



60th Anniversary Steering Committee Formed

In 2006, Mohawk Valley Community College will mark its 60th anniversary. The institution known today as MVCC began operating in October 1946. Its name was the New York State Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences at Utica. It was one of five temporary, experimental institutions established by the State Education Department to provide technical education opportunities, primarily for returning World War II GI's, although enrollment was open to others. Tuition was free for New York State residents, \$300 for out-of-state students. On the first day of classes there were 53 students, all in Retail Business Management. The location was the Utica Country Day School, on Genesee Street in New Hartford, where the Wedgewood Apartments are located today, next to the Utica National Insurance home office. A second location was opened on State Street in Utica in 1947, and housed a new Technical Division.

A steering committee has been formed to plan and conduct a number of special activities during 2006 to observe this milestone anniversary. Included on the committee are Ronald Cantor, Toni Carbone, Eileen Dailey, Denise DiGiorgio, Denise Flihan, Jim Gifford, Ron Labuz, and Sharon Zohne. Also serving is Greg Evans, a 1979 graduate of MVCC's Engineering Science program, and President/COO of the Indium Corporation of America.

Board of Trustees Chairman David Mathis and President Schafer serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

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Auxiliary Services Corporation -
Bookkeeping Services, and Much More.

What do MVCC Bookstore customers, on-campus residents, intercollegiate athletes, snack bar and dining hall patrons, cultural event audiences, and members of student clubs have in common? Among other things, they are all served in one way or another by the College's Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC).

According to Director Lynn Breen, ASC - while technically an entity separate from the College - serves virtually every student and employee in a variety of ways. ASC oversees the financial aspect of Bookstore operations, and provides bookkeeping services to the Dormitory Corporation, Student Congress, student organizations, the Cultural Series, intercollegiate athletics, the Alumni Association, and a wide array of other College activities including, but not limited to, the MVCC men's golf league. They manage credit card transactions on behalf of the College Bookstore, and provide services to Sodexo through the Hawk Dollar declining balance cards used by students. They also provide check-cashing services for students, although the need for this service has declined with increased use of credit and debit cards by students.

Over a year's time, ASC handles as much as \$6 million dollars, in as many as 30,000 different transactions. ASC itself is funded largely through service fees paid by its major in-house clients.

The ASC staff also works closely with the Financial Aid Office, especially in administering Bookstore vouchers and meal plans tied to anticipated financial aid awards. Unfortunately, this sometimes includes dealing with unpaid student accounts in the Bookstore when actual aid does not match estimates or student status changes.

There are four staff members in the ASC office, in Room 206 of the Alumni College Center. In addition to Breen, they include Office Manager Jean Longo, Accounts Manager Marianne Ellis, and Cashier Marcia Bramhall. Each has extensive ASC experience. Breen has been with ASC twenty-five years, Ellis for nine years, Bramhall for twenty-four years, and Longo for twenty years.

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The ASC reports to a Board of Directors that meets several times a year. Chairing the Board at the present time is Eileen Daily, executive assistant to President Schafer. Other members include College Trustee William Calli; Michael Chauvin, Mary Ann Lee, students Brenda Barsch and Jennie Farrell also serving as ASC Vice President. In the Fall, a primary concern for the Board is the annual outside audit. Emphasis in the Spring is on developing an ASC budget for the coming year.



Members of the ASC staff from left, Jean Longo, Marianne Ellis, Lynn Breen and Marcia Bramhall.

ASC Scholarships

From Bookstore revenues, the Auxiliary Services Corporation provides major support for the MVCC Presidential Scholarship, currently about \$70,000 a year. It also awards as many as 35 of its own scholarships each year, with a combined value of about \$12,000. Chief among the selection criteria is service to the College and the community through organizations, athletics and other activities. "We try to give back to students who have given to MVCC," says Breen.

Satisfied Customers

They must be doing something right. Student opinion surveys consistently give the Auxiliary Services Corporation high marks, and complaints are few. And a wide range of financial transactions which fall outside College Business Office responsibilities are handled well, benefiting the College, its employees, and especially its students.

60th Anniversary, cont.

Bob Lacell is coordinating the efforts of the Committee.

The Committee has adopted a theme for Anniversary activities: "Enriching Our Community for 60 Years." Design students of Professor Bob Clarke of the Art Department are developing a special anniversary logo, which will be unveiled early in 2006.

Watch for more details on the 60th Anniversary observance as they are developed and announced!

Prospective Students Invited to Art Department Open House November 21st

Students interested in studying digital animation, fine arts, graphic arts technology, graphic design, illustration, media marketing and management or photography are invited to an open house on the College's Utica Campus on Monday, November 21st.

Sponsored by the MVCC Art Department, the open house is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Participants will be asked to go first to room 268 in the Academic Building to receive informational materials and a map to specific demonstrations and meetings related to various programs within the Art Department. Visitors will have an opportunity to visit actual classes in session.

Specialized activities will include (with the room number):

- Animation students at work and demonstrations, AB 148
- Photography Studio Shoots, AB271
- Screen Printing Demonstration, AB150
- Figure (Clothed) Rendering workshop of students, AB 266
- Graphic Arts Technology demonstration, AB 136
- Informational Program Material, AB 268
- Web Class Demonstration (class in progress), IT129
- Photography Lab workshop (class in progress), AB 272
- Computer Program class work, AB 133
- Illustration Program, AB 265
- Painting Demonstration (students working), AB 112
- Sculpture Room, AB 111

In addition to available instructors, several senior students will be on hand to answer questions.

It's Time for the 5th Annual Kiddie Campus Adopt a Child for the Holidays Program!

This is a great opportunity for the College community to assist one of the many low-income students' children that attends Kiddie Campus.

During the past few years, the support received from the College community has been tremendous. This year the goal is to assist 12-14 children (all MVCC students' children with incomes at or below the poverty level) with new clothing items for the chilly months ahead.

For those that are new to the College-this is how it works:

Step 1: The center gathers information from the individual families regarding their child's clothing needs. This includes sizing information etc...

Step 2: We pass this information on to the interested faculty/staff member(s) and/or College Departments that would like to "adopt" one or more of the children attending Kiddie Campus.

Step 3: The faculty/staff member(s) purchase some or all of the items on the list. Items can be dropped off at Kiddie Campus by December 8th or sooner. (Wrapped or unwrapped--it doesn't matter).

Step 4: We give these items to the student parent to tuck away for their child to open during the holiday season.

If you would like to participate but are not much for shopping--never fear! We would be happy to shop for you. You can drop off a check made out to Kiddie Campus, to Auxiliary Services (Account # 6-320-6996).

If you are interested in adopting a child, please contact Karen Buono at x5594 or by e-mail at kbuono@mvcc.edu.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 11/14

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Making Decisions About Your College Career," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.

Tuesday, 11/15

~ College Senate Open Forum, "Distance & Online Education," 2:30pm, ACC 116.

~ Women's Basketball vs. Broome CC, 6:00pm, Gym.

~ Men's Basketball vs. Broome CC, 8:00pm, Gym.

Wednesday, 11/16

~ Mathematics Competition, 8:30am, ACC 116.

~ Placement Testing, 6:00pm, IT Theater.

~ "Marked Ground Relationships," lecture by Jim d'Andrea, 4:30pm, IT 225.

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "South Beach Diet Delicious!" (The film *The Birdcage* with Robin Williams, Nathan Lane and Gene Hackman will be shown.) 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.

Thursday, 11/17

~ David Kaczynski and Gary Wright, 7:00pm, ACC 116.

Saturday, 11/19

~ Women's Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, 2:00pm, Gym.

~ Men's Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, 4:00pm, Gym.

~ Hockey vs. CC of Morris, 7:00pm, Utica Aud.

~ Utica Symphony Orchestra, 8:00pm, IT Theater.

Sunday, 11/20

~ Hockey vs. CC of Morris, 1:00pm, Utica Aud.

Tuesday, 11/22

~ Women's Basketball vs. Cayuga CC, 6:00pm, Gym.

~ Men's Basketball vs. Cayuga CC, 8:00pm, Gym.

Thursday, 11/24

~ Thanksgiving

Nursing Students Educate Children at Kiddie Campus

The MVCC nursing students recently went to the MVCC Kiddie Campus to educate the children about the importance of washing their hands to prevent the spread of germs and to help protect them from getting sick. The children enjoyed putting the special "germ lotion" on their hands and seeing which one



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of them could wash their hands the best in an effort to remove all of the "germs." A special black light is used to show the children how well they are washing their hands. Anyone interested in having the students perform this valuable education to their children or know of a school/day-care looking for this type of education, they can contact Julie Wells-Tsiatsos (Nursing Instructor) in the Health Services Department at 5667 for further information.