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April 2, 2007 **MVCC** 

**MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter** 



### Renowned poet, activist, author will give college's Commencement address

World-renowned poet, activist, and educator Nikki Giovanni will deliver MVCC's Commencement address on Friday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

For over 30 years, Giovanni has been an outspoken advocate on civil rights and equality through her writings and lectures. As the author of 30 books and Professor of English at Virginia Tech, she is one of the most widely-read American poets. Much of her writing focuses on the individual and the power one has to make a difference in oneself and the lives of others.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn., she grew up in an all-black suburb of Cincinnati during the dawn of the Civil Rights Movement. She graduated with honors from Fisk University in 1968 before attending the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University.

She published her first book of poetry, Black Feeling Black Talk, in 1968, launching her career as a writer. Giovanni has come to be called "National Treasure" and, most recently, one of Oprah Winfrey's 25 "Living Legends."

Giovanni is the recipient of 25 honorary degrees along

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## **MVCC Job Fair held April 3**

MVCC will host dozens of potential employers during the 2007 Job Fair to be held on the Utica Campus on Tuesday, April 3.

The fair is an opportunity for job seekers to meet prospective employers and gather information on the local labor market, including what kind of jobs are available, qualifications needed, salary ranges, and much more.

The 2007 Job Fair is open to the public and it is recommended that interested applicants bring copies of their resumes. The 2007 Job Fair will take place in the Lobby of the Information Technology Building, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Working Solutions Placement Office at MVCC and the Herkimer - Madison - Oneida Workforce Investment Board.

Companies taking part in this year's job fair include:

Atlantic Testing Labs; Bank of New York; C&S Companies; Charles T. Sitrin Home; Clear Channel Broadcasting Utica/ Rome; CME Associates, Inc.; Columbia Place Associates; DOW Electric, Inc.; ExcellusBlueCross BlueShield; Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare; First Choice Staffing; Girl Scouts - Foothills Council; Human Technologies Corp.; Kelly Services; Keuka College; Loretta Utica Center; Lutheran Care Ministries; Masonic Care Community; Oneida County Department Of Personnel; Partners Trust Bank; Presbyterian Homes and Services; Resource Center for Independent Living; The ARC; The House of the Good Shepherd; The Peacemaker Program; Thew Associates, PLLC; United Healthcare; Upstate Cerebral Palsy; Utica National Insurance; US Air National Guard; U.S. Air Force; U.S. Army Healthcare.

For more information, please contact Raymond Arcuri, Director of Working Solutions Employment Office, at (315) 792-5488.



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with being named Woman of the Year by Mademoiselle Magazine, The Ladies Home Journal, and Ebony Magazine. She was the first recipient of the Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award, and was awarded the Langston Hughes Medal for poetry.

There will be approximately 650 MVCC students graduating this spring with some 250 attending the commencement ceremony that marks the end of the college's 60th academic year.

### **Wellness Day promotes healthy options**

The 2007 Wellness Day will be held Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the MV Commons.

This annual event is designed to provide opportunities to the entire college community on learning about wellness and the benefits of staying healthy. Being healthy goes beyond the physical aspect as remaining mentally fit is just as important.

Many of the groups and organizations taking part in Wellness Day are alternative outlets to developing a healthy mental state.

New this year is demonstrations by the Mohawk Valley Wood Turners where spiritual awareness can be reached through art. The Utica Zoomobile will also bring several of animals to promote the importance of community involvement.

A complete list of participants:

AIDS Community Resources, 627 West Genesee St., Syracuse

American Cancer Society, 100 Lamond Ct., Utica

CNY Community Arts Council, 261 Genesee St., Utica

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Consumer Credit Services, 500 S. Salina St., Suite 600, Syracuse

Mary Kay Cosmetics, Christensen Rd., Frankfort

Mohawk Valley Woodturners, 113 Dickey Ave., Herkimer

MV Council on Alcohol and Addiction,

MV Perinatal Network, 209 Elizabeth St., Utica MVCC Chess Club

**MVCC Counseling Center** 

**MVCC Health Center** 

Oneida County Convention & Visitors Bureau, PO Box 551, Utica

Oneida County Department of Health, 406 Elizabeth St., Utica

Planned Parenthood, 1424 Genesee St., Utica

Smoke-Free Mohawk Valley, 83 East Main St., Mohawk

Utica Writers Club, 570 Main St., New York Mills

Utica Zoo, Steele Hill Rd., Utica YWCA, 1000 Cornelia St., Utica Bill Robert, masseur, 1000 Cornelia St., Utica

### **April agenda for College Senate meeting**

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The next MVCC College Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the Dinning Hall of the Academic Building on the Rome Campus.

This meeting is open to the college all support materials for agenda (shown below) available in the College Senate public folder.

The College Senate agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Consent Agenda
- a. Approval of Minutes: 3-06-07
  - b. Chairperson's Report
  - c. Special Reports
- (1) Faculty Council of Community Colleges Robert Jubenville
- (a) Chancellor Ryan to head Center for Creative Leadership
  - (b) NYS Public Higher Education Board
  - (d) Committee Reports
  - (1) Affirmative Action Plan Dennis Gibbons
- (2) Progress report from Promotion Review Task Force Celia Domser (Deferred to May)

- (3) Green Campus Task Force update Nelissa Rutishauser
- 3. President Schafer's (or designee's) Report
- 4. Student Congress President's (or designee's) Report
- 5. Old Business
- a. Policies regarding College closures (ie. due to weather)
- b. Update on dual credit accreditation process and progress Shane McGovern
  - c. Departmental feedback regarding SUNY Student Opinion Survey (SOS) discussion
    - d. College Senate Bylaws review/revision
    - e. Update on use of faculty/staff SSN for identification and other purposes
    - 6. New Business
    - a. Implications of the 2007-08 (15/0) academic

#### calendar

- b. Senate nominations and election
- c. Collegewide cell phone use policy
- d. Future college forum topics
- e. Ad hoc committee to plan the Senate's welcome of the new College president.
  - f. Senate start time
  - 7. Other Business
  - 8. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m.

#### **MVCC Campus Events**

#### Tuesday, April 3

MVCC Job Fair, IT Building, 10:00 AM Comedian, MV Commons, 12:00 pm Softball at Broome CC, 3:00 pm Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:15 pm

#### Wednesday, April 4

Wellness Day, MV Commons, 10:00 am Student Congress, ACC 212, 4:00 pm Lacrosse at Cayuga CC, 4:00 pm Men's tennis at SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 pm Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, April 5

Police Academy, 8:00 am

Baseball hosts T-CCC at Donovan Stadium, 2:00 pm Cultural Art Series: Dave Frieder - Photographing the Bridges of New York City, IT 225, 7:00 pm

Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

#### Friday, April 6

Hydronic Heating Seminar, IT 225, 8:00 am
MVCC Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm
Men's tennis hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm
Cultural Art Series: Stephen Wagner - The Ghost Man:
A Paranormal Presentation, Theater, 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, April 7

Track & Field at U. of Rochester, 10:00 am
Baseball hosts Hudson Valley at Donovan Stadium, 1:00 pm
Softball hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 1:00 pm
Community Easter Egg Hunt, PC Lawn, 1:00 pm
Family Film Series: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,

#### Monday, April 9

Electronic Job Search Workshop, PC 252, 1:00 pm Softball hosts Jefferson CC, 3:00 pm Cultural Art Series Film: An Inconvenient Truth,

PC Auditorium, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

PC Auditorium, 2:00 pm

#### Tuesday, April 10

Baseball hosts Monroe CC at Donovan Stadium, 2:00 pm Men's tennis hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 pm Lacrosse at Herkimer CCC, 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, April 11

Baseball at Herkimer CCC, 2:00 pm Lacrosse hosts Catonsville, 4:00 pm

Cultural Art Series: Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root:

Worldly Folk Music, Theater, 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, April 12

2007 Alumni Art Show, AB 2nd floor showcases Golf at Columbia-Greene, 3:00 pm Softball at Herkimer CCC, 3:00 pm Men's tennis at Onondaga CC, 4:00 pm

## 1953 alumnus donates books to library collection

A. Donald Karecki (*Retail Business Management, 1953*) has generously donated several books from his publishing company to the Library's collection.

Mr. Karecki is the owner of K & M Publishers, Inc., a book publishing company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma which specializes in Business Continuity, Education and Law Enforcement/Emergency Management titles.

Mr. Karecki has donated the following titles to the MVCC Library:

• Beach, Raymond W. Defensible Policies: Developing and Implementing Valid Policies for Problem-Oriented Policing. HV7935 .B3 2005

Details the process from development to enforcement of policies.

• Beach, Raymond W. Emergency Vehicle Operations: a Line Officer's Guide. HV8080.P9 B3 2003

Covers legal and risk management aspects and the foundation of emergency vehicle operations.

• Biby, Daniel. Disaster Dictionary. Ref HV551.3.B55 2005

A field-reference book that clearly and concisely defines over 1,200 terms and acronyms useful to all first-responders, such as fire service, emergency medical, and law enforcement.

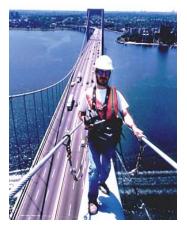
 Cardoza, Barry. Building a Business Impact Analysis (BIA) Process: A Hands-On Blueprint. HD61 .C179 2007

Outlines the step by step process of compiling a BIA, the first step in a meaningful Business Continuity Plan.

Mr. Karecki will also present his lecture "Our Enterprising U.S. Oil Industry: Fire in the Belly!" on MVCC campus this Fall as part of the MVCC Cultural Series.



**INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS** – The International Festival was once again a success due to the hard work of many in the MVCC community. Hundreds of visitors were exposed to the diverse culture that exists in the Mohawk Valley during the festivities last week.





## Photographer reaches new heights in bridge lecture

Photographer Dave Frieder reaches new heights with his presentation and lecture on "Photographing the Bridges of New York City" which he will discuss on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building on the Utica Campus.

This lecture, part of MVCC's Spring 2007 Cultural Arts Series, is open and free to the public.

Since 1993, Frieder has been systematically photographing the bridges of New York City, and to date has recorded 15 of the 20. Working with the various Port Authorities, he has scaled breath-taking heights to record the beautiful symmetries, verticals and horizontals of the engineering marvels of the city's bridges.

Frieder's resulting photographs are the painstaking result of an artistic eye and finding the right camera to use for which effect - not to mention fighting the weather, the heights, and even a flock of peregrine falcons!

To learn more about Frieder's work, visit his website at www.davefrieder.com.



## 'The Ghost Man' brings paranormal spirits to MVCC

The spirit of the night will be felt on the Utica Campus of

during a lecture by Stephen "The Ghost Man" Wagner on Friday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Performing Arts Conference Center theater.

This paranormal presentation is free and open to the public.

Wagner is a writer and researcher of paranormal phenomena for the past 20 years, having published numerous articles for magazines and several short stories on the unknown. His lecture will open the



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gateway to a world of ghosts, anomalies, strange creatures, ESP and much more.

Wagner is an alumnus of MVCC and holds a B.A. in Theatre and English from the State University of New York at Oswego. He is also a member of Central New York Ghost Hunters.

Stephen Wagner's lecture is part of MVCC's 2007 Cultural Arts Spring Series.

# Rusted Root's Glabicki to rock college theater

Michael Glabicki, who made his mark in the music world as the founder of the band Rusted Root, brings his talent to MVCC for one night only at the Performing Arts Conference Center Theater on the Utica Campus.

This concert, which takes place Wednesday, April 11, at 8:00 p.m., is open to the public with tickets priced at \$5.00 for general admission and \$3.00 with any college ID. It is part of MVCC's Spring 2007 Cultural Arts Series.

For the first time since forming Rusted Root in 1988, Glabicki explores roads less traveled with a solo tour. What began as an opening act for Rusted Root shows, Glabicki's solo tunes are beginning a new life completely independent from the successful jam band.

"It's a little bit more out and in your face," said Glabicki about his new sound "It's not so jolly and community oriented It's more intimate material."

As the front-man for Rusted Root, the band adopt a hard-touring way with polyrhythmic multicultural rock and soul picking to create a distinct sound and grew into a musical entity that has thrived in a non-genre specific category all its own. The band's sound was so unique that it was used on such film soundtracks as Twister, Mathilda, Home for the Holidays, Party of Five, Homicide and the animated feature, Ice Age.

To learn more about Michael Glabicki, visit his website at www. michaelglabicki.com.