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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

October 1, 2007

# Utica Campus hosts Program Information Day

MVCC will host a Program Information Day on Saturday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event will welcome prospective students and parents to the Utica Campus.

Registration and a Continental breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Information Technology Building. Along with in-depth information sessions on the Admissions process, there will also be a workshop on Financial Aid and MVCC Scholarships

All academic departments will be represented at the Program Information Day, and campus tours will include highlights of specific academic programs.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to tour the Residence Halls.

For more information on MVCC's Program Information Day, please call 315-792-5354 or visit www.mvcc.edu.

# Chapin named 2007 NYS Senate's 'Woman of Distinction'

When it comes to making a difference in the community for women's rights, there is one name that stands out among the rest in the Mohawk Valley - Mary Q. Chapin.

Mrs. Chapin has been a leader in the modern women's rights movement in New York State for over 40 years with this life's passion leading to such great accomplishments as the formation of Susan B. Anthony Recognition Day in New York State each February 15.

To honor her dedication, she was selected as a 2007 New York State Senate's "Woman of Distinction" from the nomination by NYS Senator Joseph A. Griffo.

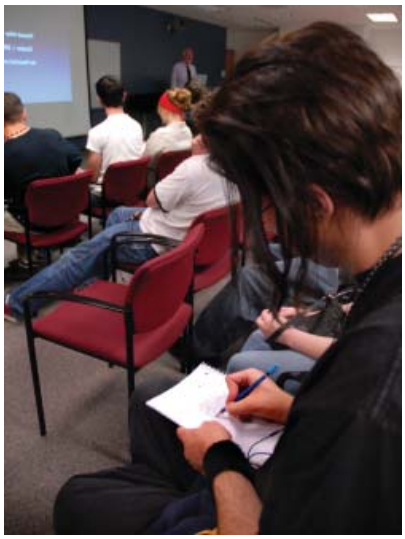
A ceremony held in the lobby of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus brought together many of the people Mrs. Chapin has helped and worked with over the years. Senator Griffo and MVCC President Randall VanWagoner were on hand to honor Mrs. Chapin.

Mrs. Chapin has also been a major supporter of higher education as an MVCC Trustee, where she served many years on the college's Board of Trustees. Recently Mrs. Chapin made a sizeable donation to the MVCC library to expand the collection on the "Suffrage Movement" and Women's Rights.

**WOMAN OF DISTINCTION** – MVCC President VanWagoner presents Mary Q. Chapin with a plaque for her contributions to the College's library and marking her 2007 NYS Senate's "Woman of Distinction."

During a luncheon that followed, City of Utica Mayor Timothy J. Julian presented a Proclamation honoring Mrs. Chapin and her dedication to women's rights.

# Lecture focuses on history of illustration



Terry Brown, the Director of the American Society of Illustrators, gave a lecture on the History of Illustration on Monday, October 1, in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building on the Utica Campus.

He spoke to a packed house of students, faculty, and members of the community.

His message for students was to, "draw, draw, draw," and "work to develop your own unique style - start with your signature."

The lecture corresponded with the opening of an American Society of Illustrators traveling exhibition, "An Historical Look," in the Small Works Gallery. The exhibit runs through Thursday, November 1.

The Small Works Gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday until 7:00 p.m.

## Workshop to discuss 'Being Black in America's Infrastructure'

MVCC's CSTEP (Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Progra) will sponsor a workshop, "Being Black in America's Infrastructure" on Friday, October 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building.

Morris Pearson will discuss what it mean to be African-American today in the 'real world' and the unique issues faced by African-Americans.

Light Refreshments will be served.

This workshop is being offered for all students and staff as a learning opportunity for everyone.

## Student Services closed Monday

The Student Service Center Offices will be closed Monday, October 8, from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. during which time the staff will be attending an in-service training workshop in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building.

The workshop will focus on the College Self-Study, particularly Chapter 5 (Student Services). All College staff members are welcome to participate, and those who work in student service areas are especially invited to join us.

## MVCC Campus Events

**Friday, Oct. 5**

Student Congress, ACC 212, 1:00 pm
Cultural Series Lecture: "Our Enterprising U.S. Oil Industry: Fire in the Belly!" by Don Karecki, ACC 116, 2:00 p.m.
Self Study Forum, PH 300, 2:00 pm
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, Oct. 6**

Women Volleyball at Tompkins Cortland CC Invitational, 10:00 a.m.
Cross Country at Hamilton Invitational, 11:00 a.m.
Women's Soccer hosts Hudson Valley CC, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer at Hudson Valley CC, 1:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis at NJCAA Region III Tournament, 10:00 a.m.
Family Film Series: The Goonies, Rated PG, Plumley Auditorium, 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 7**

Women's Tennis at NJCAA Region III Tournament, 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, Oct. 8**

Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 9**

Transfer Day, MV Commons, 10:00 a.m.
College Senate, PH 300, 2:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer at Columbia-Greene CC, 4:00 p.m.
Yoga and Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 5:30 p.m.
College Night, Gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10**

Think Fast Game Show, MV Commons, noon
Cultural Series Lecture: "Fundamentals of Investing" by Herb Koestner, IT 225, 7:00 p.m.
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.
MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 11**

Blood Drive, ACC 116, 8:00 a.m.
Police Academy, IT 225, 8:00 a.m.
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.
Women Volleyball at Onondaga CC, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 12**

Student Congress, ACC 212, 1:00 p.m.
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**

MVCC Falls Chess Tournament, ACC 116, 8:00 a.m.
Civil Service Exams, AB 227, 229, 230, 232, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Soccer hosts Adirondack CC, 1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer at Bryant & Stratton, 1:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 15**

Women Volleyball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 16**

Men's Soccer at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer hosts Cayuga CC, 4:00 p.m.
Acoustic Café Performance: Jason Bean, ACC 116, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 17**

Women Volleyball hosts SUNY Delhi, 7:00 p.m.

# MVCC Ski Club prepares for arrival of the powder

The MVCC Ski Club has an exciting ski and boarding season planned to such challenging mountains as Gore, Labrador, Killington and Okemo.

The Ski Club is open to all those interested in hitting the slopes.

The club has already organized day trips to Gore Mountain, Labrador Mountain and Royal Mountain. Plus, there will be overnight trips to Killington on Jan. 8-10 (cost is $200 per person for double occupancy) and Okemo on Feb. 8-10 (cost is $230 per person for double occupancy).

To join in the fun, contact the Ski Club at mvskiclub@yahoo.com.

# CCED offers financial workshops

MVCC's Center for Community and Economic Development has designed a series of workshops to help individuals get a better handle on their personal finances along with how to earn a little bit of cash on the side.

These workshops will be held on Wednesday, October 10, on the Utica Campus. They will be taught by Lee Anne Krusemark, a former California Chamber of Commerce president and successful entrepreneur.

**Seven simple secrets to financial freedom:** This class offers a plan of action to help others learn the path to financial freedom, such as how to get out of credit card debt and reduce bad credit; how to raise your credit limit; how to buy a home, and how to become an active investor.

The cost is $30 with a mandatory $20 materials fee. This workshop will be held in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Create a successful home-based business:** Turn personal talents and hobbies into making propositions at home by learning how to start a home-based business. You will learn over 100 home business ideas, mandatory legal documentation, how to market the product/service and taking tax deductions.

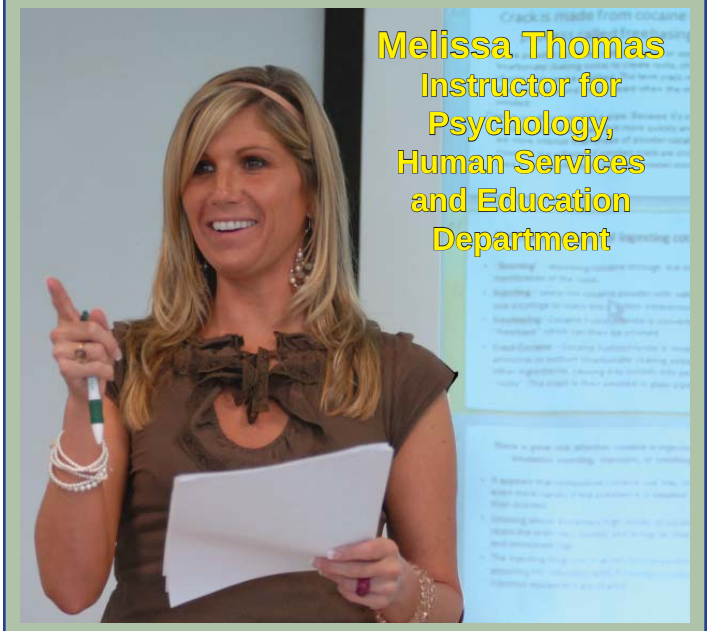
The cost is $35 with a mandatory $10 materials fee. This workshop will be held in Room 249 of the Academic Building from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Make money with a typing/word processing business**: If you can type, then you can make money at home using your typewriter, word processor or computer. (Participants must have attended "Create a successful home-based business") Discover the secrets to finding clients, 50 ways to advertise and market the services and effective home office equipment choices. Also included are 100 ways to make money with a computer and free national networking information.

The cost is $25 with a mandatory $10 materials fee. This workshop will be held in Room 249 of the Academic Building from 8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Enrollment is limited and will be taken on first come basis. For information or to register, call 792-5300, between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

# MVCC Faces: Melissa Thomas




One of the largest burdens on today's society is the addiction to drugs and alcohol. Helping to end this cycle through training counselors of tomorrow is MVCC Instructor Melissa Thomas.

As the College's newest Chemical Dependencies Instructor, Ms. Thomas has dedicated herself to helping others overcome these vices through education.

This is her first semester at MVCC in the Psychology, Human Services and Education Department. This Rome native is teaching Chemical Dependencies and is a member of the College Seminar Committee.

Ms. Thomas holds Masters Degree from Sage College in Community Psychology-Addiction.

When not at MVCC, she is a certified Pilates and Yoga instructor. She also enjoys bike riding and reading.

# Brown Bag Lunch Series

The next Brown Bag Lunch Series event will be Wednesday, October 17, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Interlude located in the Alumni College Center. Sponsored by the Learning Center, this event's theme will be Study Skills.

The following Brown Bag Lunch Series will be Wednesday, October 31, from noon-1:00 p.m. in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center with a theme of APA / MLA Documentation Format. Other events meeting will be on November 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Interlude on "Studying for Finals" and December 5, back in Room 116 at noon for "Test Anxiety."

**SENATOR'S VISIT -** MVCC's Public Policy Club hosted New York State Senator Joseph A. Griffo at its annual fall breakfast. Attending the breakfast with the students was MVCC President VanWagoner.

# Public Policy Club hosts NYS Senator Griffo

The guest speaker for the Public Policy Club's annual breakfast this fall was New York State Senator Joseph A. Griffo, which was held Wednesday in the MVCC Board Room on the third floor of Payne Hall.

Sen. Griffo discussed with the students how he discovered he wanted to enter into public service with the goal of improving the quality of life in society while attending SUNY Brockport.

To this end, he was elected to the Oneida County Legislature in 1989 and then ran and won the position of mayor in the City of Rome in 1991. He held this position for three terms before becoming Oneida County Executive in 2003. He took his current position in 2006.

"I was always a critic of Albany and how it treated local governments. I thought the best way to fix this was to change the system from within," said Sen. Griffo.

Sen. Griffo represents the 47th District which encompasses portions of Lewis, Oneida and St. Lawrence counties, or about 300,000 people. There are six colleges and universities in his district.

"I really like to come into the classroom and forums like this to inform students of what is going on in their government. That is what this is. This is their government and the more they understand how it works, the more it can do for them," said Sen. Griffo.

He encouraged the students to take advantage of internship programs in local and state government as well as traveling abroad to learn first-hand how different governments work.

"The rewarding aspect about public service is to make a difference in people's lives," he told the group.

## Cancer Awareness table

The College Health Services hosted a Breast Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Awareness table in the lobby of Payne Hall on Monday.

Representatives from Bassett Healthcare Center in Cooperstown were on hand to answer questions and hand out information. They were Patricia Reynolds, Physician's Assistant (left) and Marianne Staltieri, Cervical Cancer Screening Coordinator (center). Taking information is Kathleen Zammiello.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, there will be an AIDS Awareness table in the Lobby of the Academic Building.