

MVCC instructor, alumni cook up winning dishes

A member of the MVCC Hospitality Program and two of its graduates were cooking up something special earlier this month.

Assistant Professor Andrew Glidden recruited two of his former students, Julia Capron and Anne Kalk, to take part in the CNY Star Chef Showdown that was held at Danielle's Restaurant on Seneca Turnpike. This is a local version of the Iron Chef television show on the Food Network.

The CNY Star Chef Showdown is a friendly competition between two cooking teams, according to Mr. Glidden. The two teams consist of one chef and two assistants, with each team preparing three dishes from a list of mystery ingredients. The teams are given 60 minutes to prepare these three dishes using the mystery ingredients.

At the end of the 60 minutes, each team's dishes will be judged on taste, presentation, and creativity.

Glidden and his two MVCC alumni competed against Rosalie's Cucina Restaurant from Skaneateles.

The mystery ingredients included calf's liver, tenderloin, black sea bass, mussels, cabbage, fresh cranberries, Turkey Joints (candy), and fresh mint. Glidden, Capron and Kalk created a soup with the mussels and black sea bass



WINNING COMBINATION - MVCC's Andrew Glidden, an assistant professor in the Hospitality Program, organized Julia Capron and Anne Kalk to take part in the CNY Star Chef Showdown at Danielle's Restaurant.

while making Beef Wellington with the tenderloin and cabbage. The cranberries and other ingredients were used to made a dessert moose.

Rosalie's Cucina team made a surf and turf, mussels casino and a chocolate cranberry desert.

In the end, the MVCC team were crowned victorious by a score of 134-132. This episode was aired on Sunday, December 9, at 11:30 on WKTV Channel 2.

Capron is continuing her education at SUNY Morrisville and Kalk is a banquet coordinator at Turning Stone Resort and Casino.

MVCC Alumni Association, Utica National team up for Job Fair

Mohawk Valley Community College's Alumni Association, with sponsorship from Utica National Insurance, will host potential employers from throughout the region during the Second Annual Alumni Job Fair. The Fair will be held on the Utica Campus, located at 1101 Sherman Drive, on Wednesday, January 9, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This job fair is an opportunity for alumni 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. Interested applicants bring copies of their resumes.

The Alumni Job Fair will take place in the Lobby of the Information Technology Building and Performing Arts Conference Center.

For more information, please contact the MVCC Alumni Office at (315) 792-5340.





ANNUAL PHONE-A-THON - President Dr. Randall J. VanWaonger paid a visit to the Institutional Advancement's call center to spread encouragement this fall. The Fall Semester portion of the annual Phone-A-Thon ran from October 13 through November 18, with 12 to 18 students taking part. This annual fund raising event was able to collect \$36,000 in pledges. Standing with Dr. VanWagoner is Lakeysha Gordon, who worked the telephones.

DID YOU KNOW?

That MVCC through CCED offers business classes at DFAS four nights per week?

That CCED's Tractor Trailer Program starts a new class of students every three weeks?

Administrators during the holiday vacation

For those employees working during the December break: The following administrators will be in charge of the College during the break. Please contact them if you encounter any difficulties or emergencies:

Monday, Dec. 24: VP Ralph Feola - ext. 5445 Wed., Dec. 26: President VanWagoner - ext. 5333 Thursday, Dec. 27: Paul Katchmar – ext. 5510 Friday, Dec. 28: Paul Katchmar - ext. 5510, or Sarah Beth Lardie - ext. 5526

Monday, Dec. 31: VP Sandra Engel - ext. 5301

Freshman once again leads Hawks to victory

The Mohawk Valley Community College women's basketball team wrapped up the first half of the season with backto-back victories and raising its ranking to eighth nationally.

> The Lady Hawks flew past Jefferson Community College, 68-37, and Hudson Valley Community College, 74-33, to improve their record to 11-2.

Freshman guard Lauren "Gracie" Plagainos was top gun against

HVCC with 20 points sophomore ward Shantel Dunston tallied 10 points along with 10 rebounds against JCC.

Ice Hockey: Freshman **Plagainos** forward Kevin McCready

leads the Hawks in scoring with 17 goals as MVCC finished the first half of the season with a 4-1 victory over Monroe Community College. McCready scored one goal and assisted on another for the 10-4-1 Hawks.

In NJCAA's Region III, MVCC has a 7-2-1 record. Freshman goaltender Brian Frankel stopped 34 shots.

Men's Basketball: Freshman guard Ronald Tarver once more took the lead for the Hawks in a 97-81 victory over Jefferson CC with 22 points. Sophomore forward Joel Almeida and freshman guard Pat Corbin added 18 points each as MVCC goes into the winter break with a 6-8 overall record.

In MVCC's other game of the week, the Hawks fell 99-92 to Hudson Valley CC. Almeida scored 26 points as Corbin finished with 21 points.

Rome's 'Post Holiday Party'

The Rome Campus faculty and staff will host a "Post Holiday Party" on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Beeches in Rome.

The Beeches is located at 7900 Turin Road, Rt. 26.

This buffet dinner will include: Chicken Française; baked fresh haddock with lemon butter; eggplant parmesan; penne with marinara sauce; oven roasted garlic and herb potatoes; shrimp and pasta salad; marinated grilled vegetables; tomato and mozzarella salad; fresh sliced fruit; tossed garden salad; rolls and butter; along with desserts.

There will also be a cash bar.

McCready

Everyone in the MVCC community and families are invited. The cost is \$20 per person and \$10 for children under 10.

If interested in attending, RSVP with payment to Rachel Ruscito or Stephanie Verostek on the Rome Campus, Plumley Complex room 111 or call at extension 7700.

Strategic Planning Committee minutes from November 29

The Strategic Planning Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 29. Here are the minutes from that meeting.

- 1. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously passed.
- 2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8 Meeting: Unanimously approved.

4. Review of Draft Priorities/Directions/Initiatives: Discussion resumed on the draft of the new direction for the college's strategic plan. Denise DiGiorgio has discussed the proposal with her staff and Sandy Engel has circulated the draft Priorities and Directions to Department Heads. Initial response is favorable, although questions have been raised regarding the responsibilities of existing SPC work groups, on how the Directions and Initiatives will be translated into specific work steps at the departmental and interdepartmental level, and on how the new strategic plan-

ning process will be tied to budget allocation.

Responsibility for overseeing progress on specific Directions is still to be determined. The final decision on where responsibility will lie will depend on a number of factors, including activities of the six charter groups currently working on specific questions, on the results of an overall review of college committee structure, and on the specific work steps

that emerge to address initiatives. Until these questions are answered, existing SPC work groups will remain.

The committee also discussed how Initiatives and work

steps will be developed. As the draft is written, the SPC de-

velops Level III statements (Initiatives) and distributes them college-wide. Each department or program would address specific Initiatives in its annual plan and tie budget requests to the work steps proposed. It is also likely that departments will identify additional Initiatives and propose work steps to accomplish them. Departments will therefore have two

options in addressing college-wide directions: develop department work steps to address college-wide Initiatives and/or develop additional department-specific Initiatives and the tasks necessary to achieve them. President VanWagoner stated that it might be appropriate for each department to identify one "stretch" goal for the year and to focus on that goal.

The SPC also discussed what the role of the committee would be under the new plan. President VanWagoner sees its role as one of formulating the college's vision in

the short (one-year) and longer (five-year) terms, and not one of supervising departmental progress on Initiatives.

In order to get additional input on the draft Priorities, Directions and Initiatives and in order to receive input from departments on how Level III statements and work steps will be developed, the entire draft plan, including Initiatives, will be distributed, with a request for comment before the SPC's next meeting.

- 5. Charge for Strategic Planning Committee: Consideration of the SPC's charge and membership will be postponed until the shape of the new plan is more fully developed.
 - 6. Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.





