Building on the past, creating the future

In his first month as the President of Mohawk Valley Community College, Dr. Randall VanWagoner has determined the direction in which he wishes take the College.

Access, Excellence, and Engagement are the three major strategies he has identified to organize his thinking about the future at MVCC.

"You can observe a lot just by watching."
- Baseball great

Yogi Berra

"Despite the economic challenges in the Mohawk Valley, a trained workforce and educated citizenry are keys for future growth," says Dr. VanWagoner.

Under Dr. VanWagoner's guidance, MVCC will de-

velop strategies to increase access for underserved populations, build on a strong foundation of excellence at the College, and engage all College constituents in creating the future at MVCC and the Mohawk Valley region.

In the realm of "Access": Access to post-secondary education is the cornerstone of the community college mission. Given the needs of our local community, the opportunity for MVCC to serve an even more significant role in making a positive impact has never been greater. For example, approximately 20 percent of the families in the cities of Utica and Rome are single-parent households. In order to better serve this portion of Oneida County's population, MVCC will need to rethink its systems of recruitment, enrollment, and retention.

In the area of "Excellence": Dr. VanWagoner plans to engage faculty and others in refining the systems that align MVCC programs and curriculum with the changing needs in today's society. Strengthening instructional programs and support is just one of many major initiatives that are part of the College's current strategic plan. Dr. VanWagoner looks forward to working with the Strategic Planning Committee and others in the coming year.

In addition, Dr. VanWagoner has met with a number of screening committee chairpersons to better understand the systems for hiring new employees. He has been working with the Human Resources Office to make some refinements to the hiring process. "Having strong systems for recruiting and hiring new employees is critical to maintaining and enhancing our levels of excellence at the College for the future," he said.



WHERE WE'RE GOING - Dr. Randall VanWagoner talks with Jim Suriano, General Manager of MVCC Food Services for Sodexho, during the annual MVCC Foundation Golf Tournament at the Yahnundasis Golf Club earlier this summer.

"I see my job as giving our faculty and staff a chance to explore their ideas, pursue their passions, and channel their energy in a common direction that transforms the lives of our students and strengthens our community," says Dr. VanWagoner.

The strategy of "Engagement": Requires getting the faculty and staff in a common sense of purpose and a spirit of service. According to Dr. VanWagoner, engagement also means engaging the students in more meaningful ways, through prompting new ideas toward changing the College's

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NEW LEADERSHIP - MVCC President Dr. Randall VanWagoner talks with College Registrar Rosemary Spetka.

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curriculum whether it be in the classroom, online, in the community or expanding the students' life activities beyond the classroom.

To create a stronger sense of common purpose, Dr. Van-Wagoner hopes to engage everyone at the College in being part of the solution.

"I'm spending much of my time meeting with faculty and staff, listening to their thoughts and insights with an eye toward making sure everyone has the opportunity to do their best work every day," says Dr. VanWagoner. "The work at the college needs to be everyone's responsibility in order for the college to operate as a single entity ... There is a great opportunity for self study, to generate insight and conversation on the direction of the college."

Along with creating unity within MVCC, Dr. VanWagoner is also working to engage external partners by further developing bonds between the different educational institutions within the Mohawk Valley. His goal is to build upon and strengthen the already existing relationships MVCC has with SUNY-IT and Utica College.

"I see these partnerships as the next layer of that strong foundation. I look forward to further developing that core competency of partnering and engaging all of our constituents to move MVCC from being a successful and respected college to being a significant and valued community asset," says Dr. VanWagoner.

The three strategies of access, excellence, and engagement will continue to serve Dr. VanWagoner as the strategic plan is updated in the coming year. When asked about his five-year plan, Dr. VanWagoner intends to work with faculty and staff to develop a cohesive and strategic approach to the future for the College that provides a focus on student success in an active learning environment for everyone.

Open Letter From Dr. Randall VanWagoner

Greetings,

In an effort to strengthen communication at the College, the Marketing and IT departments have worked together to create a blog for me. I describe the details of how it will work in my first "welcome" posting at the following address - http://mvcc-edu.blogspot.com/

For those interested in automatic (RSS) feeds, so you receive an email link each time I add a new posting, there is a link at the top of the page for subscribing. There is currently a link on the homepage under MVCC Highlights and another link in the sub-menu of Marketing and Communications for people to access the blog in the future. In addition, links to the blog will appear periodically in Communitas.

I hope you find the information I provide in this blog useful as we move forward into the new academic year.

Thanks.

Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D.

President, Mohawk Valley Community College

MVCC Campus Events

Monday, August 20

- Convocation Breakfast, MV Commons, 8:00 am
- Convocation, Theater, 8:30 am
- College Works, IT Lobby, 10:30 am
- MVCC Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300, 4:00 am
- RA Training, ACC 116, 4:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 21

- Police Academy, IT 225, 8:00 am
- International Student Orientation, ACC 116, 9:00 am
- Commuter Orientation, Theater, 12:00 pm
- C-Step, IT 220, 12:00 pm
- RA Training, ACC 116, 4:30 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, AB Lobby, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 22

- RA Training, IT 225, 10:00 am
- C-Step, IT 220, 12:00 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm

Thursday, August 23

- Oneida County BOCES, ACC 116, 8:00 am
- New Employee Orientation, PH 300, 8:30 am
- International Student Orientation, IT 225, 10:00 am
- C-Step, IT 220, 12:00 pm
- Nursing Early Bird Orientation, Theater, 12:30 pm
- MWPAI Benefit Concert, Theater, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Friday, August 24

- Residence Hall Check-In, MV Commons, 8:00 am
- College Works Picnic, ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Orientation Parent Session, IT 225, 2:00 pm
- Residence Hall Orientation, IT 225/Theater, 6:00 pm

Dr. Larson tapped as president of Cayuga CC

After serving as Vice President for Instruction at MVCC for four years, Dr. Daniel Paul Larson was selected as Cayuga Community College's seventh president over the summer and began his new post August 6.

When Dr. Larson came to MVCC in April of 2003, he brought a diverse background in higher education with experience in both two-year and four-year institutions. During his time as MVCC's VP of Instruction, he was instrumental in curriculum development and program review along with playing a vital role in faculty and staff development. He was also a key player in the College's planning of continuing and distance education, institutional research, and academic support services.

His role also encompassed assessment and accountability, accreditation, grant funding, and academic liaison with the community, government, SUNY, and area school districts.

"I really enjoyed working with department heads and faculty in development of programs at Mohawk Valley that were beneficial to the region. The people here are so wonderful to work with and they are so caring about the students," said Dr. Larson.

Under Dr. Larson's leadership, some of the partnerships developed include the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program with the Empire Aero Center in Rome, the dental hygiene program with SUNY Canton, along with a new Associate in Applied Science degree in Fire Protection Technology with the Utica Fire Academy.

Before joining MVCC, Dr. Larson served as vice president for academic affairs at St. Charles Community College in St. Peters, Mo., and as dean of arts and sciences at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich. Dr. Larson began his higher education career at Avila College (now Avila University) in Kansas City, Mo., as a professor of music.

Dr. Larson has served as an evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and for the North Central Higher Learning Commission.



FAREWELL GIFT - Dr. Daniel Paul Larson accepts a gift from President Dr. Randall VanWagoner during a ceremony marking Dr. Larson's announcement of being selected as president of Cayuga Community College.

Dr. Engel to serve as acting Vice President of Instruction

With the start of the 2007-2008 academic year coming on the heels of Dr. Larson's departure, it has been determined that Dr. Sandra Engel will serve as acting Vice President of Instruction through June 30th, 2008, with Dr. Robert Jubenville assisting with a number of day-to-day issues.

A three-person academic cabinet has been created, consisting of Dr. Engel, MVCC President Dr. Randall VanWagoner and Dr. Jubenville, to meet during the interim year to review priorities and coordinate activities in the instructional area of the College.

Bill Hysell will serve as the acting department head in Humanities for the 2007-08 academic year.

To narrow the scope of the VP position, the Center for Community and Economic Development will report to Dr. Ron Cantor, Dean of the Rome Campus. Mark Radlowski and the Institutional Assessment function will report directly to the President's Office.

"I found working on the whole accreditation process very rewarding. Having so many people involved and giving everyone an opportunity to take part allowed me to gain an understanding of the college's pulse," said Dr. Larson.

Dr. Larson completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in voice performance at the University of Missouri– Kansas City.

He holds a Master of Music degree

in voice performance and literature and a Bachelor of Music degree in applied music-voice from the University of Rochester.

Trained as a classical singer and conductor, he has worked with academic, professional, government, community, and musical organizations throughout his career and has been actively involved in a wide array of arts, community, and educational organizations.

Inaugural class graduates from A&P Technology Program

Nine MVCC students made history on August 14 when they were recognized as the first graduating class from the College's Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program during a ceremony in the MVCC Aviation Center located in Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome.

MVCC President Dr. Randall Van-Wagoner was joined by local, county and state officials in honoring these students. Speaking praise to their diligent work were Anthony Picente, Oneida County Executive; Gerald Fiorini, Chairman of the Oneida County Legislature; and Brian Olsen, President of Empire Aero Center.

This event marks the completion of the first year of MVCC's Federal Aviation Administration Certified A&P Program, which is a one-year, 1,905-hour training certificate program that emphasizes hands-on experience with maintenance and repair of aircraft engines and structures.

The MVCC Aviation Center is located in Hanger 221 on Hanger Road.

This year's graduates are Paul Bello



A&P GRADUATES - Eight members of the first class to enter the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program were honored for their accomplishments during a ceremony at the MVCC Aviation Center in Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome. These students are: William Race, Charlton Campbell, Gregg Sebastian, Matt McLoughlin, John Moynihan, Paul Bello, Brian Thompson, Christopher Buttenschon, and Kyle Mulligan.

from Whitesboro, Christopher Buttenschon from Marcy, Charlton Campbell from Rochester, Matt McLoughlin from Port Leyden, John Moynihan from West Palm Beach, Fla., Kyle Mulligan from Schuyler, William Race from Holland Patent, Gregg Sebastian from Trenton Falls, and Brian Thompson from Latham.

Girl Scout donates to cousin's memorial scholarship fund

When it comes to giving back to the community, one local Girl Scout has gone above and beyond. Hannah Wright of Blossvalle donated the money she raised through the sale of Girl Scout Cookies this past winter to the first is the Daron Malik Jae Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund at MVCC, which is in honor of her young cousin who was murdered in November 2004.

In an effort to keep Daron's spirit alive, Hannah Wright presented MVCC President Dr. Randall VanWagoner with a check for \$100 to go toward this scholarship that is designated for deserving single mothers in Oneida County, to assist them in building better lives for themselves and their children through education.

Also present during this presentation was Natalie Brown, CEO/Executive Director of the Foothills Girl Scout Council. Hannah Wright is a 12-year-old member of the Foothills Girls Scouts who attends the Camden School District.

"The importance of this message is that she (Hannah Wright) is giving back to the community in order to help mothers who are in a tough situation," said Brown.

This eighth grade girl sold 460 boxes of Girls Scout Cookies.



GIRL SCOUT DONATION - Hannah Wright, left, donated \$100 she raised through the sale of Girl Scout Cookies to the Daron Malik Jae Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund at Mohawk Valley Community College. Joining her are MVCC President Dr. Randall V anWagoner and Natalie Brown, CEO/Executive Director of the Foothills Girl Scout Council.



MVCC, Keuka help adult students earn Bachelor's degree

MVCC and Keuka College have joined forces to enable adult students to complete a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or Organizational Management through the Accelerated Studies for Adults Program (ASAP).

The ASAP program is designed to make it possible for

working adults to earn their college degree without having to leave the region or sacrifice job and family commitments.

Upon the completion of MVCC's Associates degree in Criminal Justice, Business Management or Business Administration, adult students are matriculated into Keuka College's ASAP where they will continue to

work toward a Bachelor's degree on MVCC's Utica Campus. Keuka College's ASAP is also offering a Master's degree in Management at MVCC.

The ASAP bachelor's degree program is designed for students 25 years old and above who have 60 hours of college credit. Class size is limited to ensure quality interactions and individualized attention.

Class time is devoted to interactive discussions, applica-

tion, and assessment of material covered independently.

Students attend class one night a week while they earn their degree in less than two years.

ASAP follows the identical standards required for a traditional Keuka College degree on the main campus, located

in Keuka Park, N.Y. Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Keuka's ASAP offers a year-round calendar with fall, spring, and summer semesters.

About Keuka College: Founded in 1890 and located on the shores of Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes region, Keuka College is an independent, four-year, residential, co-educa-

tional college that places an emphasis on career and preprofessional education.

Keuka offers 33 bachelor's degree programs along with master's degree programs in childhood education, occupational therapy, and management.

For more information, contact Keuka College's Center for Professional Studies and International Programs at (866) 255-3852. Or visit their website at www. keuka.edu/asap.

MVCC Fall Cultural Series brings great entertainment to the Mohawk Valley

MVCC continues its tradition of bringing great entertainment and cultural enrichment Central New York with its 2007 Fall Cultural Series. This year's lineup features national comedian acts such as Rory Albanese from the The Daily Show and Greg Warren from the Bob-and-Tom Radio Show, along with magician and illusionist Leon Etienne.

New this fall is the MVCC Acoustic Café, where local and regional musicians will perform in a coffeehouse atmosphere while the audience enjoys a relaxing evening.

Wholesome entertainment returns to the MVCC Rome Campus with the Family Film Series showing classics like Grease, The Goonies, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and Polar Express. The Plumley Complex Auditorium will also host performances and lectures from comedian Jay Black, the world's foremost mind reader, hypnotist and pychic entertainer Robert Channing and ghost hunter Ross Allison.

The Small Works Gallery will feature alumni exhibits while also hosting lectures by Artists in Residence from the Utica Sculpture Space.

A full listing of Spring Cultural Series can be found in the MV Cultural Series brochure. Call the Office of Marking and Communications, at 792-5330, to receive one by mail.

All cultural series events are free and held on the Utica Campus except where noted. Advance tickets can be purchased at MVCC Bookstore or by calling 735-2945.

A full list of cultural series events follows. For more information on the 2007 Fall Cultural Series, visit the MVCC website at www.mvcc.edu.

Fall Cultural Series events on the Utica Campus:

- August 28 Acoustic Café Performance: Rory O'Bannion and Andrew Marks, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center, (\$3 general, \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- September 4 Acoustic Café Performance: Kevin Thompson and Ashley Cox, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center, (\$3 general, \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- September 8 Concert: "Let's Get It Started" with The Square Pegs & The Buddhahood, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
- September 11 Lecture & Movie: MVCC Assistant Professor David Katz lectures on "The World Through Their Eyes" followed by the movie World Trade Center, Rated PG-13, 6:30 p.m., Theater (Free)
- September 15 Comedian: Rory Albanese of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, 7:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
- September 16 Concert: Envy on the Coast, with opening act Arms of Another, 7:30 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
- September 18 Lecture: David Coleman, The Dating Doctor, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)



- September 19 Lecture: "Five Technologies for the Next Five Years" by David Pogue, New York Times columnist, 2:00 p.m., Theater (Free)
- September 22 Concert: Wrong Way (Tribute to Sublime), 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
- September 25 Lecture: "The Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur," by Abdelshakour Khamis, 2:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building (Free)
- October 1 Lecture: "The Society of Illustrators," by Terry Brown, Director of the Society of Illustrators, 3:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building (Free)
- October 2 Acoustic Café Performance: Jann Klose,
 7:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center (\$3 general,
 \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- October 5 Lecture: "Our Enterprising U.S. Oil Industry: Fire in the Belly!" by Don Karecki, Room 116, Alumni College Center, 2:00 p.m. (Free)
- October 10 Lecture: "Fundamentals of Investing" by Herb Koestner, Room 225, Information Technology Building, 7:00 p.m. (Free)
- October 16 Acoustic Café Performance: Jason Bean, Room 116, Alumni College Center, 7:00 p.m. (\$3 general, \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- October 18 Lecture: "The Art and Science of Making and Restoring Lorenzo Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise," by Syracuse University Professor Gary Radke, Room 225, Information Technology Building, 12:30 p.m. (Free)
- October 18-20 Stage Performance: "They're Playing Our Song," An MVCC Theater Program/Drama Club production directed by Paul Cruskie, 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
- October 23 Lecture: "Celebrating Baseball at World Series Time" by Tim Wiles, Director of Research at the National Baseball Hall of Fame, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)
- October 25 Recital: Pianist Sar Shalom-Strong, 12:30 p.m., Theater (Free)

- October 26 Dinner Theater: "My Dead Lady," Sponsored by MVCC Program Board & Returning Adult Student Association, 7:00 p.m., Alumni College Center Commons (\$15 general, MVCC employees \$10, students \$5)
- October 29 Movie: Sleepy Hollow, Rated R, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)
- October 30 Acoustic 'Spooky' Café Performance: Leif Olsen and Dave Snediker, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center (\$3 general, \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- November 2 Performance: Magician & Illusionist Leon Etienne, 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID, under 12 free)
- November 3 Concert: Carmen Caramanica Jazz Trio, 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- November 5 Movie: Monsoon Wedding, Rated R, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)
- November 6 Lecture: "Chimeras & Other Visual Trickery," by Marjorie Van Cura, 2:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building (Free)
- November 6 Concert: Black Violin, Sponsored by MVCC Program Board, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)
- November 9 Workshop: Chicago City Limits Presents "Laughing Matters," 3:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center, (Free with advance registration, call 731-5722)
- November 9 Performance: Chicago City Limits Presents "Laughing Matters," 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
- November 12 Movie: Blood Diamond, Rated R, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)
- November 13 Comedy: Greg Warren from the Boband-Tom Radio Show, MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY, 7:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, free w/ MVCC ID)
- November 15 Recital: Pianist John Spradling, 12:30 p.m., Theater (Free)
- November 16 Concert: Ghost of a Stranger, 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- November 17 Concert: "Redeeming the Times" Gospel Concert, Sponsored by Rivers and Kemp Productions and The Family Nurturing Center, 8:00 p.m., Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any student ID)
- November 27 Acoustic Café Performance: Bill Dustin and Lindsey Smith, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center, (\$3 general, \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- December 4 Acoustic Café Performance: Open Mic Night Finale, 7:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center, (\$3 general, \$1 w/any college ID, free w/MVCC ID)
- December 6-8 Stage Performance: "The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams, An MVCC Theater Program/Drama Club production directed by James Gifford, 8:00 p.m. (Matinee Friday @ 2:00 p.m.), Theater (\$10 general, \$5 w/any college ID, \$2 w/MVCC ID)
 - December 10 Movie: Akira Kurosawa's Dreams, Rated



PG, 7:00 p.m., Theater (Free)

- December 10 Workshop: "Beauty & the Beast Story-tellers," with Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, 4:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center (Free)
- December 10 Performance: "Beauty & the Beast Storytellers," with Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, 7:00 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center (Free)
- January 12 Concert: Utica Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Theater (\$35 for adults, \$10 for students)

Fall Cultural Series events on the Rome Campus:

- September 1 Family Film Series: Grease, Rated PG, 12:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- September 5 Lecture: "Everything You Wanted to Know about the Oneida Community, But Were Afraid to Ask," by Kate Mockler, Oneida Community Mansion House, 7:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- September 11 –Movie: World Trade Center, Rated PG-13, 7:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- September 20 Comedian: Jay Black, 8:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (\$5 public, \$3 w/any college ID, children under 12 Free)
- September 26 Luncheons with Pizzazz, 11:45 a.m., Rome Hospitality Dining Room (\$11.00, reservations required at 334-7702)
- October 6 Family Film Series: The Goonies, Rated PG, 12:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- October 18 Performance: Robert Channing, World's Foremost Mind Reader, Hypnotist, & Psychic Entertainer, 8:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium, (\$5 general, \$3 w/any college ID, children under 12 Free)
- October 24 Luncheons with Pizzazz, 11:45 a.m., Rome Hospitality Dining Room (\$11.00, reservations required at 334-7702)
- October 29 Lecture: Ross Allison, Ghost Hunter, 7:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (\$5 public, \$3 w/any college ID, Children under 12 Free)
- November 3 Family Film Series: Raiders of the Lost Ark, Rated PG, 12:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- November 9 Movie: Flatland The Film, Not Rated and not appropriate for children under the age of 13, 6:30 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
 - November 14 Photography Lecture: "Italy, Three Cities, 'Cultural Series Events' Continued on Page 8

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Three Cemeteries," by Frank Calidonna, 7:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)

- December 1 Family Film Series: Polar Express, Rated G, 12:00 p.m. Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- December 5 Luncheons with Pizzazz, 11:45 a.m., Rome Hospitality Dining Room (\$11.00, reservations required at 334-7702)
- December 11 Workshop: "Beauty & the Beast Story-tellers," with Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, 4:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)
- December 11 Performance: "Beauty & the Beast Storytellers," with Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, 7:00 p.m., Plumley Auditorium (Free)

Small Works Gallery Exhibition and Lecture Series

- MVCC Alumni Show with Doug Hyldelund and Scott Selden: Past's Parts Rusty Assemblages, Reception: September 4 at 3:00 p.m.; Exhibition: September 4 27.
- Sculpture Space Resident Artist Lecture: September 19 at 3:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building.



- Society of Illustrators: A Historical Look, Reception: October 1 at 3:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building; Exhibition: October 1 –November 1.
- Marjorie Van Cura: Chimeras & Other Visual Trickery, Reception: November 6 at 2:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building; Exhibition: November 6 – December 13.
- Sculpture Space Resident Artist Lecture: November 28 at 3:00 p.m., Room 225, Information Technology Building.

MVCC instructors named to Who's Who Among American Teachers

One of the greatest honors an educator can receive is recognition from their students. Three MVCC instructors experienced the exhilaration when they were nominated by their students to be included in the 2007 Who's Who Among American Teachers.

The instructors being honored are Arthur L. Friedberg, Lewis Kahler, and Robert J. Musante. To be included in the Who's Who Among American Teachers, the instructor must be nominated by a student who felt that person made a big impact on their life and is viewed as a mentor. Only about five percent of the nation's educators are nominated each year.

Friedberg is a professor in the Business and Information Technology Department, where he has taught since 1970. During his time in the classroom, he has earned MVCC's Excellence in Teaching Award (1993-94) and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (1994-95). This is the second time Friedberg has been nominated for Who's Who Among American Teachers, this first time being in 1996.

Friedberg is a product of the SUNY system having earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from SUNY College of Oneonta.

The courses he taught include Personal Finance, Money and Banking, Micro and Macro Economics, along with Business Internship. During his career, he has served as Chairperson for the Sabbatical Leave Committee, Career Appointment Committee, and MVCC & SUNY Excellence in Teaching Committee.

Kahler is an English Literature Instructor in the Humanities Department, where he has taught for three years. Kahler, who resides in Utica, earned his Bachelor's degree from Uti-







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ca College and Master's degree from SUNY Cortland.

The courses he has taught include English I - Composition, English II – Ideas and Values in Literature, Playwriting Composition, American Literature, and Report Writing. During his time at MVCC, he has played a role on the College's Discipline Appeal Committee and the College Catalog Task Force. He has also volunteered to be an advisor to the Poets Recluse Club and the Electronic Gaming Club.

Musante is an Assistant Professor in the Humanities Department, where he is entering his fifth year with the College. Musante, who resides in New Hartford, teaches Introduction to College English, English 1: Composition, English 2: Ideals and Values in Literature, American Literature 1, and American Literature 2.

Musante earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Clemson University. He will have completed his Ph.D. in English from Middle Tennessee State University in December. He also holds a teaching certificate from Southern Connecticut State University. Along with teaching at MVCC, Musante has published a book of sonnets and essays called "Touching Earth and Spirit."