences program. The volleyball team won two consecutive NJCAA Region III and Mountain Valley Conference championships, and went undefeated in conference play. She is a candidate for recognition as an NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American.

From North Bay, NY, Melanie Keil received the Alumni Award. A graduate of Camden High School, she was a two-year member of the nationally-ranked MVCC women's basketball team that compiled a 53-4 record over the past two seasons. In the 2004-2005 season, the Hawks set a Division III national record by winning 33 consecutive games. A Liberal Arts & Sciences major, she plans to continue her education at the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica-Rome.

Keil was cited for excellent defense and ball distribution, and for being a consummate team player.

Canton, NY, resident Melissa Foote received the George L. Scala Award. Named in memory of a former MVCC professor and coach, the award recognizes outstanding leadership, commitment and dedication to the physical education or athletic training profession. A Physical Education major, she was a member of MVCC's nationally-ranked teams in women's soccer and softball.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 5/18

~ASSET Testing, 6:00pm-9:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.

~ CCED Cyber Security Seminar, "Protecting Your Network from Internet Threats/Viruses," 9:00am-Noon Rome Campus.

Thursday, 5/19

~ MV Engineers Executive Council Symposium and Workshop, 7:15am, IT Lobby.

~Placement Testing, 6:00pm, ACC 116.

Friday, 5/20

~Mohawk Valley Sports Medicine Symposium, 7:30am, Utica Campus.

Saturday, 5/21

~Oneida County Traffic Safety Defensive Driving Program, 9:00am-4:00pm, PC211, Rome Campus.

~ Placement Testing for Students with Disabilities, 9:00am, PC252, Rome Campus.

Monday, 5/23

~Foundation Scholarship Luncheon, Noon, ACC Commons.

Tuesday, 5/24

~Placement Testing for Students with Disabilities, 5:00pm, AB 153.

Wednesday, 5/25

~Summer Institute.

Thursday, 5/26

~ Summer Institute Recognition Luncheon, Noon, ACC Commons.

~Placement Testing, 6:00pm, PC10.

Friday, 5/27

~ Nursing Convocation, Noon, IT Theater.

~Commencement Ceremony, 4:00pm, Utica Aud. Reception to follow in IT.

Saturday, 5/28

~Placement Testing, 1:00pm, IT Theater.

Athletes, cont.

The soccer team was national runner-up in 2004, after winning the national title in 2003. The softball team compiled a 29-10 record, losing to Jamestown CC in the Region III Tournament.

Also receiving the George L. Scala Award was Mike Keating of Horseheads, NY. A Physical Education major, Keating was a two-year member of the nationally-ranked men's cross country team, winning All-American honors both years. He was also a member of the men's indoor track team both years, and was a member of the outdoor track and field team as a freshman, winning with the All-American 4X800 meter relay team. He plans to continue his education at either SUNY Cortland or SUNY Brockport.

MVCC men's basketball player Chris LaBoard, from Redemption Christian Academy in the Bronx, won two major awards. One was the Kiwanis Award for major accomplishment in athletics, academics and leadership. The other was the Robert R. Jorgensen Award for outstanding leadership and achievement in athletics.

LaBoard was a two-year starter on the Hawks men's basketball team, and served as a co-captain during his senior year. During his career the team compiled a 44-15 record and was consistently ranked nationally. A versatile player, he was selected for the All-Mountain Valley Conference and All-Region III teams both years, including First Team selections as a senior. A General Studies major, LaBoard is considering athletic scholarship offers at several four-year colleges.

Pedro Lima, co-captain of the men's soccer team, received the Theodore F. Moore Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award. Lima, a resident of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, achieved a perfect 4.00 grade-point average as a Business Management major. He was also honored recently with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. He will attend Illinois Institute of Technology on an academic and athletic scholarship.

Marjorie Thorpe Award Winners

The MVCC Libraries recently announced the winners of the Fifteenth Annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award for excellence in research and writing. Papers were judged by six librarians on variety and quality of sources used (50%), writing style and grammar (30%), and accurate and appropriate use of references (ie, the bibliography and citations within the text) (20%). This year 35 papers were submitted by 33 students from 4 counties.

The winners were:

FIRST PLACE: Olga Dunikova, from Utica, NY, for "The Stepford Wives: Women's Role in Society". Written for EN 102. Instructor: Rosemary Mink.

SECOND PLACE: Timothy Jameson, from Rome, NY, for "Edgar Allan Poe: Beauty and Truth". Written for: EN 102. Instructor: Douglas Houghton.

THIRD PLACE: Daniel Nethercott, from Rome, NY, for "Policy Evaluation-NY Brownfields Legislation". Written for: PS 102. Instructor: Marianne Buttenschon.

FOURTH PLACE: (tied) Maria Vann, from Fly Creek, NY, for "The Dead Sea Scrolls: Amazing Discovery and Questions Unanswered." Written for: HI 101 Instructor: Dan Pierson.

Jillian Christian, from Vernon, NY, for "The Many Effects of Lupus". Written for: EN 102. Instructor: George Searles.

HONORABLE MENTION: Andrew M. Dean, from Utica, NY, "Id Al-Adha". Written for: AN 102. Instructor: Diana Ayers-Darling.

All winners receive a certificate. In addition, the first place winner received \$100.00, second place \$75.00, third place \$50.00, and fourth place \$25.00. The Award is sponsored by the Friends of the Mohawk Valley Community College Libraries, and named for Marjorie H. Thorpe, a former librarian at the college, who left money to the library in 1989 for the prizes.

The MVCC Libraries would like to thank all those students who worked hard and submitted their papers to the contest. Also appreciated are the efforts of Stacy Babcock, Ryan C. Box, Alisha Campanella, Zachary Carr, Brandy Crawford, Timothy Frederick, Troy Goodier, Amber C.Hajjar, Heather Hall, William Holt, Allana Howe, Kimberly Hubbard, John A. Huebner II, Gretchen Jenne, Patrick Kelly, Yumiko Kobayashi, Christy Landry, Kowone Nevith, Justin D. Rahn, Erin Reale, Amanda Reinhardt, Daniel Smith, Elizabeth Stapleton, Danielle Steward, and Ayako Sudo, all examples of the fine students to be found at MVCC.

Power Authority, cont.

Airport, the Water Quality Control Facility, the County Sheriff's Department, Utica Fire District, New York Mills School District and the City of Sherrill.

The Power Authority provided financing for the energy-efficiency projects, recovering its costs by sharing in the savings achieved, generally over a 10-year period.



Thank You!

Owen's Outback would like to thank all of those who dropped off bottles and cans

prior and during our 'Cans for Cancer' drive on April 30th. With your help, the team raised over \$1,000 !! Thank you so much for your generosity and start saving for next year!