

MVCC nursing program earns Reaccreditation

The Nursing Program at Mohawk Valley Community College continues to provide some of the best nursing education in the region as attested by its recent reaccreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

"To the college, the program, the students and to our community, receiving this reaccreditation reaffirms the MVCC nursing program is meeting the highest standards and criteria set forth by our national accrediting commission," said MVCC Professor Nancy P. Caputo, MSN, BSN, RN, Department Head of Health Services. "Our graduates have a lot of choices. They are ready for entry level positions in nursing, and coming from an accredited program better facilitates them into a Baccalaureate and Masters programs."

In a recent letter from Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN, Executive Director of the NLNAC, she stated, "On behalf of

MVCC partners with Bassett to train surgical technicians

In partnership with Bassett Healthcare, Mohawk Valley Community College has created a new certificate program designed to train health care workers in the medical field as surgical technicians.

Students who complete the Surgical Technician Certificate program will work in operating room settings by assisting in the preparation of the operating room for surgical patients and assisting the surgeon during the operation. Graduates from this program will also be eligible to take the national certification examination pending program accreditation.

Bassett made this program possible through the donation of:

- An Operating Table
- Back Table
- An Operating Room Light
- An Anesthesia Machine
- Miscellaneous equipment such as an IV Pole and Surgical Instruments

This 38-credit certificate program takes three semesters to complete with new sessions beginning each fall. Class size is limited to 16 students with pre-requisites in mathematics, biology and chemistry. Students will spend over 400 hours in clinical settings.

the Commission, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. By choosing to have accreditation by NLNAC, your nursing program demonstrates a continued interest in having the program measured against the highest national standards of quality in nursing education."

The NLNAC Board of Commissioners cited among the strengths in the MVCC nursing program to be:

- Leadership of an experienced and respected nurse administrator
- Community support for the program resulting in an innovative partnership with Rome Memorial Hospital
 - The Nursing Learning Centers

The NLNAC Board of Commissioners' based their findings on the Self Study Report compiled by the MVCC Health Services Department, the College Catalog, the Site Visitors' Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the Program Evaluators and the Evaluation Review Panel.

MVCC offers nursing on the Utica and Rome campuses featuring "state of the art" Nursing Learning Resource Centers and Health Services Computer Laboratories on both campuses. MVCC offers small lecture classes with approximately 40 students as well as small clinical groups with approximately eight students.

Along with being accredited by the NLNAC, the MVCC nursing program is accredited by the New York State Department of Education to offer an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing. Students completing this A.A.S. Degree are eligible to take the NYS Registered Nursing Licensing Examination. The MVCC nursing program will be visited again in 8 years.



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Small Works Gallery alumni exhibit

Please join us in the Small Works Gallery for the MVCC Alumni Show with works by alumni/faculty members Doug Hyldelund and Scott Selden.

There will be an Opening Reception on Tuesday, September 4, from 3:00-4:30~p.m.

The exhibit, Past's Parts - Rusty Assemblages, will run

through Thursday, September 27.

"The themes of our work will bring together two completely different artistic visions, and most likely, mixed reactions. Yet, somehow the underlying sub-structure is rooted in history - from a former car part once shiny and new and now rusty or road beaten, to a communicative historical event worthy of envisioned recognition. These assemblages, however positioned and polished, or crude and



screwed, do commonly share this amazing and collaborative trait. Parts and pieces all mingle through composition, form and structure to assemble "past's parts"! Hit the road and assemble at the Small Works Gallery because we may just have a rusty solution or a piece of junk that you may like to view," said Doug Hyldelund.

Doug and Scott are members of MVCC's Class of 1986 and currently faculty in the Department of Art.

The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 7:00 p.m.

MVCC Campus Events

Tuesday, Sept. 4

College Senate, PH 300, 2:30 p.m. Acoustic Café w/Kevin Thompson and Lisa Romano,

ACC 116, 7:00 p.m.

Ballroom Dancing, AB Lobby, 7:00 p.m. Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Women's Soccer hosts Tompkins Cortland CC, 4:00 p.m. Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m. MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Men's Soccer at Broome CC, 4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 p.m. Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Women Volleyball hosts Hawk Invitational, 9:00 a.m. Oneida County Civil Service Exams,

AB 227, 229, 230, 9:00 a.m.

Concert Kickoff Reception, IT Lobby, 6:00 p.m. Concert Kickoff w/Square Pegs, Theater, 7:00 p.m. Concert Kickoff w/Buddhahood, Theater, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 10

Men's Soccer hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer at Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis hosts SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Cross Country at Oswego, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Men's Soccer hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 4:00 p.m.

Dive into swimming lessons at MVCC

With the start of the school year, now is the perfect time for youngsters and teens to dive into one of the swimming lesson programs being offered by Mohawk Valley Community College's Center for Community and Economic Development. Lessons will be given in the MVCC pool on the Utica Campus, located at 1101 Sherman Drive.

There will be lessons on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from September 22 through December 8, as well as on Mondays (September 24-December 3), Tuesdays (September 25-December 4) and Wednesdays (September 26-December 5) between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lessons for Preschool Aquatics, Level 1 and Level 2 swimmers will be 30 minutes while lessons for Level 3 through Advanced are 60 minutes. A child's skill level will be up to the instructors' discretion. The skill levels are as follows:

- Preschool Aquatics (10 classes/5 hours) \$50 Specifically for preschoolers ages 2-5.
- Level 1 Water Exploration: (10 classes/5 hours) \$50 Students are oriented to the water while they learn elementary skills.
- Level 2 Primary Skills: (10 classes/5 hours) \$50 Students work on unsupported front and back floats, rhythmic

breathing and flutter kicking.

- Level 3 Stroke Readiness: (10 classes/10 hours) \$65
 Students work on coordinating front and back crawl, introduction to elementary backstroke and treading water.
- Level 4 Stroke Development: (10 classes/10 hours) \$65 This level includes deep-water bobbing, rotary breathing, endurance of strokes already learned, plus introduction of breast stroke, side stroke, and turning at the wall.
- Level 5 Stroke Refinement: (10 classes/10 hours) \$65
 Students refine strokes already learned and are introduced to feet-first surface dives and diving.
- Level 6 Lifeguard Readiness: (10 classes/10 hours) \$65 This level offers water safety techniques used to prevent and save oneself from an aquatic emergency.
- Advanced Swimming (10 classes/10 hours) \$65 This new course allows for reviewing and perfecting all strokes and skills in the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program. This class will encourage good lifetime fitness habits and teach basic and advanced rescue techniques.

Enrollment is limited in all levels 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.

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Theater information & auditions

For all students interested in theatre, drama club, on-campus theatrical activities, there will be an informal get-together on Wednesday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m.

Also, auditions for the campus musical "They're Playing Our Song," directed by Paul Cruskie, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 5 & 6, in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building on the Utica Campus at 7:00 p.m. All actors and backstage people are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Gifford.





ADVISEMENT CENTER HAD A VISITOR - Yes, that is correct. Darth Vader visited with Jennifer DeWeerth and Dawson McDermott in the Advisement Center last week. Darth Vader came by for a little visit to wish Dawson and Jennifer a great Fall semester. The other reason was to let folks know that... STAR WARS turned 30 this year. Yes 30! (Episode 4 to be exact) which was release during the summer of 1977. Hey who is this... Ed Isenberg from the Art Department. Look at that smile that's one happy kid.

Dr. Searles has poems published

MVCC Humanities Professor Dr. George J. Searles has authored two poems in the Spring issue of *Main Street Rag*, a literary magazine published in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He also attended SUNY Stony Brook's Southampton Writers Conference on July 18-29, where he studied under the award-winning poet Carol Muske-Dukes.

Lecture by quilter Sue Beevers

Sue Beevers, international painter and quilter, will give a lecture covering the use of silk, cotton, and velveteens on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church which is located on East Main Street in Frankfort.

The last 30-plus years, Beevers has been immersed in the fiber world, first as a spinner, weaver, and dyer, and now as a fabric painter and quilter. She has traveled extensively, giving lectures and workshops throughout the United States. Her work is featured in collections in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

With Daylily Fields, Beevers' first printed fabric collection for RJR, she approached each print from two angles - as a fabric painter, working to emulate techniques she uses when hand-painting, and as a quilter, making every effort to provide a variety of scale, value, texture and even mirror-images for interesting effects in quilt designs, as well as versatility in crossover between the color ways and packed multi-color distribution within the prints to cut up beautifully.

In addition to designing fabric for RJR, Beevers has authored a book entitled Off-the-Shelf Fabric Painting.

For more information, contact Kitty Dack at 895-7593 or by email at kdnkd@earthlink.net. Reservations would be appreciated but not mandatory. Admission is \$5.00.

MVCC works to create Green Campuses

From George D. Aylesworth Environmental Health and Safety Officer

As many of you are aware MVCC has had a recycling policy in place for a number of years. The program itself continues to grow, as more and more waste items that all of us just threw out, as everyday garbage are becoming acceptable items for recycling.

Additionally, MVCC has developed a "Green Campus Committee," so that our campus can become more environmentally friendly.

Not only are we recycling more items, but we continue to reduce our energy consumption as well as our water consumption. As a campus we recycle roughly 2-1/2 miles of 4-foot fluorescent bulbs, approximately 300 full desk-top computers, and many, many tons of paper on an annual basis.

With an upcoming school year one month away it is time to remind you of the do's and don'ts of campus recycling. The effort that is required to properly recycle requires common sense, memorization, and repetition so that it does become second nature. As you clean your offices and work areas in preparation for the coming school year, please take extra care to separate items properly.

The basic rules remain the same:

Blue bins are for recycling papers only.

@ray bins are for garbage only.

Please take the time to separate the items accordingly.

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