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MVCC students have new distance learning option

Change is in the air at MVCC.

On the heels of the introduction of the college's new president, it was announced last week that MVCC has signed an articulation agreement with Franklin University's Community College Alliance in order to offer online bachelor of science degrees.

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Franklin University was founded in 1902 and is located on 14 acres in downtown Columbus, Ohio. In 1998, the university established the Community College Alliance (CCA) to provide bachelor degrees through a combination of community college coursework and courses offered online by Franklin University. Currently there are over 1,450 students enrolled from 32 states.

"This is a great option for students," said Keith F. Lynip, Director of Distance Learning at MVCC. "They can cost effectively complete the programs without leaving their hometown."

Franklin University and the CCA are accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools out of Chicago.

The online bachelor of science degrees offered through Franklin University are Accounting, Applied Management, Business Administration, Business Forensics, Computer Science, Digital Communications, Financial Management, Forensic Accounting, Healthcare Management, Human Resources Management, Information Technology, Management, Management Information Sciences, Marketing, and Public Safety Management. Franklin's CCA also offers an MBA.

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MARCHING FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES - Eleven members of the MVCC Residence Hall staff participated in the March of Dimes Walk on Sunday, April 22, held on the SUNY-IT campus. The team raised approximately $250 for the Central New York Chapter. The MVCC team consisted of, from left to right, RA Michelle Heyes, RA Josh Walrath, RA Felicia Anderson, RA Greg Jones, RA Matt Snyder, Resident Director Ushona McLean, Resident Director Jamie Schwabenbauer, RA David Dillard, Director of Student Housing Dennis Gibbons, Resident Director David Kramer, and RA Joshua Delaney.

Strategic Planning minutes from April 9

1. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously passed.

2.Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 26 Meeting: Unanimously passed.

4. Status of Priority Objectives:

a. Enrollment Management: A copy of full report is available on the M-drive. A summary of report: 1) A brochure has been produced for adult students. 2) Progress in establishing a stronger MVCC presence in western Oneida County part of the work group's year-end report. 3) Online admissions application has been developed and is being tested. 4) Development of international students online admission application. 5) The recruitment communications plan is in development. 6) Sev-

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WHAT TROUBLE DID GEORGE GET IN? – Carol Dargenio reads Curious George to a group of youngsters during the annual Utica Library Readaloud in the lobby of Payne Hall.

MVCC promotes reading with 'Readaloud' program

MVCC celebrated the "gift of reading" with its annual Utica Library Readaloud Program on Tuesday, April 17, in the lobby of Payne Hall. This event was part of National Library Week on the Utica Campus.

"We really enjoy providing faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to publicly read from something they select," said Steve Frisbee, Director of College Libraries.

There was a diverse selection of readings – humorous, poetic, scientific, children's, and inspirational.

According to Mr. Frisbee, during the mid-1950s research showed Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a non-profit organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use of libraries.

Taking part in this year's event reading children's selections were Carolyn D'Argenio, Corey O'Neil, Erin O'Brien, Jim Maio and Mr. Frisbee. Others reading aloud were Alexisa Haire, John Bolton, Anth

ony Santalucia, Jim Gifford, Curtis Arena, Dan Larson, Morris Pearson, Sandra Engel, Tara David, Crystal Evans, Kristen Medici, Marie Czarnecki, Larry Cohen, Michele Uryniak, Ashia Robinson, Patrick Getz, Alicia Irwin, Jessica Hanmer and Barbara Granato.

There were also three presentations in foreign languages. Nadia Martinyuk read in Russian, Camila Ramos read in Spanish and Zainab Ali read in Arabic.

MVCC Campus Events

Tuesday, April 24

- Patient Care Technician Classes, PC 240, 8:00 am
- Earth Day – "Green Campus", AB Lobby, 8:00 am
- Police Academy, IT 225, 8:00 am
- Comedian: Adam Ace, MV Commons, Noon
- Softball at Onondaga CC, 3:00 pm
- Lacrosse hosts Mercyhurst, 4:00 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Baseball hosts Ithaca JV at Donovan Stadium, 7:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:15 pm

Wednesday, April 25

- Patient Care Technician Classes, PC 240, 8:00 am
- Student Congress, ACC 212, 4:00 pm
- Student Activities Awards Banquet, ACC 116, 4:00 pm
- Men's Tennis hosts Delhi, 4:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 26

- Patient Care Technician Classes, PC 240, 8:00 am
- Baseball at Onondaga CC, 2:00 pm
- Softball hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 3:00 pm
- Lacrosse at SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 pm
- Men's tennis hosts Onondaga CC, 4:00 pm
- Art Department Lecture: *Revisualization – Reflections of Five Real-World Designers*, IT 225, 6:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Play: *Night Must Fall*, IT Theater, 8:00 pm

Friday, April 27

- Patient Care Technician Classes, PC 240, 8:00 am
- Golf at Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm
- Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm
- Cultural Series Play: *Night Must Fall*, IT Theater, 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 28

- Defensive Driving Course, PC 207, 9:00 am
- Track & Field hosts Mountain Valley Conference, 10:00 am
- Baseball at Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm
- Lacrosse hosts Broome CC, 1:00 pm
- Softball at Monroe CC, 1:00 pm
- Golf at SUNY Delhi, 1:00 pm
- Cultural Series Play: *Night Must Fall*, IT Theater, 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 29

- Baseball at Schenectady CCC, 1:00 pm
- Softball hosts Jefferson CC, 1:00 pm
- Golf at SUNY Cobleskill, 1:00 pm
- Men's tennis at Region III , 1:00 pm
- Track & Field at Region III Decathlon/Hepathlon at SUNY Delhi, 2:00 pm

Monday, April 30

- Electronic Job Search Workshop, PC 252, 1:00 pm
- Golf at Monroe CC, 1:00 pm
- Men's tennis at Regionals, 1:00 pm
- Track & Field at Region III Decathlon/Hepathlon at SUNY Delhi, 2:00 pm

Alumni Art Show winners

Mohawk Valley Community College selected the winners of the 2007 Alumni Art Show, which is on exhibit in the MVCC Art Department's gallery on the second floor of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus.

The announcement was made Friday, April 20, by Assistant Professor Doug Hyldelund (Class of '86) who was show chairman. This event is sponsored by the MVCC Alumni Association. There are 49 pieces on display.

The 2007 Show Judge was Claude Schuyler, Vice-President/Creative Director at Paige Communications Group in Utica. This year's winners are:

Graphic Design - Multi-Color

1st - $100 - Brian Sullivan, '86 - Hancock Timber Resources, brochure.

2nd - $50 - Sarah Burns, '03 - Berry Company Land Developer, brochure.

Honorable Mentions - Jack DelGado, '86 - Fairmont Anguilla, luxury realty vision brochure; Brian Sullivan, '86 - Classroom Alcohol Awareness, 5 poster series; Vanessa Buono – '06 - Color Theory Studies, series.

Graphic Design - Limited Color

1st - $100 - Bob Clarke, '74 - 'Adirondorks' for MVCC Gallery show, poster and mailer.

2nd - $50 - Bob Clarke, '74 - NYS Historical Association, membership brochure.

Honorable Mentions - Brian Sullivan, '86 - Tempo Pharmaceuticals, corporate ID; Glenn Clark, '86 - Finger Lakes Wine & Dine, poster; Sarah Burns, '03 - Lake Russel, logo re-development.

Illustration: Published

1st - $100 - David Yahnke, '87 - F-86 Sabre Fighter Plane, digital rendering.

ARTISTS WHO HAVE COME BEFORE - Photography majors Taya Law and Peggy Hendrick check out the Alumni Art exhibit on the second floor of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus.

2nd - $50 - Bob Clarke, '74 - American Gothic, Young Family Reunion Style, stipple.

Honorable Mention - Bob Clarke, '74 - 'Green Christmas 2006', stipple.

Illustration: Unpublished

1st - $100 - Richard Harvey, '68 - 'For the Sake of Oil', monoprint.

2nd - $50 - Scot Connor, '94 - Vespa Scooter, digital rendering.

Honorable Mentions - David Yahnke, '87 - U.S.S Oriskany NCC-1777 Star Trek Crusier, digtal rendering; Alex Piejko, '84 – "Grandma's Little Secret," digital rendering; Nina Roefaro, '06 - African Damask, textile pattern design.

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Franklin University specializes in serving adult students, most of whom work full time. The average age of undergraduate students is 32.

"Not only our older students, whom are place bound, will find this appealing. Some of our alumni who are still in the community and would now like to get their bachelor degree will find this beneficial," said Mr. Lynip.

This distance learning program is arranged that students must first complete their associate degree in an accredited community college setting. Students then submit transcripts to Franklin's CCA for evaluation at no charge.

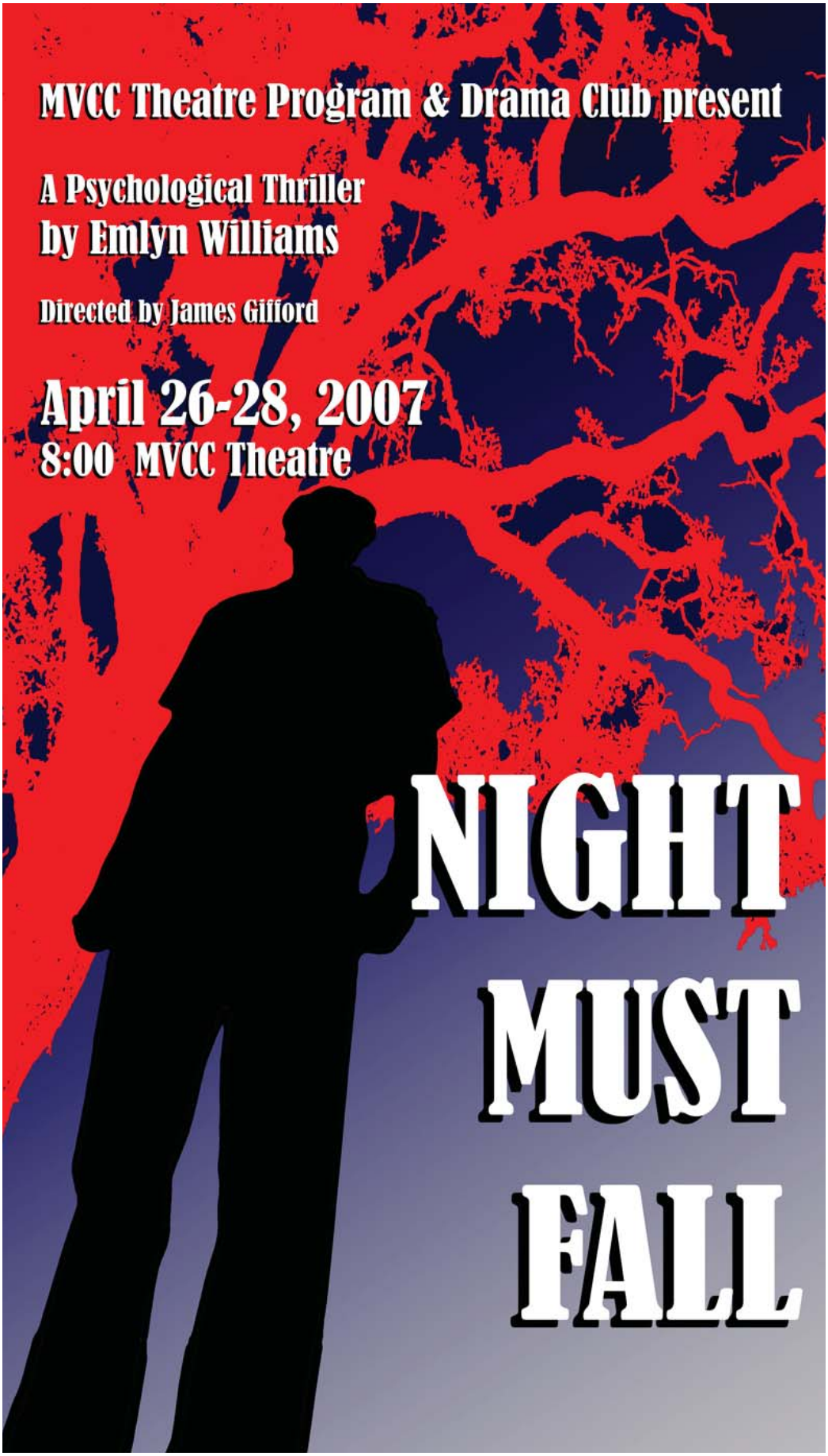
The equivalent of the student's third year will be completed at MVCC, paying the college's tuition which is much lower than a four-year institution. MVCC students can take courses concurrently with Franklin University's courses. Franklin's CCA courses cost $255 per credit hour, except for the computer related courses. These cost $318 per credit hour to cover the cost of the provided software.

"The bridge courses can be taken here on this campus so that we are getting students for a third year taking our courses and the FTE are our students and the tuition is ours," said Mr. Lynip. "Another benefit to MVCC faculty is that Franklin University offers the instructional strategy course free as a form of professional development."

All lab work is done on MVCC's campus by college personnel.

There is a financial aid agreement through the department of education that allows students to take courses through MVCC and Franklin concurrently without losing full-time student status when it comes to federal aid.

To learn more about Franklin University's Community College Alliance, contact Keith F. Lynip at 315-731-5753 or klynip@mvcc.edu; or Bob Morris, Franklin's Director of Community College Relations at 614-947-6050 or morrisb@franklin.edu. Or visit online, http://alliance.franklin.edu/go/mohawkvalleycc



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eral actions have taken place in the Student Service Center. 7) Efforts to enhance/expand retention includes drafting an Advisement Handbook, implementation of a new student advisement program, shifting leadership of (College Seminar) committee to the Learning Center. 8) Progress on the online promotion of enrollment will be reported in the work group's year-end report.

Unanimously passed.

b. Rome Campus: Ran Cantor reported a Work Group has been selected but has not yet met. A Rome Campus Commission is currently completing its analysis.

Unanimously approved.

5. Landscaping Plan: An alluser e-mail has been sent soliciting comments on the proposed landscaping plans. Eileen Dailey will compile the comments and send them to the John Stetson, President Schafer and Ralph Feola.

6. Master Calendar: The Master Calendar Subcommittee will meet to discuss and report on options for coordinating the Strategic Planning, Academic and Budgeting calendars.

7. Strategic Planning Committee Membership: Questions have been raised as to whether all segments of the college community are represented on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Blood drive a success

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society wishes to thank all those who helped out with the Red Cross blood drive on Monday, April 23. It was a great success, and we were pleased to reach our goal!

We could not have done it without you.