



ROCKIN' RETIREMENT - MVCC President Michael Schafer unveils a rocking chair presented to him by the Board of Trustees during a reception held on June 8 marking his retirement that begins June 29. From left are: David Mathis, BOT member; Dana Jerrard, Foundation President; President

Schafer; Sheila Vandevener, BOT Chair; Mary-Carmel Wolf, BOT member; William S. Calli, Jr., BOT Vice Chair; Michael C. Austin, BOT member; and N. Joseph Yagey, BOT member.

President Schafer bids farewell at June 8 retirement reception

An excerpt from President Schafer's Message

Let me begin by expressing thanks to those who have made it possible for me to have the privilege and honor to be President of MVCC for the past quarter of a century.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, past and present, for your support, guidance, mentoring and occasional harassment. Thank you to Oneida County Executives including Tony Picente, and Board of Legislators for your consistent support and rare frustrations. Thank you to our State Senators, including Joe Griffo and our members of Assembly, especially RoAnn Destito. Thank you to my Executive Committee who really does all of the work that I am given credit for. Thank you to the Foundation Board and Foundation sup-

porters including so many of you here tonight.

Thank you to my lovely wife Kathleen who put up with my other side when I get home. Thank you to my daughter Michelle, her husband Bruce and my terrific grandson Glen for totally surprising me last night when they showed up from Texas. Thank you to the rest of my family who wanted to be here but couldn't.

Thank you to Toni Carbone, Eileen Dailey and Donna Yaghy who somehow dealt with my 11th hour and 45-minute changes to speeches and presentations. Thank you to the administrators who helped to shape the college and the faculty who brought it home to the students. Thank you to the Facilities and support staff for always keeping us operating

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at the highest level.

Thank you to the vendors who are really part of our family like Sodexo and Pepsi. Thank you to my friends and colleagues from secondary and higher education and the many Boards I have been privileged to serve on.

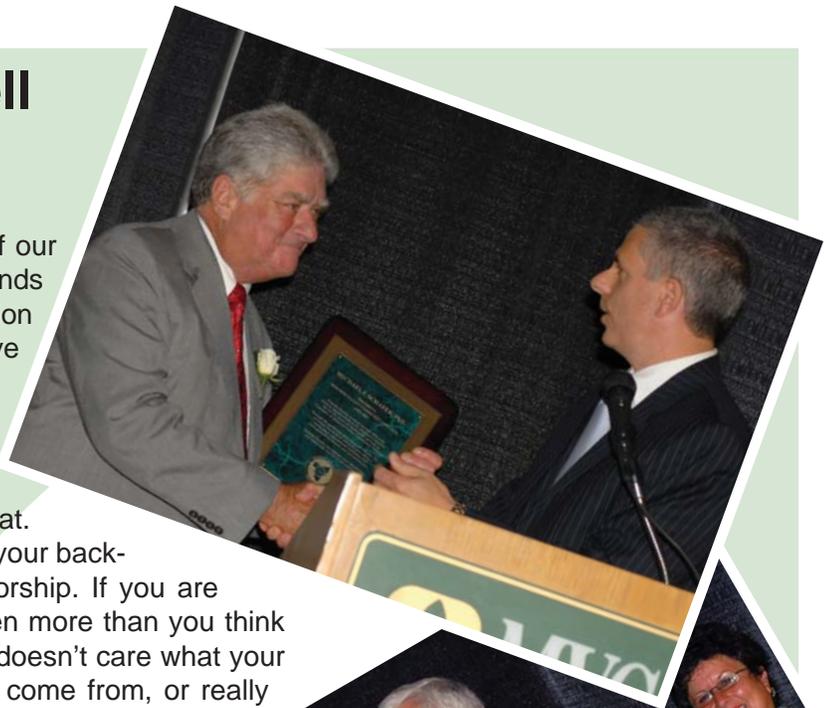
And especially thank you to those students who have chosen to come to the "Best Community College in America."

I want to take just a moment to talk about that. America is a country where it doesn't matter what your background is, where you come from, or how you worship. If you are creative and you work hard, you can become even more than you think you can be. A community college is a school that doesn't care what your previous academic performance was, where you come from, or really how much money you have. America and this community college are committed to the principle that each and every individual has worth and dignity.

This community college reflects the principles that this great country was founded upon. You know that America is a country where people can fulfill their potential if barriers are not put in their way. At MVCC, our job is to overcome or remove such barriers for our students.

This community college removes the barrier of previous performance in school. We open our doors to everyone who can benefit, and provide free tutoring, counseling, language support and a myriad of other accommodations to eliminate barriers.

This community college removes barriers of cost, we keep our tuition low and we provide financial aid and scholarships thanks



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to donations from people like you.

This community college removes the barrier of narrow curriculum the people have to squeeze into. We offer more than 80 programs because individuals' potential will be fulfilled in different ways.

This community college removes barriers of place by offering classes on two campuses and over the Internet and we have dormitories for those who can't commute.

This community college removes barriers for community organizations as we are tonight for the Cancer Society and their "Relay For Life" event.

This community college constantly looks for anything that might stand in the way of an individual fulfilling his or her potential. This community college will find a way to knock that barrier down.

Twenty years ago I compared America to our community college. One of the greatest symbols of America is the Statue of Liberty. On the occasion of the Statue's 100th anniversary and MVCC's 40th, I wrote a guest column for the Observer Dispatch. In it I paraphrased the famous inscription on the base of the Statue. I want to read a little bit from that article dated July 13, 1986:

I quote: "The 'Lady' has just celebrated her 100th anniversary. She has stood for a century, unchallenged as a symbol of freedom and equality. She stands beside Ellis Island, that very special point of access to so many of us and our families. There is another very special symbol of



SAYING FAREWELL – MVCC President Michael I. Schafer is joined by his wife Kathleen while giving his farewell speech during a retirement reception in the Alumni College Center on June 8.

respect for the worth and dignity of every individual, a symbol of access for all to a higher education and to a better life and toward fulfilling the freedoms promised by the Lady."

"That other symbol is Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) celebrating its 40th birthday this year. You have seen your community college express her welcome. She has said: Send my your young, your old, your very bright and your not so able, your homemakers, your underemployed, your unemployed, those wanting to enjoy the freedom of an enlightened mind, develop marketable skills and develop their potential for continuing to learn through life."

"MVCC says send us those whose great minds exemplify the very best of that condition, those who student to learn a skill, to understand human condition, and those who wish to grow rather than merely survive in an increasingly technological society. Send us not just individuals, but organizations, companies and institutions that we can help to compete in a free trade economy by increasing employee skills, management efficiency and corporate productivity. Send us all those who would be enriched by learning itself and those

who appreciate the need for and values of expanded understanding and tolerance of others and their values."

I went on to say: "We reflect our commitment to providing each student who is willing to work hard with the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential by offering a broad range of offerings and programs reflecting the needs of students and of our communities. We also accept commitment to remaining flexible and open so that all of these purposes may be aimed at current needs rather than at current needs rather than at preconceived notions of what the community college "should be" or at what needs where when the college was established."

Many of you have said that you came here to help celebrate my career at Mohawk Valley Community College. I can't accept that. What you came here to celebrate is this wonderful institution that so beautifully fulfills the American dream for so many people.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of leading this institution and for being with me to celebrate MVCC tonight.

Gary Broadhurst presented national award as MVCC's Director of Athletics

Mohawk Valley Community College's Director of Athletics Gary Broadhurst was selected as the AstroTurf Junior/Community College Northeast Region Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

Broadhurst was recognized at the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon on Friday, June 8, in Orlando, as part of the 42nd annual NACDA Convention held at the World Center Marriott Resort. This award highlights Broadhurst's commitment and positive contributions to MVCC and surrounding communities.



The criteria for this award includes service as a Director of Athletics for a minimum of five academic years, demonstration of commitment to higher education and student-athletes, continuous teamwork, loyalty and excellence, along with the ability to inspire individuals or groups to high levels of accomplishments.

Broadhurst has served as Director of Athletics at MVCC since 1996 during which time the College's student-athletes have received 489 All-Conference, 603 All-Region, 75 Academic All-Region, 248 All-American and 46 Academic All-American Awards. Under his leadership, MVCC boasts 23 Academic All-America teams, 60 Mountain Valley Conference championships, 34 NJCAA Region III championships, 92 individual national champions and 10 national championships.

Mohawk Valley took home the PEPSI/NATYCAA award in 2003-04, while earning runner-up honors in 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Broadhurst has increased institutional athletics public image through website development, men's and women's basketball media guides, individual sport brochures, athletics recruitment video and televised men's and women's basketball games on public access channels. Broadhurst has also overseen a \$250,000 track renovation and assisted with the development and design of a \$4.5 million joint stadium with Proctor High School.

Broadhurst initiated MVCC's first college wide athletics retention program and during his first four years as Director of Athletics, he achieved budgetary increases of 78 percent in the college's budget and 50 percent in the activity fee budget.

Broadhurst is also the Department Head of the Physical Education Department, a member of the NATYCAA Executive Committee, chair of the NJCAA Region III Board of Directors and treasurer of the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference.



Gary Broadhurst
MVCC Director of Athletics



Mohawk Valley Community College will host the 21st annual MVCC Foundation Golf Tournament on Monday, June 25, at the Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford.

This year's tournament benefits the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic Complex Fund. Registration fee for individuals is \$175 or \$650 for a foursome. Individuals will be matched up the day of the event. Sign-in begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch before a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

The registration fee covers greens fees, golf cart, lunch, beverages on the course, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails afterwards along with dinner and awards.

To register or learn more about this and other events benefiting the MVCC Foundation, call (315) 731-5797.

MVCC Foundation Golf Tournament Tees Off Monday, June 25

Domser looks to share information from conference

In March of this year, Celia Domser, Department Head of Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences, attended a Chair Academy Conference. Although the conference sounds like it is for administrators, it certainly encompassed more, according to Domser.

With the large number in administrative and other colleges services retiring in the next five to ten years, there will be major shortages of people to fill these positions. Domser feels there are a number of people on the campus who could fill in some of the positions where this happen at MVCC.

The issue is being prepared to do this by developing leadership skills. The workshops she attended were terrific and the information may be of interest to a number of people at MVCC.

She will be happy to share this information with interested persons as she will be on campus this summer teaching course.

Send her an e-mail or call, 792-5514

Titles of some of the workshops she attended:

1. Succession Planning and Career Management
2. Academic Administrators Promote Student Success
3. Everyday Leadership. Applying Positive Psychology Principles for Everyday Benefits
4. Creating The Future

This presentation was done by a group from the Netherlands where they have created a learning village campus with grade school, high school and college facilities on the same campus. Extremely amazing situation (although this sounds like a new concept, China has done this for hundreds of years)

5. Empowering Faculty through Initiatives that Improve Teaching and Recognize Excellence

6. Grow Your Own College Leadership Program

7. The Path of Conscious Leadership

Anyone interested in this should look at the Chair Academy Conferences.

Celia Domser would like to thank the Staff Development support as well as the ECPS department for making it possible for me to attend this Conference. It was an excellent conference and I recommend it those who have an interest in moving up, improving themselves and becoming leaders.

MVCC awarded \$45,000 for creating Geospatial Technology Modules

The Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT) at Cayuga County Community College has awarded MVCC with a \$45,000 grant for the creation of geospatial modules to be used in non-traditional classroom setting. The funding comes from a NASA grant entitled: Enhancing Societal Benefit with NASA Earth Science and Geo-Spatial Information Technologies. The modules needed to be focused on the areas of homeland security and emergency management or the related topics of natural resource management, monitoring or forecasting, and risk, vulnerability and mitigation assessment. The funding will allow for faculty research, hardware and software purchases, and the funding of student assistants to help in data collection and research.

The completed modules are to be used in selected laboratory sections at MVCC.

Assistant Professor, Brian Judycki, from the Engineering Technologies and Trades Department teamed up with Assistant Professor, Nicholas Gioppo, from the Life Science Department to create two separate modules.

Professor Judycki's module is a GIS application for the location and analysis of critical infrastructure at Mohawk Valley Community College for emergency management. His module will be used in Construction Management (CT 243).

Professor Gioppo's module will include the creation of a GIS application that shows the distribution and organization of the fossil rich Paleozoic rock units of the Mohawk Valley region in central New York, for the purpose of natural resource monitoring. This module will be used in the laboratory sections of Introduction to Physical Geology (GL 101) and Historical Geology (GL 102).

MVCC to host Utica chess tournament

Mohawk Valley Community College will host the inaugural Utica Open Chess Tournament on Saturday, July 21, in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center on the Utica Campus, 1101 Sherman Drive.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with competition starting at 9:30. The entry fee is \$30. The tournament will feature four rounds with "Game 60" time limit on the first two rounds and "Game 90" on the final two rounds.

Top prizes are \$200 and \$100 along with a prize for top in class. This tournament is also worth six Grand Prix Points.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Alina Mildred Treis, MVCC Assistant Professor of Humanities, at 792-5493; or Joe Ball at 222-8105.



MVCC hosts Relay For Life



CANCER AWARENESS - The annual Relay For Life was held on the Utica Campus on the weekend of June 9-10. Above, participants walk the candle lined paths. Right, tents fill the campus quad for the event.



Minutes for Board of Trustees' May 21 meeting

The MVCC Board of Trustees met Monday, May 21, 2007, at 4:05 p.m. in the Plumley Complex on the Utica Campus.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Feola, Vice President for Administration, reported that total operating expenditures for the college's fiscal year through April 30, 2007, were running 6.7 percent under that which was budgeted.

Millennium Policy Board – Trustee Elaine Falvo reported that the Millennium Policy Board will meet with the Utica Board of Education on June 4 to discuss the status plan developed by Vice President of Student Service Denise DiGiorgio and Mrs. Falvo.

Campus Beautification – Trustee John Stetson and President Michael Schafer presented the landscape architects with the comments, ideas, and revisions suggested by faculty and staff regarding the landscaping plan. The landscape architects will submit a revised plan.

Chairman's Report: Trustee Sheila Vandever requested agenda items be considered for the summer retreat.

President's Report – President Michael I. Schafer announced the resignations of Tanweer Haroon, Assistant Professor, Engineering Computer and Physical Science Department; and Keith Lynip, Director of Distance Learning.

President Schafer introduced Alex Piejko and Scott Seldon, faculty members of the Art Department, and two students who are animation majors, Steve Montesano and Ginelle Bruggman. The students presented "MVCC Goes Green," a graphic animations program they developed.

Appointments

The appointment of these individuals was renewed to

Grant-Funded Appointments for the 2007-2008 academic year: Robert Allison, Megan Dischiavo, Anna Dousharm, Cecelia Peppenelli, Heather Ramsdale, and Jennifer Smith;

Appointment of Mark Guidi to position of Instructor in the Engineering Technology and the Trades Department, a grant-funded position, for the 2007-2008 academic year

Renew probationary appointment of Michael Badolato for the 2007-2008 academic year;

Probationary appointment of David Morrill not to be renewed;

Amendment of College Staff Plan as follows:

- Delete title of Evaluation Coordinator, position number 541
- Create the title, Technical Assistant – Institutional Assessment, position number 541

Furthermore, the appointment of Mary Hunt to the position of Technical Assistant – Institutional Assessment;

Appointment of David Yahnke to the position of Placement Testing Specialist.

New Business

Authorized the filling of the following position by qualified candidates: Director of Distance Learning.

The Board recognized James Sheaffer and Kathleen Bernstein for their service to the College with status Professor Emerita.

The Board certified the Student Activity, Intercollegiate Athletic and Cultural Committee budgets for the 2007-2008 academic year are in compliance with the "Use of Student Activity Fee."

Granted an Honorary Associate Degree in Humane Letters to Michael I. Schafer.

