Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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Strategic direction unveiled at Convocation

The 2008-2013 Strategic Plan for MVCC has been in the developmental stage for more than 12 months and the college's faculty and staff received their first glimpse of it during last week's Convocation.

The Strategic Planning Committee, expanded to 25 members last year, worked diligently throughout the year to achieve consensus on new mission, vision and purpose statements, along with setting direction and priorities for the next five years.

As part of the college's re-accreditation, MVCC updated its mission, vision and purpose statements to be more in line with today's changing environment. Other changes implemented prior to the start of the academic year include adding new staffing positions for student support services. This is meant to increase academic advisor functions, job placement services and career services.

Dr. Randall J. VanWagoner used several musical lyric references during his Convocation speech to highlight the elements of the strategic plan. "We have new vision, values, mission and purpose statements to go guide our strategic plan – all of which is reinforced by the lyrics of James Taylor, "We are bound together, by the task that lies before us and the road that lies ahead, we are bound and we are bound."

Dr. VanWagoner went on to say, "The strategic plan outlines our institutional priorities, Student Success; Academic Excellence; Creative Partnerships; Vibrant Culture; and Leveraged Resources, along with a number of strategic directions and initiatives that will demand our collective focus in the next few

years. It is time to turn our best ideas into action – an effort that will require all of us to be paddling in the same direction with everyone paddling as hard as they can. Borrowing lyrics from Garth Brooks song the River, faculty and staff were challenged to consider, 'don't you sit up on the shoreline and say you're satisfied, choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tide.'"

Priorities for Student Success are: 1 - Enhance the overall student intake system; 2 - Strengthen the overall student support system; 3 - Review and refine systems to increase support for under-prepared students.

Priorities for Academic Excellence are: 1- Develop a culture common to students, faculty and staff that values learning; 2 - Strengthen academic programs; 3- Diversify learning opportunities for students

Priorities for Creative Partnerships are: 1 - Increase educational partnerships; 2 - Expand workforce development efforts.

Priorities for a Vibrant Culture are: 1 - Strengthen faculty and staff communication; 2 - Enhance the overall working environment for faculty and staff.

Priorities for Leveraged Resources are: 1 - Expand resources that support learning; 2 - Create a more learner-centered physical environment.

Dr. VanWagoner emphasized it will take the efforts of the entire MVCC family to achieve these initiatives and made the college even more successful over the next five years.

Patricia Fox, Director of Human Resources, also introduced the newest additions to the MVCC family as she read the list of new employees who came on stage for a warm welcome from the audience.

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A&P Technology continues to grow

The Airframe and Powerplant Technology certificate program appears to be in full flight as it celebrates it 2-year anniversary.

The fourth class of graduates from the program, and the largest yet at 21 students, finished the program August 19. The 2008 Fall semester is full to capacity with 25 students along with a waiting list of applicants, a real indicator of program success.

A small ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 19, to mark the achievements of the recent graduates. The ceremony was held at the MVCC Aviation Center located in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Ronald Cantor, Associate Vice President/Dean of Rome Campus, who focused on the quote by famed aviator and author Antoine de Saint-Exupery: “A goal without a plan is just a wish.” This quote appears on the cover of the Strategic Plan brochure which was handed out at Convocation.

Dr. Cantor emphasized it is the pursuit of goals which able students to excel and achieve new heights. As with de Saint-Exupery who was one of the pioneers of international postal flight, MVCC’s A&P graduates now have the opportunity to make their own mark in the field of aviation.

The Airframe and Powerplant Technology certificate program is FAA certified and takes 12 months to complete the 1,905 hours of required training. New sections of classes begin in August, December and April with students receiving hands-on experience with maintenance and repair of aircraft engines and structures.

This year’s graduates are: John Abbe, Rich Barley, Nathan Bellenger, Todd Binelli, Allen Carlock, Rex Catello, John Crayton, MattDruce, Robert Elliott, Scott Garner, Philip Giblin, John Hrubos, Bruce Langley, David Mazur, William Meyer, Dennis Murray, Keith Polisse, Ryan Rys, Daniel Shevlin, Ryan Smith, and Colin Thomas.

GOOD JOB - Graduates from the Airframe and Powerplant Technology program, John Hrubos, Dennis Murray and Keith Polisse, congratulate each other following a ceremony on Tuesday, August 19, in Rome.

Enrollment has been on a steady increase with the previous graduating classes consisting of 9, 15, 18 and now 21 students. Students have gone on to work for Empire Aero in Rome while others were recruited by Schweizer Aircraft Corporation out of Horseheads, NY.

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Training sessions now available!!!

• **Friday, August 29:** 2:00–2:50 pm
Room 252, Plumley Complex

Please e-mail Norma Christman if planning on attending along with the session attending.

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New Hires since 2007 Convocation

Todd Kubica, Upward Bound Project Director
James Lynch, Director of Distance Learning
John Bullis, Exe. Dir. of Organizational Dev.
Frank DuRoss, Exe. Dir. of Institutional Adv.
Maryrose Eannace, VP for Learning/Academic Affairs
Amanda Allison, Admissions Counselor
Patricia Antanavige, Student Services Specialist
Tricia Clark, Instructor - Mathematics
Jamie Cuda, Instructor - Allied Health
Shahida Dar, Instructor – Eng., Comp. & Phy. Sci.
Sandra Davis, Instructor - Health Services
Andrew Dean, Coor. of Community Education
Elizabeth DiRaimo, Financial Aid Advisor
Emily Hantsch, Instructor - Mathematics
Christian Heisler, Tutor/Mentor - Writing
Kim Overrocker, STEP Project Coordinator
Fumin Pan, Instructor – Eng., Comp. & Phy. Sci.
Rhona Patterson, Upward Bound Program Coor.
Jennifer Polley, Instructor – Psy., Health Ser. & Edu.
Maria Roche-Dean, Instructor - Nursing
William Rose, Instructor - Social Sciences
Debbie Lee Schreppel, Instructor - Health Serv.
Michelle Scranton, Instructor – Rec. & Lei. Serv.
Lee Streicher, Instructor
Robert Woodrow, Instructor - Life Science
Steven Yaworski, Upward Bound Tutor/Mentor
Carla Zupancic, CSTEP Project Coordinator
Paul Adams, Building Maintenance Helper
Janice Bembry, Senior Office Specialist I
David Bolinski, Building Maintenance Mech.
Walter Mudrie, Building Maintenance
Vincent Roach, Senior Office Specialist I
Claire Rudka, Senior Office Specialist 1
Rachael Ruscito, Principal Office Specialist
Mary Jo Thomas, Senior Account Clerk
Shakia Walton, Data Processing Clerk
Michael Williams, Building Maintenance
Nick Cassano, Resident Director
Dale Deraway, Maintenance
Patricia Maldonado, Housekeeping

MVCC Core Values

MVCC is an educational community that values: Learning • Accessibility • Collaboration • Excellence • Diversity • Affordability • Integrity

MVCC Mission Statement

Mohawk Valley Community College promotes student success and community involvement through a commitment to excellence and a spirit of service.

MVCC Vision Statement

To transform lives by creating an innovative learning environment that meets the needs of our rapidly changing communities.

MVCC Statement of Purpose

As a diverse institution with a global view, Mohawk Valley Community College provides opportunities for affordable education, with support from Oneida County and the State of New York, and offers career, transfer and transitional education, programs for personal and cultural enrichment, and supports community and economic development.

Official College Holiday for 2008-09

The following is the list of official holiday for the 2008-09 Academic Year.

HOLIDAY	DATE	COLLEGE
Labor Day	September 1	Closed
Columbus Day	October 13	Open
Election Day	November 4	Open
Veteran's Day	November 11	Open
Thanksgiving	November 27, 28	Closed
Christmas	December 25	Closed
New Year's	January 1	Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 19	Open
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12	Open
President's Day	February 16	Open
Good Friday	April 10	Open
Memorial Day	May 25	Closed
Independence Day	July 4	Closed

Most College offices will be closed December 26, 29, 30, 31, and January 2.

Some of these holidays are not available to everyone because each union contract contains a different list of holidays. Employees required to work on a holiday for which they are eligible will be compensated or accrue time as provided in the appropriate union contract.

Rome Campus plays host to Will Calhoun

The Rome Campus will host *A Drumset Clinic with Will Calhoun* on Saturday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m. in the Plumley Auditorium.

Will Calhoun has recorded with many of the icons of jazz, folk, pop and rap: B.B. King, Mick Jagger, Carly Simon and Harry Belafonte. Calhoun will present a master class with a focus on solo drumming, drumset independence, playing with tracks and improvisation.

Tickets are $25 for YMCA members and $30 for non-member. To register for the clinic, call 336-3500, ext 226.

Orientation provides more interaction with faculty, services

The students spoke and the college has responded this past week during the annual commuter orientation held on both the Utica and Rome campuses. Feedback from students going through the orientation process stated they wanted more interaction with faculty prior to the start of classes.

To accommodate this request, the college's Commuter Orientation Committee arranged to have every academic department represented during the three sessions, two held in the Snack Bar on the Utica campus and one in Plumley Complex on the Rome campus. Over 325 students met with faculty and then were given tours of the departments in order to learn more about the available majors. Afterwards, an informal barbeque was held.

Also represented were student support services with representatives from athletics, Learning Center, library, MVCC Foundation, health center, disability services, counseling and the child care center.

"The new students coming into the college voiced they wanted to make a connection with the faulty and the (academic) departments in order to better understand their options," said Sandy Cummings, Commuter Orientation Committee.

GIVING GUIDANCE - George Goerner, left, of the Business and Information Technology Department, discusses what his department has to offer these students.

MVCC's 2008 Fall Athletics Schedule

Saturday, August 30
Men's Soccer at TC3 Tournament, 1:00 pm
Sunday, August 31
Men's Soccer at TC3 Tournament, 10:00 am
Women's Soccer at CCRI, 1:00 pm
Wednesday, September 3
Women's Soccer at TC3, 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 6
Lady Hawks Volleyball Invitational, 9:00 am
Cross Country at Colgate, 11:30 am
Monday, September 8
Men's Soccer at Fulton-Mont., 4:00 pm
Women's Soccer hosts Fulton-Mont., 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 9
Volleyball at Columbia-Greene, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 10
Men's Soccer at TC3, 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 11
Tennis at Herkimer, 4:00 pm
Saturday, September 13
Women's Volleyball at Fulton-Mont., 10:00 am
Cross Country at SUNY Cobleskill, 11:00 am
Tennis hosts Broome, 1:00 pm
Men's Soccer hosts Cayuga, 1:00 pm
Thursday, September 11
Women's Soccer hosts Broome, 4:00 pm
Monday, September 15
Women's Soccer hosts Finger Lakes, 4:00 pm
Tennis at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 16
Volleyball hosts Herkimer, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 17
Men's Soccer at Finger Lakes, 4:00 pm
Tennis hosts Onondaga, 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 18
Women's Soccer at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm
Friday, September 19
Tennis hosts Hudson Valley, 4:00 pm
Cross Country at Oneonta, 5:15 pm
Saturday, September 20
Volleyball at TC3, 10:30 am
Tennis hosts CCRI, 1:00 pm
Women's Soccer hosts Genesee, 2:00 pm
Men's Soccer hosts Genesee, 2:00 pm
Tuesday, September 23
Tennis hosts Herkimer, 4:00 pm
Volleyball hosts Fulton-Mont., 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 24
Women's Soccer at Jefferson CC, 4:00 pm
Women's Soccer at Jefferson CC, 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 25
Tennis at Onondaga, 4:00 pm
Friday, September 26
Volleyball at Onondaga Invitational, 6:00 pm
Saturday, September 27
Volleyball at Onondaga Invitational, 10:00 am
Cross Country at St. Lawrence, 11:00 am
Women's Soccer hosts North Country, 2:00 pm
Men's Soccer hosts North Country, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 1
Men's Soccer hosts Herkimer, 4:00 pm
Tennis at Hudson Valley, 4:00 pm
Women's Soccer at Herkimer, 6:00 pm
Volleyball at Herkimer, 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 4
Volleyball at TC4, 10:00 am
Tennis at Adirondack, 1:00 pm
Women's Soccer at Clinton, 4:00 pm
Men's Soccer at Clinton, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7
Men's Soccer hosts Hudson Valley, 4:00 pm
Women's Soccer at Hudson Valley, 4:00 pm
Volleyball at Hudson Valley, 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 9
Volleyball hosts Onondaga, 7:00 pm
Friday, October 10
Women's Soccer hosts Bryant & Stratton, 4:00 pm
Saturday, October 11
Cross Country at Hamilton College, 11:00 am
Men's Soccer at Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm
Tennis enters Regional Playoffs, TBA
Tuesday, October 14
Men's Soccer hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm
Women's Soccer at Cayuga, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 15
Volleyball at SUNY Delhi, 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 18
Cross Country at SUNY Delhi, 11:00 am
Volleyball at Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm
Men's Soccer hosts Broome CC, 1:00 pm
Women's Soccer enters Regional Playoffs, TBA
Tuesday, October 21
Volleyball at Broome CC, 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 23
Volleyball hosts Jefferson CC, 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 25
Men's Soccer enters Regional Playoffs, TBA
Cross Country hosts Regional Race, TBA
Sunday, October 26
Cross Country hosts Regional Race, TBA
Tuesday, October 28
Volleyball enters Regional Playoffs, TBA