



MVCC's 4th Annual Gala Event

"My Sinatra, The Songs and the Stories,"

Performed by Cary Hoffman with the Stan Rubin Orchestra

Saturday, October 29th

Faculty and staff can purchase two tickets at a reduced price of \$35 each.

Tickets are now on sale through Donna Yaghy in the President's Office at ext 5486.

Hospitality Students Raise \$700 to Assist Victims of Hurricanes Katrina & Rita

Approximately \$700 in proceeds from last week's theme luncheon at the Rome Campus will be donated to the National Restaurant Association-American Red Cross Dine for America fundraising initiative. More than 16,000 member restaurants across the nation have dedicated a portion of the proceeds to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief.

Students in Food Preparation 3 and Dining Room Service prepare and serve weekly theme luncheons each Wednesday at the MVCC Rome Campus. The luncheons are open to the public by reservation at a cost of \$9.50 per person. Reservations are accepted a week in advance by calling 334-7702. The luncheon menu was based on a "Romantic Caribbean Dining" theme. Upcoming luncheon themes will include: "El Dia de la Raza: A Celebration of the Hispanic Heritage of the Americas" (Oct 12), "Luncheon in Pompey: An Eruption of Fine Food" (Oct 19), "August Escoffier's Birthday: A Salute to the King of Chefs and the Chef of Kings" (Oct 26).

Other upcoming luncheon themes include "Anniversary of the East Coast Blackout: Manhattan Lunch by Candlelight" (Nov 9), "South Beach Diet Delicious!" (Nov 16 - includes movie: "The Birdcage"), "Anniversary of the Joy of Cooking: A Joyful Tribute to American Classic Cooking" (Nov 30), "A Flight into the Fabulous Forties" (Dec 7 - includes movie: "The Aviator"), and "Welcome Home to Rome: A Holiday Buffet" (Dec 14).

Award-Winning MVCC Film about Vietnam Project to be Shown on Adelphia Cable

An award-winning film about MVCC's participation in a U.S. Agency for International Development project in Vietnam will be shown on Adelphia Cable TV in Utica. The film won first place recently in a competition at the annual conference of the USAID-Association Liaison Office for Cooperation in Development.

Entitled "Bridges," the 20-minute film will be shown four times on Adelphia Cable Channel 95: October 12th at 8:00 p.m., October 16th, at 5:00 p.m., October 26th at 8:00 p.m., and October 30th, at 5:00 p.m.

The film documents MVCC's participation in a project to assist with information technology curriculum and faculty development at Kien Giang Community College in Vietnam. MVCC partnered with several other U.S. institutions in the project, including Richland College, in Texas, Texas Tech University, and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System. MVCC's involvement followed travel to Vietnam by MVCC Humanities Professor Sandra Engel, who spent five months at Kien Giang CC as a Fulbright Scholar. Shooting for the film took place in 2004 and earlier this year, both in Vietnam and in Utica during a visit by the rector of Kien Giang Community College.

The film was shot and edited by

Instructor **William McGowan** of the Business & Information Technology Department. The script was written by Jerry Whitus, an instructional specialist at Richland College in Dallas, Texas.



Group photo taken at MVCC in July of 2004.

News from Administrative Services

Vice President Ralph Feola

Jim Myers, Coordinator of Instructional Support Services for the past five years, has now joined the Business Office as Financial Systems Manager. He previously served as a Senior Account Clerk at the MVCC Rome Campus. He joined MVCC in 1982 and is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Accounting. He earned a B.S. in Accounting from Utica College, and is now an M.B.A. candidate at SUNYIT.



This fall, the College introduced a time new-payment plan for students called FACTS. To date, approximately 600 students have signed up for this plan, which is administered by a third-party vendor. Our rate of collection should improve under this new system. Students pay 25% of their tuition at the start of the semester, and then make three additional payments spread out through the balance of the semester.

As the 2004-2005 fiscal year came to a close, we were able to purchase approximately \$500,000 in equipment to support instructional and administrative support needs across campus. Items purchased included replacement of the walk-in cooler for the Hospitality program, a three-axis CNC turning center for Engineering Technologies & The Trades, over 100 laptop and desktop computers for faculty, student labs and staff, upgraded the College's interactive TV system, a new salt spreader and plow for Facilities & Operations, and an additional Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) for the Rome Campus.

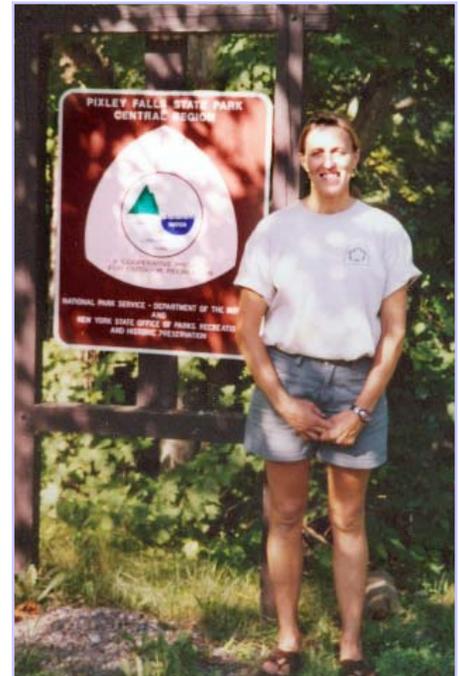
Leading up to the start of fall classes, Facilities & Operations renovated two rooms at the Rome Campus to create instructional and laboratory space for the expansion of the Nursing program. On the Utica campus, a short term parking area was created for parents dropping children at the Child Care Center; this has been well received by these students.

Sometime this fall, the College will be arranging to replace the rooftop HVAC unit at the Gymnasium. Facilities will also be doing preventive maintenance on the College's electrical system, which will require a shutdown of electrical power. This work will need to be coordinated with Information Technology in order to minimize interruption of services across campus. Details will be shared with the College community when more is known.

The College recently reached agreement with T-Mobile to place a cell tower in the northeast corner of the campus, near the D'Allesandro Stadium.

As winter approaches, and especially in view of this season's devastating hurricanes and their impact on the cost of energy, we will be monitoring energy usage and costs very carefully.

Finally, the Business Office has recently had success in selling surplus equipment on E-Bay, working in conjunction with Oneida County. In some cases this has been the only way to dispose of items short of paying to place them in landfills.



Recreation Leisure and Leadership Student Enjoys Summer Internship

Second year Recreation Leisure and Leadership student Jacquelyn George spent the summer running Pixley Falls State Park in Boonville. With the help of Instructor Tina Fahringer, she acquired the National Student Conservation Association (SCA) Internship Program position that not only gave her College credit, but an experience of a lifetime.

As the sole employee of the park, her responsibilities included maintaining the lawns, bathrooms, and fire pits; registering campers and selling wood; doing kids crafts and taking care of any problems that arose.

She describes the experience as "a life changing summer. I met awesome people!"

MVCC FACULTY & STAFF MEMORIAL

Please consider giving.....

The Faculty & Staff Memorial has been years in the making however; it is very close to becoming a reality NOW! To those of you who are new to MVCC and for those who may not remember, the College Senate endorsed a "Memorial Garden" that will recognize (and honor) faculty & staff members who have died while employed at MVCC as a full-time employee. There are approximately 20 faculty & staff member's names to be included going back to the opening of the College. The Memorial will be located in front of the Information Technology building in the area to the right (if you are standing in the quad looking directly at the front of the building). Flowers, bushes and trees have already been planted. A water feature and four benches have been donated for the area. To continue the progress being made, funding is needed for the pavers, plaques and other small touches. An initial goal of \$5,000 has been set.

Your gift should be made to the MVCC Foundation (please note Faculty & Staff Memorial Fund on your check). You may also contribute through payroll deduction.

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Total amount of gift \$_____

Payroll Option - Date of last deduction (Choose one)

\$_____ December 27, 2005 (payroll)
(fill in amount to be deducted each pay period)

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(please specify)

This portion of the form and/or your check should be returned to the Foundation Office, PH 366.

Thank you.

Sue Bice, Chairperson
College Senate

For any questions, call Sue @792-5513.

MVCC Invites High School Students to October 25th Evening Open House Event - Focus on Engineering, Computers, Physical Sciences, Technology, Trades

MVCC will host high school students and their families at a special information night on Wednesday, October 25th. Scheduled for 6:30 - 8:30 pm on the Utica Campus, the information night will give high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to learn about a wide range of MVCC programs in engineering science, computers, physical sciences, technologies and the trades.

Representatives from the Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences and Engineering Technologies & The Trades- will be available to discuss courses, career opportunities, entrance requirements, and to provide tours of specialized laboratories.

The event will begin in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by Thursday, October 20th, and may be made by calling MVCC at 792-5514.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 10/11

~ Transfer Day, 10:00am-1:00pm, MV Commons.

Wednesday, 10/12

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "El Dia de la Raza: A Celebration of the Hispanic Heritage of the Americas," 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.

~ Lecture: "Living in Natural Life: Emerson and Thoreau at Walden Pond," by SUNY Albany Professor Ronald A. Bosco, 2:00pm, IT 225.

Saturday, 10/15

~ Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Delhi, 1:00pm, Proctor Stadium.

~ Men's Soccer vs. Adirondack CC, 1:00pm Monday, 10/17

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.

~ Volleyball vs. Hudson Valley CC, 7:00pm, Gym.

Tuesday, 10/18

~ Women's Soccer vs. Cayuga CC, 4:00pm.

~ Nursing Open House, 4:00pm-6:00pm, PC240, PC Atrium, Rome Campus.

Wednesday, 10/19

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Luncheon in Pompeii: An Eruption of Fine Food," 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.

~ China Photo Exhibit by Mei-Hua Sinnott informal discussion, 3:30pm, IT first floor lobby.

~ CCED High School Dual Credit meeting, 3:30pm-5:00pm, PC Atrium, Rome Campus.

~ Lecture: "Ghost Hunter, John Zaffis," 8:00pm, MV Commons.

Thursday, 10/20

~ "Scenery for the Theater: A Critical Approach," by Gary Eckhart, 1:00pm, IT Theater.

Friday, 10/21

~ Banner training, 10:00am-10:50am and 1:00pm-1:50pm, PC205, Rome Campus.

Saturday, 10/22

~ Oneida County Court Judges Town and Justice Training, 8:00am-5:00pm, PCA10.

~ Volleyball vs. Adirondack CC, 1:00pm, Gym.

Teaching and Learning Cooperative Appreciates Your Support

Coordinators Andrew Glidden (Hospitality/Rome Campus) and Cynthia Basic-Snyder (Art/Utica Campus) are pleased to announce the establishment of the Teaching and Learning Cooperative. Formerly identified as CII, the new mission statement best summarizes the goals and intent for this group of staff and faculty.

"Mohawk Valley Community College's Teaching and Learning Cooperative is committed to providing a supportive and responsive teaching-learning environment, distinguished by its openness, innovation and excellence in education. Accordingly, the Teaching and Learning Cooperative supports and encourages the continuous improvement of teaching and learning for all members of the college community. We strive to:

" Encourage the college community to explore various styles and methodologies of instruction, classroom support and the delivery of student services

" Maintain a climate of openness for all faculty and staff, fostering communication, diversity, learning, and a sense of community supported by collegial interaction

" Provide professional development training and resources for all faculty and staff in order to promote excellence and innovation

" Focus on issues of pedagogy and technology as they relate to the changing dynamic of professional development

" Create an environment wherein the campus community explores the frontiers of their profession and experiments with new techniques and concepts

" Mentor and support all new and returning faculty and staff"

TLC Subcommittees currently include Public Relations (PR) whose primary goal is to explore avenues for generating a consistent and positive overview of TLC both internally and externally. The web site subcommittee is working towards the development of an educational and informational online format to encourage participation, serve as a professional resource for staff and faculty, promote the achievements and accomplishments of our own while positioning MVCC staff and faculty as experts in their professional areas, and to announce special TLC events, workshops and seminars. The "New Faculty (part-time and adjunct) and Staff Mentoring Program Subcommittee is exploring opportunities for the structure of an inclusive mentoring program for all new MVCC persons. Other subcommittees include Learning Circles, Mini grants and recognition, and Workshops/Seminars.

A presentation to the Department Heads on Wednesday, October 05, 2005 by the TLC coordinators outlined the preliminary structure of the cooperative, emphasizing the need for participation by staff and faculty, in order to carry out such a broad array of activities and projects. If you interested in participating in the formation and structure of this budding group, please e-mail Andrew Glidden (aglidden@mvcc.edu) and Cynthia Basic-Snyder (csnyder@mvcc.edu) directly with your areas of personal interest.