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Andrek
Named MVCC
Director of
Marketing &
Communications



Joan M. Andrek, of Mount Dora, Florida, was recently appointed director of marketing and communications at MVCC, and will begin working at the College in June.

Andrek is currently serving as a con sultant and assistant vice president for media services with MedVance Institute in West Palm Beach Florida, an allied healthcare training company with operations in five states.

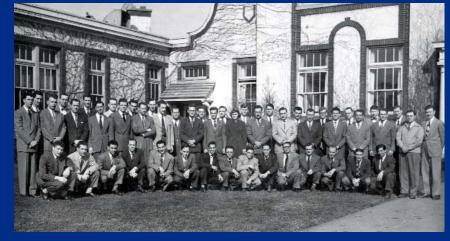
From 2001 to 2005, she was director of marketing and media relations at Valencia Community College, in Orlando, Florida.

She was also employed at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY from 1992 to 2001, serving in several positions including college affairs writer, director of community relations, and director of community relations and graphics.

She has also held related positions at The Culinary Institute of America, and Rehabilitation Programs, Inc. She was also a news reporter, anchor, and news director at WEOK/WPDH Broadcasting Corporation, Poughkeepsie, NY.

She is a graduate of Dutchess Community College, with an A.S. degree in communication and media arts, and of Marist College, with a B.A. degree in communication arts.

Enriching Our Community for 60 Years





The Class of 1949 poses in front of the Country Day School



Students in Assistant Professor Christi Harrington's sculpture, 3-dimensional design, figure drawing 2, and visual communications classes, helped Sculpture Space artist Lisa Lukas create Foil People that were displayed all over the Utica campus last week.

The process is called "life casting," since the students started their sculpture by molding the foil around themselves.

Student Awards for Research & Writing at MVCC

Winners have been identified in the 16th Annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award term paper competition.

This year seventeen papers were submitted by fifteen students from Oneida, Herkimer, Onondaga, and Otsego Counties and judged by eight librarians on the Utica and Rome campuses. The papers were judged on the variety and quality of sources (50%), accurate and appropriate use of references (bibliography and citations, 20%), and writing style (30%).

Winning first place is Michael A. Scalzo, Utica, whose two Honors Project papers tied. One paper, "ADHD: Disorder or Genetic Adaptation," was written for a class in Adolescent Psychology and was mentored by Instructor Eric Hesse. Scalzo's other paper, "Cognitive Behavioral Therapies in Treating Substance Abuse and Dependencies," was written for a class in Introduction to Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling, and was mentored by Assistant Professor Robert Christman. Scalzo will receive a check for \$100.00 and a certificate.

Winning second place is
Maria Vann, of Fly Creek, for her
paper "Alexander Hamilton:
Overlooked Cornerstone of a Nation,
the Legacy He Left," written for a
class in English 1, taught by
Instructor Kristine Kipers. She will
receive a check for \$75 and a certificate.

Winning third place is Billi Jo Chmielewski, of Little Falls, for her paper "The Negative Effects of Steroids on Sports Medicine," written for a class in English 2, taught by Associate Professor William Hysell. She will receive a check for \$50 and a certificate.

Winning fourth place is Christine Caruana of Utica, for her paper "Virginia Woolf: Insights Into a Feminist Psyche, as Observed in To continued on page 2 MVCC to Offer
"DISCOVER College"
Weekend Program for
High School Seniors
Undecided about
College

DISCOVER College is an overnight program at MVCC, designed for soon-to-be high school graduates still undecided about what to do in the fall.

Participants will stay overnight in MVCC's Utica Campus residence halls, June 9th-10th. They will also have the opportunity to explore several career interests through hands-on learning activities, including crime scene investigation, respiratory care, carpentry/masonry, sculpture, culinary arts, and chemistry.

In addition, they will learn about campus activities, and discover the wide range of resources and services available for students at MVCC and at other colleges. Entertainment and meals will be included.

Universal Design Presentation

On Wednesday, April 19, the Offices of Distance Learning and Services to Students with Disabilities co-sponsored two well-attended workshops about Universal Design in online courses and websites.

Presenters Sharon Trerise (Cornell University) and Sharon Giovinazzo Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI and former MVCC student) gave an overview of the issues and barriers faced by people with various disabilities as they attempt to utilize computer technology, as well as some concrete suggestions regarding ways that online material can be designed and set up to maximize usability for all people, disabled or not. For copies of the materials handed out at the workshop, or for more information about universal design, contact Keith Lynip (5753) or Lynn Igoe (5413) and/or click on the link.



Leisie
Martin gets some
help applying sunscreen from her
mom Brittany
Jacobs at the
Rome Campus
picnic last week.

Faculty, staff, and students were treated to food prepared by the Hospitality students, and enjoyed such activities as a Psychic Reader, Caricaturist, Stuff a Bear, free Avon products and Air Brush Tattoos.

Marjorie Thorpe Awards, cont.

the Lighthouse, written for a class in English 2 taught by instructor Andrew Keiser. She will receive a check for \$25 and a certificate.

Honorable mention goes to Susan Dylis, of Utica, for her paper "The Partitioning of Iraq is a Dangerous Idea," written for a class in International Politics, taught by Assistant Professor David Katz. She will receive a certificate.

The winners were recognized during an awards ceremony on Friday, May 5th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Utica Campus Library lobby.

Marjorie Thorpe was a librarian at MVCC from 1962 until her retirement in 1968. In 1982 she was awarded the title Professor Emerita for her outstanding service to the College. She died in 1989 at the age of 91, leaving a sum of money to the College Libraries to be used for the annual term paper contest.

Rome Campus Hosts Another Cybersecurity Camp

MVCC's Rome Campus will again be the location for a summer High School Cybersecurity Camp.

The one-week residential program, August 13-18, will include instruction in such cybersecurity topics as computer security, network security, digital forensics, cryptography, legal issues, security policy, identity theft, worms and viruses, steganography and wireless security.

The program has been developed in collaboration with Dr. Kamal Jabbour of the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome, and with assistant from Congressman Sherwood Boehlert.

Commencement Snapshot

At graduation time, it seems appropriate to revisit the origins and meaning of two symbols that play a visible role in the ceremony, the College Mace, and the Presidential Medallion. The following appeared in the Utica Observer-Dispatch on October 18th, 1969, in connection with coverage of the inauguration of MVCC's second president, Dr. W. Stewart Tosh.

"Tradition Begins at MVCC"

"The Presidential medallion and faculty mace became a part of tradition yesterday at Mohawk Valley Community College. Both designed by MVCC Professor Willard Sauter... used for the first time in the inauguration of Dr. W. Stewart Tosh as president of the college.

The medallion, symbol of the authority of the Office of President, is a replica of the MVCC seal, engraved and finished in antique brass, suspected from a gold chain. A replica of an Indian arrowhead, symbolizing the area's association with the Mohawks, is included in the design. The medallion, engraved by C. Robert Vaeth of Whitesboro, weighs about a quarter of a pound.

The arrowhead theme is repeated in the mace. An original arrowhead, found on the farm of Randall Bartholomew of Clinton and a gift to the college from Mr. Bartholomew, is imbedded at the top of the mace. Turned out of native hand-rubbed black walnut by Walter Pietsch, well known local woodworking craftsman, the mace is approximately 3 1/2 -feet high. Three metal seals, representing the college, the State University, and Oneida County, circle the mace, and two thin grooves turned in the wood symbolize the two-year college education.

A cluster of golden arrows, each approximately 10 inches long, rises to the top of the mace, representing the five original technical institutes established by New York





May 1, 1962 - Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, spoke at the College. At the time he was also co-chairman of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

May 2, 1968- three-hundred students held a rally and circulated petitions in support of a series of demands, including beer and unlimited car use of campus, more student jobs, better food and voluntary meal plans, representation on the Board of Trustees, extended recreation and bookstore hours, and an end to curfews for female students. Some students threatened a sit-in.

May 2, 1974 - Author Rod Serling, creator of television's "Twilight Zone" and "Night Gallery," spoke at MVCC, discussing communications, censorship, audience tastes and the influence of government on the media. May 2, 1979 - Kent Brown, a multilateral affairs officer from the U.S. State Department, spoke at the College on U.S./Soviet relations. His lecture dealt with an oil crisis underway at the time, a recent Arab/Israeli peace treaty, and Middle East influences on U.S./Soviet relations.

May 3, 1973 - The MVCC men's track and field team defeated Monroe Community College and Herkimer County Community College in a triangular meet to win the Junior College Athletic Conference championship with a 5-0 record. Their overall record was 9-0. Highlighting the meet was a record time of 52 second in the 440, by Utica native Steve Gadziola. May 4, 1965 - Student Council member presented a new College flag to continued on page 5

Snapshots, cont

President Albert Payne. The new flag had a dark green background with lettering in black and white. The College previously used the State University flag. (The flag was replaced some years later with the current version, featuring the College seal designed by the late Professor Willard Sauter.) May 5, 1987 - Anthropology students of Professor Ethel Fine took part in a "salted dig" near the College's athletic fields. They also took part in seminars with the chief archeologist of the National Park Service.

May 6, 1992 - Two students in the Hospitality Programs were married on the Rome Campus during their Banquet & Catering Management Class. The bride and groom, Michelle Tuttle and Joseph Valincourt, met in the class, and with the help of faculty and administrators turned their wedding and reception into a class project. Other students in the class prepared and served all food and refreshments, and contributed their tips to the newlyweds. Rome Mayor Joseph Griffo officiated.

May 7, 1969 - A World War II photograph by Instructor Edward Juergensen won a nationwide competition sponsored by **Columbia Pictures Corporation in** conjunction with the release of a film entitled "Anzio." His prize was a three-week trip to Europe for himself and his family, including first class passage on the SS Michelangelo of the Italian Lines. His photograph of battle operations at Anzio, Italy, was taken while he was a 2nd lieutenant platoon commander. Juergensen's military career ended when he was a 24-year-old major.

Commencement, cont.

State after World War II, of which MVCC was the first to open. All of the metal work and the finish for the mace was crafted and designed by Alfred Wardle of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute.

The mace, symbol of faculty authority, is crowned with a three-inch clear plastic globe in which is embedded a sterling silver moebius band, symbolic of never ending education, and the arrowhead, pointing skyward.

Originally a weapon used during the Middle Ages, the mace has become a traditional symbol of authority and power, and is carried in government, religious and academic processions and ceremonies.

MVCC's mace is linked with the tradition of weaponry by using the Indian weapon – arrows."

Phi Theta Kappa "Project Graduation" Feed a Body, Feed a Mind

Students in Phi Theta Kappa will be accepting food and book donations starting this week. Check "MVCC Today" for times and drop off locations.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 5/8

- ~ Japanese Animated Film, "Howl's Moving Castle," 7:00pm, IT Theater.
- ~ "Religious Pluralism & Freedom of Religion" Lecture, 7:00pm, Plumley Complex Aud, Rome Campus. Tuesday, 5/9
- ~ Placement Testing for students with disabilities, 5:00pm, PC 252.
- ~ Placement Testing, 6:00pm, PC10, Rome Campus.

Wednesday, 5/10

- ~ Placement Testing for students with disabilities, 5:00pm, AB 153.
- ~ "Art Farm," 7:00pm, IT building. Friday, 5/12
- ~ Sports Medicine Symposium, 8:00am, ACC116. Saturday, 5/13
- ~ Placement Testing, 9:00am; 1:00pm, IT Theater. Tuesday, 5/16
- ~ Summer Institute, Utica Campus. Registration Folder pick-up, 8:30am, IT Lobby.

Wednesday, 5/17

- ~ Summer Institute, Utica Campus. Showcase and Benefits Fair, 11:00am-1:00pm, IT Small Works Gallery and IT225. Thursday, 5/18
- ~ Summer Institute, Recognition Luncheon, Noon, MV Commons.
- ~ Mohawk Valley Engineers Executive Council Technology Symposium, 8:00am, IT Bldg.
- ~ Rome Industrial Business Development Corporation Rome Business Development Forum, 5:30pm, Rome Campus. Friday, 5/19
- ~ Commencement, 4:00pm, Utica Aud.