



AND THEY ARE OFF - The runners for the Ted Moore Run/Walk take off after the sound of the horn for the 11th annual race designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. The race was held on the Utica Campus on Saturday, May 3.

Celebrating National Nurses Week

By Professor Nancy Caputo

Health Services Department Head

National Nurses Week began on National Nurses Day, May 6, and ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12.

This year's national theme is: "Nurses: Making a Difference Every Day."

Kudos to the nursing profession for ranking the highest in yearly surveys of public service professions, year after year. Gallup poll results show that when various professions are rated on honesty and ethics, nursing professionals are rated number one by the public. Such a rating is both an honor and responsibility.

In the process of caring for others, nurses may forget the significant impact they have on their patients, families and coworkers. A smile or simple thank you from a grateful person can make their day. Nursing is a wonderful and rewarding profession full of countless challenges and unending opportunities. Nurses are privileged to be present at all the defining moments of people's lives and, through competence and caring, to make each of those moments better.

As MVCC nurse educators, we take pride in our commitment to excellence in preparing associate degree nurses to enter the workforce in our community. Please join me and take a moment this week to say "thank you" to our nursing colleagues and to those in the community for making a difference in the lives of others.

208 take part in annual Ted Moore Run/Walk

For the 11th year in a row, the Ted Moore Run/Walk was a huge success with this year's event attracting 208 participants. This is the largest number of participants since the

inception of the event.

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"This year's race drew a lot of support from the College and the community," said Deanna Ferro, Events Coordinator for Institutional Advancement. "The event helps raise awareness of Ted's love of running

and the dangers of drinking and driving."

Theodore "Ted" Moore was an Associate Professor in MVCC's Mathematics Department from 1981 until his death in December 1996 when he was tragically hit and killed by a drunk driver while out for a morning run.

Some of the new ideas used this year to promote the race included chalking the Ted Moore logo on the sidewalks on the Utica Campus and painting the windows in the Alumni College Center, Academic Building and Payne Hall with race promotional signs. The new promotion that turned out to be a hit was the sale of Sneaker Angels, which have popped up in every building on the Rome and Utica campuses. According to Ms. Ferro, the committee was able to sell 223 Sneaker Angels.

Community organizations taking part in this year's event include Oneida County Stop DWI, Insight House, Rescue Mission, Alcoholics Anonymous, and the MVCC Student Nurses Organization (SNO).

Notable community leaders were County Executive Anthony Picente, David Mathis of the Alumni Association and MVCC President Randall VanWagoner with his daughter, Lauren.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."



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Submitted by Matilda Sagass, Library

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1	Paul Humphrey	Deerfield	18:02	72	Diana Ayers-Darling		28:36
2	David Putnay	Newport	18:05	73	Debra Reifenrath	Conesus	28:40
3	Jeremy West	Central Square	18:14	74	Luke Mazur	Oriskany	28:40
4	Matthew Downs	Clinton	18:23	75	Johanna Thayer	Oriskany	28:40
5	Ethan Wilson	Munnsville	19:20	76	Erin Graves	Sherrill	28:45
6	Nathan Donaleski	Rome	19:47	77	Daniel Jadlowski	Whitesboro	28:52
7	Mark Thomas	Utica	19:50	78	Angie Demeree	Little Falls	28:52
8	Michele Nizzi	Frankfort	20:07	79	Isabella Stone	Dolgeville	28:52
9	Scott Truitt	Clinton	20:34	80 81	Christine Burke Tanya Parsons	Clinton Boonville	29:21 29:31
10	Gina Richard	Holland Patent	20:55	82	Kendra Phillips	Munnsville	29:34
11 12	Patricio Whitton	Clinton	20:56 21:09	83	Rebecca Joslyn	New York Mills	29:35
13	Matt Donaleski Jacob Waddell	Rome Cassville	21:48	84	George Searles	Clinton	29:46
14	Jodi Frank	Clinton	22:40	85	Leslie Smith	Deerfield	29:46
15	Michael Dunn	Chadwicks	22:51	86	Emily Heintz	Utica	29:49
16	Robert Ichihana	Herkimer	22:54	87	Eric Freeman	Utica	29:56
17	James Siepiola	Clinton	22:57	88	Lorna Deily	Holland Patent	30:05
18	Cody Egelston	Munnsville	23:24	89	Joseph Alberico Jr	Utica	30:18
19	David Leigh	Utica	23:28	90	Anthony Aurience	Utica	30:22
20	Will Pegg	Munnsville	23:34	91	Kevin Shanley	Utica	30:25
21	Danielle Miner	Utica	23:39	92	Kira Isenberg	Deerfield	30:32
22	Siobhan Budine	Utica	23:40	93 94	Jed Kimball Kylie Phillips	Utica Munnsville	30:32 30:40
23	Russ Becker	West Leyden	23:44	9 4 95	Rich D'accurzio	Utica	30:44
24	Otto Isenberg	Deerfield	24:02	96	Kenny Gigliotti	Utica	30:44
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27	Ray Brych Renee Spadaro	Holland Patent	24:09	98	Meriah Beauvais	Munnsville	30:56
28	Jason Livingston	Rome	24:10	99	Alyssa Lynch	Oneida	30:57
29	Tim Jensen	Utica	24:11	100	Melissa Babula	New York Mills	30:58
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41	Joshua Burgess	Utica	25:46	112	Matthew St Peter	Waterville	32:30
42	Jeffery Birt	Whitesboro	25:54	113	Bethany Roczen	Barneveld	32:36
43	Emily Humphrey	Deerfield	26:08	114	Camille Noonan	Remsen	32:36
44	Kevin Sutton	Rome	26:20		Lisa Livingston	Rome	32:55
45	Colleen Murray	Deerfield	26:22	116	Barbara Deangelo	Utica	32:56
46	Dick Stanley	Clinton	26:25	117	Sandi Shephard	Mohawk	33:26
47	Chris Hoffman	Utica	26:34	118	Marisa Graziano	New Hartford	33:33
48	Amber Hoffman	Utica	26:36	119	Paul Ohlbaum Patricia Elsenbeck	New Hartford New Hartford	33:49 34:00
49	Russell Penner	Hubbardsville	26:45	121	Nedra Isenberg	Deerfield	34:14
50	Stephen Mazza	Utica	26:48		Larisa Restive	North Syracuse	34:54
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54	Kate Ichihana	Rome	26:59		Lara Dalmata	Poland	36:15
55	Bill Howard	Barneveld	27:02	126	Shannon Lyga	Herkimer	36:17
56	Dana Smith	Munnsville	27:14	127	Doreen Camerona	Utica	36:25
57	Terry Fellows	Newport	27:20	128		Utica	37:00
58	Nicole Babula	New York Mills	27:23	129	Khiry Wilkinson	Utica	37:01
59	Morgan Steere	Deerfield	27:25	130	Mary Adamczyk	Whitesboro	37:01
60	Taylor Giglio	Utica	27:25	131	Kathleen Palinski	Rome	37:45
61	Sean Steere	Deerfield	27:25		Shaunna Nestved	Utica	38:05
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68	Roc Suppa	Utica	28:16	139	Nihada Ahmetovic	Utica	41:58
69	Brian Frankel	Cortland	28:30	140	Leyla Denic	Utica	42:06
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MVCC Campus Events

Saturday, May 10

- Oneida County Traffic Safety, AB 134, 8:00 a.m.
- Oneida County Civil Service Testing, AB, 9:00 a.m.
- Upward Bound, AB 243, 9:30 a.m.
- Ballroom Dancing, PC Atrium, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 12

- Alumni of Merit Luncheon, IT 225, 12:00 p.m.
- Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:30 p.m.
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

- Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 5:00 p.m.
- Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15

• Nursing Pinning Ceremony, IT Theater, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16

- 2008 Graduation, Utica Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

- •Ballroom Dancing, PC Atrium, 10:00 a.m.
- Center Stage Dance Studio Recital, IT Theater, 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Mon-Tue, May 19-20

Summer Institute

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - Dr. Sandra Engel, front second from left, led a delegation of American educators to a conference in Vietnam. Joining her from MVCC was Professor George Goerner, back second from left.

Dr. Engel, Goerner attend education conference in Vietnam

Dr. Sandra Engel, Acting Vice President for Instruction, led a delegation of American representatives from 10 community colleges and universities to a conference hosted by Kien Giang Community College and the Vietnamese Association of Community Colleges in Rach Gia, Vietnam, on April 24 and 25.

This conference, "Case Studies and Partnerships," was sponsored in part by the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and the U.S. Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City.

The delegation included MVCC Professor George Goerner from the Business and Information Technology Department. Other members of the delegation were professionals from California, Missouri, Texas and Kentucky as well as Judy Irwin, International Projects Director at AACC.

Approximately 120 people attended, including Jim Warren, Counselor of Public Affairs in the U.S. Embassy and Dr. Tran Xuan Thao, Director of Fulbright in Vietnam.

During the conference, all the Americans were given certificates of appreciation. In addition, Dr. Engel received a large certificate of commendation from the Kien Giang Provincial People's Committee for her many years of work with Kien Giang Community College.

Following the two-day conference, the American delegation broke up to visit separate Vietnamese community colleges to identify possible projects. Prior to the conference, the delegation met with Ken Fairfax, Consul General, for a discussion about Vietnam in general and higher education in particular.

Deadline for Rome scholarship is May 19

The Rome College Foundation awards \$1,000 grants to Rome area college students. To qualify, students must be a resident of Rome City School District having graduated from Rome Free Academy or Rome Catholic schools.

Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Applications are due Monday, May 19, and can be picked up on the Rome Campus in the Student Services Office (Plumley Complex A-30) or on the Utica Campus in the Office of Institutional Advancement (Payne Hall - Room 366 and Financial Aid Office).

Encountering Challenges in a Diverse Community

DGV Essay winners

The Diversity and Global View Committee in conjunction with Student Congress selected the winning essays for the "Experiences in Multiculturalism: Diversity and Global View Essay Contest - Spring 2008."

Participants could choose from two topics. This week the *Communitas* will publish the winning essay by Matthew G. Lomeo on "Encountering Challenges in a Diverse Community: What are the challenges faced as America becomes increasingly multicultural and how does education play a role in promoting tolerance?"

The winning essay Jose Alejandro Benitez on "Capturing the Multicultural Experience" will be printed next week.

By Matthew G. Lomeo

As the Democratic Primary between Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York continues, many fearful Democrats have posed the inevitable question. Why, with a faltering economy and an



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increasingly unpopular war, in a year in which so many of us are sorely in want of the return of a Democratic administration, why would we nominate either a black man or a woman for the presidency?

Many of my fellow Americans seem cer-

tain that neither could win in a general election, and when British Nobel laureate Doris Lessing expressed her belief that if elected president, Obama (by now the likely nominee) "would certainly not last long, a black man in the position of president. They would murder him."

She had certainly not been the first to introduce that thought into the minds of both Americans and others throughout the world (AFP). Memories linger and history remains fresh in our minds. We remember that America's women have maintained the right to vote for less than 100 years, and still more, that we were a slaveholding nation up until the ratification of the 13th Amendment toward the end of 1865.

The 2008 Presidential Election will come without precedent. And as is usually the case with unprecedented situations, many of us will suffer from the tendency to become discouraged, to continue believing that the future will be molded by intolerance. I myself will not be discouraged. And although these thoughts will remain in my mind, I see an additional side of our history, and I have



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memories of my own to rely on.

I have a faith in my country that supersedes any potential doubts because I know that we have not only always been a multicultural nation, but that we have arisen to the challenges history has presented to us. And as a college student, I have another reason for this belief. With college populations at an all-time high, and especially at diverse institutions such as Mohawk Valley Community College, it should be increasingly difficult for young Americans to maintain backward or intolerant views. I am aware of the power inherent in higher education and the cultural experiences it entails, and although we face challenges, we can always find help in the perspectives gained through education, both formal and informal.

As my first year as a full-time student at Mohawk Valley Community College nears its close, I have already learned more here than I ever did in high school. And as should be the result of all learning, I have experienced rapid personal growth over this year. Concepts and individuals with whom I had never been familiar have now been absorbed into my consciousness and affected my worldview profoundly. And when accounting for myself as well as all my peers, it is difficult to imagine the impact that a single year in MVCC's classrooms must have. It is still more difficult to imagine the survival of intolerant views after enrolling in some of the classes I've had the pleasure to attend.

Surely other History of Civilizations 2 students were unsettled by the consequences of ethnic conflicts in the Holocaust as well as so many other cases? Could I have been the only student in my Introduction to Psychology class to take a look at Carl Jung's concepts of Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious and ponder on the overlying characteristics that we as humans all share? And I wonder how many of my fellow Introduction to Sociology classmates, after gaining so many new perspectives on the issues that societies have grappled with through history, believe that it would be advantageous for our own society to continue to operate in the terms of "us versus them." Even in my General Biology 1 classroom, there must have been others who, when faced with the vast picture of life on Earth, saw the futility in attempting to divide human beings into endlessly increasing cat-

As is well know, however, the college

experience also serves as an education in more informal ways. And although I attended a very diverse high school, the diversity of Mohawk Valley Community College has proved to be greater still. Over the course of these first two semesters, I have encountered individuals that I would likely have never met otherwise. And my experiences with these individuals have contributed to my worldview as well.

In my Intermediate Spanish class, I was able to learn alongside a Texas born wife, mother and tattoo artist who had learned a great deal of the language through firsthand experience. This woman, as well as another friend made through the Fitness Center, helped me in understanding the mindset and issues faced by returning students.

As a frequent visitor to New York City, I've been pleased to become acquainted with many individuals, mostly African-Americans and Latinos, hailing from Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Harlem. I have found their insights valuable as natives to a city I hope to live in one day. It should not be forgotten, also, that I have learned more about the areas surrounding Utica through acquaintances hailing from more rural communities such a New York Mills and West Canada Valley.

And although they are not new acquaintances, I have been filled with pride at the role our college serves for some as I see once again refugees, immigrants, and friends from Belarus, Bosnia, Somalia, and Russia with whom I worked as a volunteer in Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees classrooms. If these were some of the experiences I myself had in a single year, I can only image in the expansions of worldview that must have been experienced by individuals far more socially-minded than I.

As we approach this defining moment in our nation's history, I am not without my doubts. But I will not lament or wish away the point to which we have come. I am confident that when November's presidential election occurs we will make the right choice for ourselves. Were it truly dangerous for the Democratic Party to nominate a black man or a woman, it wouldn't have happened already.

And if history reveals indeed an election in which old hate and intolerance played only minor roles, we will owe much thanks to the education that colleges across America have supplied us with. My own personal experiences at Mohawk Valley Community College have resulted in the only view of diversity that can be attained through learning, an inclination to not only tolerate, but celebrate diversity, to appreciate cultural differences and varying insights, and above all, to see ourselves as we truly are, fellow human beings.