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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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MVCC to receive \$8.2M for capital improvements

Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and Senator Joseph Griffo visited the Utica Campus on Thursday, April 17, to announce the 2008-09 New York State Budget includes \$8.2 million to help fund MVCC's major expansion of the athletic facilities, and improve pedestrian safety on the Utica Campus by installing better curbing, sidewalks, guardrails, and lighting.

Of this capital funding, \$5.5 million will go toward construction of the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletics Events Center, named in honor of former long-time MVCC athletic director and coach.

"We are very excited about the allocations for MVCC's top capital projects," said President Randall VanWagoner. "This funding will be an important investment in our nationally recognized athletic programs, and it will address much-needed infrastructure at our Utica campus."

MVCC fields 20 intercollegiate programs, 11 for men and nine for women, which have achieved national honors. This new athletic event center will alleviate conflicting practice schedules for many of teams, as they vie for practice space.

"This is an investment in our future," said Mrs. Destito. "Education and economic development go hand in hand."



STATE FUNDING - Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and Senator Joseph Griffo visited the Utica Campus on Thursday, April 17, to unveil \$8.2 million for capital improvement.

Along with the funding from the state, Oneida County will provide a percentage of matching funds for these projects as the College's sponsor.

The College is in the process of hiring an architect and construction manager.



"Reach for the heavens and hopes for the future and all that you can be and not what you are."

*John Denver (1943-1997)
Folk singer and songwriter*

Submitted by Ron Cantor,
Dean of the MVCC Rome Campus

Summer lunch breaks for clerical staff

According to an agreement the College reached with UPSEU in November 1999, lunch breaks for clerical employees with one-hour lunch breaks will change for the summer. From Memorial Day through the Friday preceding the day on which faculty return, clerical staff who take one-hour lunch breaks may take one-half hour lunch breaks. They will return to one-hour lunches on Monday, August 18.

- The agreement deals with lunch breaks only. Offices will remain open as usual and supervisors will schedule staff as needed to provide coverage.

- The change in lunch breaks applies only to employees represented by UPSEU. This provision does not cover professional staff or administrators.

- Those with half-hour lunch breaks may find the time of the lunch break has to change to provide coverage in the office.

- The only people who may retain half-hour lunch breaks after August 18 are those who had half-hour lunches on October 21, 1999.

- Staff who wish to remain on a one-hour lunch break may do so if they and their supervisor agree.

Graphic design student creates logo for City of Utica

When it comes to graphic design, MVCC's Professional Practice in Graphic Design class has developed a reputation for cutting edge designs. For this reason, the City of Utica turned to Art Department Professor Robert Clarke when it decided to create a new logo.



Design by
Joshua Reach

UTICA
NEW YORK



Design by
Lindsay Mogle

Christian Talgo, the city's Network Technician, initiated the idea prior to the start of spring semester on behalf of City of Utica Mayor David Roefaro.

Realizing the importance of such a project, Mr. Clarke challenged 26 of his students to develop an identity that combined Utica and the city's new slogan "A Renaissance City." According to Mr. Clarke, the meaning of "rebirth needed to be represented visually within the logo.

After eight weeks of diligence, the works of these students were then displayed in City Hall, where the public could vote on which one represented Utica best.

The winning design was created by senior Joshua Reach, a Graphic Design major who is graduating this May, and unveiled by Mayor Roefaro during his State of the City Address, "100 Days of Progress," on Wednesday, April 9th in

the College's theatre.

"I feel the rays of sunlight symbolize the rebirth of the city," said Mr. Reach, who will be attending the Art Institute of Arizona in the fall. "This was a great opportunity to create something real which can be added to my portfolio."

During the creation process, city representatives came to campus and joined in on the critique process. They provided valuable insights that moved the concepts along, according



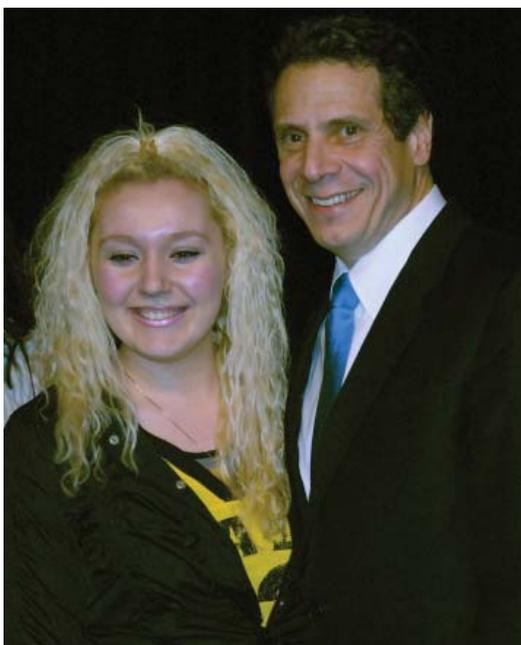
DESIGN WINNER - Joshua Reach, center, shakes hands with Professor Robert Clarke after receiving an award for creating the logo design representing the City of Utica. Presenting the award was Mayor David Roefaro.

to Mr. Clarke. As the assignment was in final development, Nina Roefaro, a graduate of MVCC's Graphic Design program and now an Interior Design major at Syracuse University visited class to discuss her work and portfolio.

Several of the other designs were also selected to represent different departments within the city. They include: Scenic & Historic by Hali Schoff; Parks Department by Lindsay Mogle; Hanna Park/City Hall by Austin Esmond; and Downtown Dining Guide by Jeremy Merry.



Design by
Tyler Fee



ATTORNEY GENERAL VISIT - While visiting the Utica Campus on Thursday, April 10, to host a community forum on regional legal issues, New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo met with several MVCC Criminal Justice students in the College Theatre. Over a dozen Attorney General's Office lawyers ran the question and answer sessions after Mr. Cuomo gave a brief presentation to a packed theatre. Forum sessions covered issues such as civil rights, health care, mortgage fraud, student loans, consumer fraud, public integrity, Internet safety and the environment.

MVCC Campus Events

Friday, April 18

College for Kids – CCED, ACC 116, 8:00 a.m.
Hydronics Seminar, IT 225, 8:00 a.m.
Brown Bag Luncheon Series: Pro Study – Anti Stress Day,
AB 151, 10:00 a.m.
Student Congress, ACC 212, 3:00 p.m.
Golf at Jefferson CC
Business After Hours Receptions, PC Atrium, 3:30 p.m.
Performance: Faculty Poetry Reading, IT 225, 7:00 p.m.
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.
Faculty Poetry Reading, IT 225, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Softball at SUNY Delhi, 1:00
Baseball hosts SUNY Cobleskill, 1:00 p.m.
Tennis at SUNY Delhi, 1:00 p.m.
Lacrosse at Onondaga CC, 1:00 p.m.
Golf at Monroe CC
Movie: Hairspray, PC Auditorium, 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

Softball at Tompkins-Cortland CC , 1:00 p.m.
Baseball at Finger Lakes CC, 1:00 p.m.
Golf at Jefferson CC

Monday, April 21

Alcohol Awareness Week: “Buzz Word” Prize Day,
IT Computer Lab
Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:30 p.m.
Tennis hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300, 4:00 p.m.
Yoga, ACC 116, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Alcohol Awareness Week: Mocktails, MV Commons,
12:00 p.m.
Softball hosts Onondaga CC, 3:00 p.m.
Baseball hosts Ithaca JV, 5:00 p.m.
Lacrosse at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 p.m.
The Acoustic Café featuring Woodenspoon, ACC 116,
7:00 p.m.
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Yoga, ACC 116, 5:00 p.m.
MVCC Concert Band Practice, Acc 116, 7:00 p.m.
Night Hawk Café, 7:00 p.m.
Exhibit/Lecture: Artfarm, IT 225, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Alcohol Awareness Week: “The Convincer” Seat Belt
Crash Simulator, Outside ACC
Baseball hosts Onondaga CC, 2:00 p.m.
Lacrosse hosts SUNY Cobleskill, 3:00 p.m.
Tennis at Onondaga CC, 4:00 p.m.
Stage Play: Crimes of the Heart, an MVCC Theater Program
and Drama Club Production, Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25

Alcohol Awareness Week: Fatal Vision Obstacle
Course, Outside ACC



MAKING CONNECTIONS - The 2008 Spring Job Fair was a success in connecting job seekers with potential employers last week on the Utica Campus.

Hundreds attend Job Fair

The 2008 Spring Job Fair continued to be a growing success as this year's event attracted 38 potential employers in fields from healthcare, human services, business and technical organizations.

“We had one employer who came all the way from New Orleans, Entergy Corporation. They are an integrated energy company who produces electricity and has retail distribution operations,” said Raymond Arcuri, Director of Working Solutions Placement Office at MVCC. “It has been pretty well attended in the past three years, but it seemed a little better attended this year.”

This year's event, held in the lobbies of the Information Technology Building, attracted hundreds of students, alumni and job seekers from surrounding communities.

In addition to bringing employers and potential employees together on the MVCC campus, this event gave students and job seekers an opportunity to see various industries and occupations and the prerequisite education and experience needed to enter that industry, according to Mr. Arcuri.

The event is sponsored by the Working Solutions Placement Office at MVCC and the Herkimer – Madison – Oneida Workforce Investment Board.



College community meets VP for Learning and Academic Affairs candidates

The first of three candidates for the position of Vice-President for Learning and Academic Affairs visited the Utica and Rome campuses this week, meeting with President Randall VanWagoner, Board of Trustees, academic department heads, Executive Team, along with faculty and staff during an open forum.

Meetings and open forums will also be held for the other two finalists.

The first finalist was **Dr. Cheryl Reagan**. Dr. Reagan earned her B. A. in Spanish from Bucknell University (Pa.), her M.A. in Spanish Literature from Saint Louis University and her Ph.D. in Education Studies with a specialization in Educational Leadership in Higher Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Reagan has been a Professor of Modern Languages, Academic Outcomes Assessment Coordinator and is currently Dean of Liberal Arts, Social Science and Education Division at Sussex County Community College in Newton, N.J.

Dr. Maryrose Eannace will visit MVCC on Tuesday, April 22. Dr. Eannace earned her B.A. degree in English from Hollins University (Va.), her M.A. in Theatre from the University of Denver and her Ph.D. in English from the University at Albany, SUNY Albany. Dr. Eannace was formerly an Associate Professor and Division Chair of Humanities, Natural Sciences and Education at Cazenovia College and is currently the Dean of Academic Education at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Wash.

Dr. Samuel Dosumu will visit MVCC on Tuesday, April 29. Dr. Dosumu earned his B. Sc. in Mathematics and Computer Science from Xavier University (La.), his M.B.A. from Regis University in Denver, and his Ph. D. in Educational Leader-



FIELDING QUESTIONS - Dr. Cheryl Reagan talks with members of the College's faculty and staff during an open forum held in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building.

ship and Innovation from the University of Colorado-Denver. Dr. Dosumu has served as Assistant Professor and Chair of the Business Information Systems and Technology Dept. at Front Range Community College, the Director of Instruction for the Colorado Community College System, Senior Academic Director for Computer Information Systems & Women in Computer Science at University College - University of Denver and is currently the Academic Dean, School of Business and Information Technology Studies at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M.

Staff development \$\$ available

The Staff Development Committee has a small pot of money for Summer project funding. Proposal must include:

- A clear statement of the objective(s) of your project.
- A statement of how you plan to achieve your objective(s).
- A statement of how you plan to assess your project based upon your stated objectives.
- A statement of why you believe that this project will include work that is "above and beyond" your normal job duties.
- The date of expected completion.
- The amount of funding requested and any financial support from sources other than Staff Development
- One or more letters of support from the appropriate administrator(s). The letter(s) should include (1) the project's benefit to the college and (2) to what extent this project requires the participant to perform duties which are "above and beyond" their normal job duties.

Hard copies of these proposal forms may be obtained from the VP for Instruction's Office. Deadline is noon, April 25th.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

Monday 4/21 - "Buzz Word" Prize Day

Find It and receive a prize in the computer lab in the IT building

Tuesday 4/22 - Mocktails

Served in the College Center 12 - 2:30



TROPICAL THEME



Thursday 4/24 - "The Convincer"

Seat Belt Crash Simulator Outside of College Center

(Weather Permitting)



Friday 4/25 - Fatal Vision Obstacle Course

Outside College Center Building (Weather Permitting)

