



Darkroom on Rome Campus renovated, doubled in size

Picture this! After years of working in the dark, the photography darkrooms on the Rome Campus have been renovated and modernized while also expanding the workspace.

The expansion project enabled the darkroom to go from housing five enlargers to 10. The expansion enabled the photography program to position the enlargers on the outside walls while the developing sinks and tables are located in the middle of the room.

"It is a far more functional darkroom than it was in the past," said Larry Migliori, Head of MVCC's Art Department. "The expansion bumps out into the classroom, but the crew that did the work did an outstanding job of keeping the space functional."

According to Migliori, the photography classes on the Rome Campus have grown in popularity over the past two years with 10 students enrolled each of the semesters.

"The expanded Photography Lab will benefit more students. We're also preparing to add Ceramics courses and serve our growing community in other ways," said Dr. Ronald Cantor, Associate Vice President/Dean of Rome Campus.

Along with teaching students the basic and advanced techniques of darkroom work, students also have an opportunity to utilize the computer lab for digital photography. With the completion of these renovations, Migliori would like to promote the program by reaching out to organiza-



SEEING THE LIGHT - A student taking photography classes at MVCC, examines negatives for sharpness on a light table. The Photography Lab on the Rome Campus was recently renovated and expanded to include an additional five enlargers.

tions within the community such as the Rome Camera Club and the Rome Art and Community Center.

"We can now offer an open lab to the community for these kinds of organizations. To perform some kind of community service and at the same time show off what we have to offer on the Rome Campus," said Migliori.

Rome girl wins MVCC's 5th Grader Challenge

Gianna Elizabeth Meola of Rome was the winner of the College's quiz show, "MVCC 5th Grader Challenge." She is a fifth grade student at Staley Upper Elementary School.

To win the challenge, Meola squared off with another Staley student, Jonathon Traverso, in the final round of questions. The show was re-

corded in MVCC's Theater and shown on local television.

Gianna answered a dozen questions correctly to win the quiz show competition. The students answered questions with some assistance from an adult teammate, in Meola's case her father.

Students were asked questions like,

"What president served the shortest term?" and "What year was George Washington elected president?"

As the winner, Gianna will receive a two-year full tuition scholarship to attend MVCC.

All of the contestants in the final round of competition received a laptop computer.



GIVING LIFE - A student is prepared to donate Double Reds during this week's blood drive

Alumni Association blood drive a success

The MVCC Alumni Association's inaugural blood drive was a big success by exceeding the organization's goal of collecting 100 units. The blood drive was held Wednesday, December 3, in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center in cooperation with the American Red Cross of the Mohawk Valley.

There were 89 units of whole blood collected along with 11 Double Red donors for a total of 111 units.

"I really thought it was great how the students came out and supported this event," said Marie Kohl, Coordinator of Annual Funds and Alumni Relations in the Office of Institutional Advancement. "Many of the students were first time donors. It is important for students to understand the importance of giving to an event such as this."

Along with students donating blood, there were many faculty, staff and alumni doing the same throughout the day. Some of the notable alumni on hand to help promote the blood drive by going on TV were Angelo Roefaro, assistant to the mayor's office in Utica and Anthony Picente, Oneida County Executive. There were also members of the Board of Trustees, MVCC President Randall VanWagoner, and Lauren "Gracie" Plaginos from the women's basketball team.

"This was definitely a community college involved event. Everyone from every part of the college stepped up to make this a success," said Kohl.



Donate a basket for raffle to help the less fortunate

The Employee Recognition Team is hoping individuals, offices, departments, or an organization of which college employees are a member will provide a full basket of goodies for the Penny Raffle at the MVCC Employee Recognition Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 16. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Salvation Army.

Need ideas? How about wine/cheese, gift certificates, coffee/mugs, candy, cookies/cocoa, soaps/lotions, Holiday ornaments – the list is endless. If anyone needs more ideas, there are lots of websites, but one that may be helpful is www.homemade-gift-basket-ideas.com

Bring completed baskets no later than Friday, December 12, to Marie Kohl (x5340) in the Alumni Office at room 368 of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus or to Sue Halbritter (x7707) in the Registrar-Business Office at room 117 of the Plumley Complex on the Rome Campus.

Thanks in advance for helping a great cause.

"So war and peace start in the human heart. Whether that heart is open or whether that heart closes has global implications."



Pema Chodron (1936 -)
Buddhist scholar and nun

Submitted by William Rose,
Instructor, Social Science

Student Congress feels the spirit as bell ringers

Members of MVCC's Student Congress participated in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign as bell ringers over the past several weeks.

Patrick Getz and Nicole Clark spent six hours on duties outside the Price Chopper on Genesee Street on Saturday, Nov. 21, while Adrianna and Scott Keane with Maria Tretter volunteered their time out the Price Chopper in New Hartford for four hours the following day.

Other students volunteering their time were Amber Rudwall, Rob Day, Tom Carbone, Bethany Handzel and Chris Rizzo outside New Hartford's Wal-Mart for eight hours on Friday, November 28, while Ryan Hand and Jackie Rajchel are giving their time on Friday, December 12, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the same location.

STUDENT BELL RINGERS - Representatives of MVCC Student Congress have been volunteering as bell ringers for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Seen here are Adrianna Keane and Scott Keane along with Maria Tretter.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, December 8th

Chess Club: Informal Games, Room 114, Alumni College,
3:30 pm

CCED: Kickboxing, Room 116, Alumni College, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, December 9th

Working Solutions: Resume Workshop, Room 221,
Plumley Complex, 8:45 am

SUNY Oneonta Representative, Academic Building Lobby,
9:30 am

College Senate, Room 300, Payne Hall, 2:30 pm

Concert: Lloyd Dobler Effect, Theater, 7:00 pm

Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

"Late Night Breakfast," MV Commons, 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10th

USD Racial Justice Workshop, Room 225, Info Tech, 8:00 am
SUNY Oneonta Representative, Academic Building Lobby,
9:30 am

The Experience, Room 218, Alumni College, 4:00 pm

Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Drama Club Auditions, Room 225, Info Tech, 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 11th

W.I.C., MV Commons, 8:00 am

USD Racial Justice Workshop, Room 225, Info Tech, 8:00 am
SUNY Oneonta Representative, Academic Building Lobby,
9:30 am

STEP Program: Luncheon/Panel Discussion, Room 116,
Alumni College, 11:00 am

Program Board, Room 212, Alumni College, 3:30 pm

Keuka College Information Session, Room 220, Info Tech,
5:30 pm

Strategic Gaming Club, Room 212, Alumni College, 6:00 pm

Women's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, Gym, 6:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, Gym, 8:00 pm

Friday, December 12th

Fine Arts Club, Room 218, Alumni College, 2:00 pm

MWPAL: "The Nutcracker," Theater, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 13th

Oneida County Traffic Safety: Defensive Driving Course,
Room 205, Plumley Complex, 9:00 am

MWPAL: "The Nutcracker," Theater, 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 14th

MWPAL: "The Nutcracker," Theater, 2:00 pm

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MVCC Faces: Patti Antanavige



Patti Antanavige
Student Services Specialist

When students need assistance from the Student Service Center, Patti Antanavige is one of the many helpful staff members who provide guidance and insight into being successful at MVCC.

Antanavige has been a Student Services Specialist for the past nine months, aiding students in a variety of tasks such as advisement, change of majors, re-matriculations, and career counseling. Her responsibilities also include providing assistance to the Career and Transfer Services Office with presentations concerning resume writing and interviewing skills.

"I enjoy engaging students in positive decision making associated with their current academic and career related goals," said Antanavige.

This North Utica resident holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Ball State University in Indiana. Her experience includes being Admissions Secretary at Medaille College in Buffalo New York as well as Director for Admissions and Recruitment at Villa Maria Academy, a private high school.

When not at work, she enjoys singing and attending theater performances with her husband, Rich.

MVCC students win scholarships

Four MVCC students were among 333 recipients of scholarships from the Northern New York Community Foundation for the 2008-09 academic year.

The 333 scholarships totaled \$625,832. All four students are currently enrolled at MVCC and graduates of Lowville Academy. They were awarded the Breeze Scholarship.

They are freshman Kaitlyn Czerwinski, graphic design; freshman Samantha Delles, Breeze, respiratory care; freshman Naomi Lamb, photography; and freshman Alex Rhubarb, graphic design.

Phi Beta Lambda helps make Christmas happy time for kids

The Phi Beta Lambda Chapter at MVCC collected over 100 toys for the annual Holiday Fund Drive, which was formerly the Toys For Tots program in the Mohawk Valley. Toys were donated on the Utica and Rome campuses then given to the Marine Corps League out of Ilion for distribution.

"Our main goal is to have a smile on every small child's face on Christmas morning," said Ron Sterling, Holiday Fund Drive's Toy Chairman. "We work year round raising money to purchase toys for children in Oneida, Herkimer and parts of Otsego counties."

The Marine Corps League provided toys for 3,000 children last year for 798 families.

Phi Beta Lambda is the Business Club at MVCC.

On hand to present the toys to members of the Marine Corps League were students Chelsea Simon of Holland Patent and Kayla Bick of Utica. Also present was Business Information Technology instructor Robert Huyck.

"This is a big thing to make sure that every kid has a present under the tree on Christmas morning no matter what the family's financial situation is," said Huyck.



GIVING KIDS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS - MVCC's Phi Beta Lambda held a toy drive over the past two weeks on the Utica and Rome campuses to collect over 100 toys. These toys were donated to the Marine Corps League for its annual toy drive. From left are: Chelsea Simon, MVCC student; Mike Caporale, Marine Corps League; Kayla Bick, MVCC Student; Ron Sterling, Marine Corps League; Robert Huyck, MVCC Instructor.



PIZZA INSTEAD OF TURKEY? - The children from the Kiddie Campus sang the Turkey Song before a Thanksgiving meal they hosted for their families on the Utica Campus. Above are Arianna and Dakota.

Kiddie Campus celebrates Thanksgiving

The children of the college's Kiddie Campus hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for their parents. The children also serenaded everyone with the Turkey Song which is sung to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

The words are: "Turkey, turkey look at you. Please be careful at what you do. Thanksgiving Day is almost here. We eat turkey every year. So go and hide out in the woods and we will eat pizza like we should."

Everyone enjoyed a meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and cranberry sauce, provided by Sodexo.

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