Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of November 10, 2008

Results add up at math competition

MVCC hosted the Eighth Annual High School Mathematics Competition on Thursday, November 13, on the Utica Campus with 67 students from 10 school districts taking part.

This year's winner was Tim Phelps from Proctor High School with the second place award going to Kim Barker from Camden Central. Third place was Akhil Reddy from New Hartford High.

New Hartford High School won the team event with members Akhil Reddy, Louie Zong, Michael Wiegand, and Arjun Amernath.

The objective of this competition is to promote the study of mathematics and to recognize those high school juniors and seniors who have shown interest in this field. Each school could bring two teams made up of four students. Participants took a 20-question pre-calculus level exam in the College's Theater.

Schools taking part this year were Adirondack, Camden, Holy Cross Academy, Ilion, Lincoln Academy, Mount Markham, New Hartford, Proctor, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, and Westmoreland.

TAKING FIRST PLACE - The first place team, above, in the Eighth Annual Mathematics Competition was New Hartford High School with team members Louie Zong, Akhil Reddy, Arjun Amernath and Michael Wiegand. MVCC Mathematics Department Head Donald Willner is standing in the back. For individuals, left, Tim Phelps from Proctor High School placed first. He is seen here with MVCC President Dr. VanWagoner.

Education Club will hold clothing drive for charity

The MVCC Education Club will be sponsoring a clothing drive for the YWCA's Hall House. The Hall House provides safe shelter to victims of domestic violence who may have left their homes with just the clothes they are wearing.

Many people clean out closets for the winter season, so there's no better time to donate clothing in good condition or new items. Items in need are children's pants or jeans, sizes 4T to 6XL and tops ranging from medium to large sizes. Also for older children, sizes 14-16 in pants.

There's also a need for maternity clothes with tops and bottoms sizes ranging from medium to large. For both women and children, new socks are needed along with underwear, hair ties and bras for girls.

Donated items will be collected in the office of Carmelita Lomeo-Smrtic, Room 356 in Payne Hall, during her office hours on Monday, December 1, through Thursday, December 4. Her office hours on Monday and Wednesday are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday they are 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

DGV
Diversity and Global View

"I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stifled. I want all the cultures of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any."

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 – 1948)
Political and spiritual leader in India

Submitted by Jennifer DeWeerth,
Director of the Student Service Center

WALK THE LINE - Students and staff dining in the MV Commons got a bit of a surprise Tuesday afternoon when a student was put through the paces of a sobriety check by a member of the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. Student Ryan Hand didn't pass the sobriety test, and was promptly arrested – all to demonstrate the critical importance of never drinking and driving. The "mock" arrest was in keeping with the theme of Stop-DWI week on campus – prevention via abstinence or a designated driver is the best way to avoid tragedy on the road.

Blood drive slated for Dec. 3 on Utica Campus

The MVCC Alumni Association will be sponsoring a blood drive on the Utica Campus on Wednesday, December 3. This blood drive will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center.

To schedule an appointment to donate, contact Marie Kohl at 792-5340 or email mkohl@mvcc.edu

Food drive collects over 572 pounds

Sodexo's 2008 Cans Across America food drive was held Wednesday, November 12. This year's event collected 572 pounds and 12 ounces of non-perishable food stores during this 24-hour event.

All the food and money donated will be given to the local food bank.

Submit club, meeting & other events

To have your club's event, meeting or other activities listed in the College Calendar, Communitas, MVTV, and/or MVCC Today, submit to Rich Haubert at rhaubert@mvcc.edu. Please submit at least two weeks in advance.

Department of Art Faculty Exhibit features unique pieces

First Vision

Oh Sh#t

The MVCC Art Department's Faculty Exhibit opened this week with some wonderful works on display in the Small Works Gallery in the Information Technology Building.

The exhibit features a variety of works showcasing the college's art programs which includes photography, digital animation, fine arts, graphic design, and illustration.

Some featured works include Jedediah Kimball's "First Vision" which is the first painting in a series "Don Quixote in America."

"The series is based on the premise of Don's possible experiences in crusading America today and his vision of such an experience. The First Vision is a scene in which Dulcinea visits Don in his dreams shortly after reading the "American Novels". As a side note the novels chosen have been selected to paint both the good and evil sides of our contemporary American life," said Kimball.

Another unique piece is by Edwin Isenberg, which appears his Corvette has backed through the wall. The brake lights turn on as viewers walk past.

The Gallery hours are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. The exhibit runs through December 12.

MVCC EVENTS

Saturday, November 15

Defensive Driving Course, Room 205, Plumley, 9:00 am
Men's Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, Gym, 2:00 pm
Drama Club, Room 225, Info Tech Building, 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 16

Rome Character Initiative Committee: Awards Ceremony, Plumley Complex Auditorium, 4:00 pm

Monday, November 17

Candy Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 11:00 am
Chess Club Games, Room 114, Alumni College, 3:30 pm
MVCC Board of Trustees Meeting, Room 300, Payne Hall, 4:00 pm
CCED: Kickboxing, Room 116, Alumni College, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, November 18

Flu Clinic, Plumley Complex Atrium, 7:30 am
Popcorn Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 10:00 am
Popcorn Sale, Plumley Complex Atrium, 11:00 am
RASA, Room 212, Alumni College, 12:30 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 19

Rome Chamber of Commerce: Energy Forum, Plumley Auditorium, 8:00 am
Lecture: "HIV/AIDS: A Local & Global Perspective" w/Dr. Ednita Wright, Room 225, Info Tech Building, 10:00 am
Flu Clinic, Gym 101, 10:00 am
Candy Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 11:00 am
Popcorn Sale, Plumley Complex Atrium, 11:00 am
Keuka College Information Session, Room 218, Info Tech Building, 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series: "How to Beat the Cram Out of Finals!" Room 116, Alumni College, 12:00 pm
Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, Room 225, Info Tech Building, 4:00 pm
MVCC Concert Band Practice, Room 116, Alumni College, 7:00 pm
Residence Council: "Casino Night," MV Commons, 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 20

Popcorn Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 10:00 am
Escoffier Club: Bake Sale, Plumley Atrium, 10:00 am
Program Board, Room 212, Alumni College, 3:30 pm
Student Activities: Dance Class, Room 116, Alumni College, 4:00 pm
Strategic Gaming Club, Room 218, Alumni College, 6:00 pm
Video Game Tournament, MV Commons, 6:00 pm

Friday, November 21

Candy Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 11:00 am
Fine Arts Club, Room 218, Alumni College, 2:00 pm
East Asian Cultural Club: Dinner/Games/Music, Room 114, Alumni College, 4:00 pm
Student Activities: Dance Class, Room 116, Alumni College, 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 23

Men's Basketball vs. North Country CC, Gym, 1:00 pm
Women's Basketball vs. North Country CC, Gym, 3:00 pm

MVCC Faces: LaToya Richardson

When it comes to keeping track of the activity in the President's Office at MVCC, it takes a professional who's used to the busy atmosphere. Stepping in to help is LaToya Richardson as the new Secretary to the President.

Richardson will be working with Toni Carbone as administrative support to President VanWagoner and the Executive Director of Organizational Development, John Bullis. Her duties will include keeping track of meetings, events, correspondence and upkeep of the office.

"My goal is to become proficient in my duties and fully knowledgeable about the college," said Richardson, who earned an Associate in Secretarial Science from USC. "I've been cross training with Toni and I plan to be involved in college events and activities."

When not at work, this Utica resident volunteers on the events committee at Mohawk Valley Latino Association. She enjoys reading, exercising, and spending time with her family, especially her seven-year-old son Yasir, and 1-year-old daughter Amani.

To submit information for Communitas, e-mail Rich Haubert @ rhaubert@mvcc.edu

MVCC Hawks 2008-2009 Winter Athletic Schedule

Saturday, November 15
Men's Basketball hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 3:00

Tuesday, November 18
Men's Basketball at Cayuga CC, 8:00
Women's Basketball at Cayuga CC, 6:00

Wednesday, November 19
Ice Hockey at Hudson Valley CC, 7:00

Saturday, November 22
Ice Hockey at Morris CC, 2:00
Women's Basketball at Adirondack CC, 1:00
Men's Basketball at Adirondack CC, 3:00

Sunday, November 23
Ice Hockey at Morris CC, 12:00
Men's Basketball hosts North Country CC, 1:00
Women's Basketball hosts North Country CC, 3:00

Tuesday, November 25
Men's Basketball hosts Fulton-Montgomery, 7:00

Wednesday, December 3
Women's Basketball hosts Onondaga CC, 6:00
Ice Hockey at Broome CC, 7:00
Men's Basketball hosts Onondaga CC, 8:00

Saturday, December 6
Ice Hockey hosts North Country CC, 11:30 am
Women's Basketball at Genesee CC, 1:00
Men's Basketball at Genesee CC, 3:00

Sunday, December 7
Ice Hockey hosts North Country CC, 12:00

Tuesday, December 9
Women's Basketball at Jefferson CC, 6:00
Men's Basketball at Jefferson CC, 8:00

Wednesday, December 10
Ice Hockey at Monroe, 7:00

Thursday, December 11
Women's Basketball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 6:00
Men's Basketball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 8:00

Monday, January 12
Women's Basketball hosts Schenectady CC, 5:00
Men's Basketball hosts Schenectady CC, 7:00

Thursday, January 15
Men's Basketball hosts Adirondack CC, 7:00

Saturday, January 17
Indoor Track at RIT, 10:00 am
Ice Hockey at North Country CC, 4:00
Women's Basketball hosts Corning CC, 2:00
Men's Basketball hosts Corning CC, 4:00

Sunday, January 18
Ice Hockey at North Country CC, 12:00
Bowling hosts Hawk Invitational, 10:00 am

Wednesday, January 21
Bowling at Columbia Greene CC, 3:00
Ice Hockey hosts Broome CC, 7:00
Men's Basketball hosts Delhi, 7:00

Friday, January 23
Women's Basketball hosts Adirondack CC, 6:00

Saturday, January 24
Ice Hockey hosts Monroe CC, TBA
Indoor Track at Colgate, 10:00 am
Men's Basketball at Columbia Greene CC, 3:00

Wednesday, January 28
Men's Basketball hosts Herkimer CCC, 7:00

Thursday, January 29
Bowling at Hudson Valley CC, 3:00
Women's Basketball hosts Fulton-Montgomery, 7:00

Saturday, January 31
Indoor Track at Syracuse, 10:00 am
Women's Basketball at Clinton CC, 4:00
Men's Basketball at Clinton CC, 6:00

Sunday, February 1
Women's Basketball at North Country CC, 12:00
Men's Basketball at North Country CC, 2:00

Tuesday, February 3
Ice Hockey hosts Hudson Valley CC, 7:00
Women's Basketball hosts Herkimer CCC, 7:00

Wednesday, February 4
Bowling at Adirondack CC, 3:00

Friday, February 6
Bowling hosts MVCC Invitational, 3:00

Saturday, February 7
Indoor Track at Cornell, 10:00 am
Women's Basketball at Hudson Valley CC, 1:00
Men's Basketball at Hudson Valley CC, 3:00

Sunday, February 8
Ice Hockey hosts Erie CC, 2:00
Indoor Track at Cornell, 10:00 am

Tuesday, February 10
Women's Basketball at Delhi 5:00
Men's Basketball at Delhi, 7:00

Thursday, February 12
Bowling at Herkimer CCC, 3:00
Women's Basketball at Schenectady CC, 5:00
Men's Basketball at Schenectady CC, 7:00

Saturday, February 14
Women's Basketball hosts Clinton CC, 2:00
Men's Basketball hosts Clinton CC, 4:00

Sunday, February 15
Bowling at Schenectady Invitational, TBA
Track at Regionals @ Hudson Valley CC, TBA

Tuesday, February 17
Men's Basketball at Herkimer CCC, 7:00
Women's Basketball hosts Delhi, 7:00

Wednesday, February 18
Bowling at Schenectady CC, 3:00

Thursday, February 19
Women's Basketball at Herkimer CCC, 6:00

Saturday, February 21
Indoor Track at Cornell, 10:00 am
Women's Basketball at Fulton-Montgomery, 1:00
Men's Basketball at Fulton-Montgomery, 3:00

Sunday, February 22
Bowling hosts Regional Tournament, TBA

Tuesday, February 24
Men's Basketball at Sub-Regionals, TBA
Women's Basketball at Sub-Regionals, TBA

Friday, February 27
Ice Hockey at Nationals @ North Country CC, TBA
Men's Basketball at Regionals @ Jefferson CC, TBA
Women's Basketball at Regionals @ TC-3, TBA

Saturday, February 28
Ice Hockey at Nationals @ North Country CC, TBA
Men's Basketball at Regionals @ Jefferson CC, TBA
Women's Basketball at Regionals @ TC-3, TBA

Sunday, March 1
Ice Hockey at Nationals @ North Country CC, TBA
Men's Basketball at Regionals @ Jefferson CC, TBA
Women's Basketball at Regionals @ TC-3, TBA

Thursday, March 5
Bowling at Nationals @ Erie CC, TBA

Friday, March 6
Bowling at Nationals @ Erie CC, TBA
Track at Nationals @ Lubbock, Tx, TBA

Saturday, March 7
Bowling at Nationals @ Erie CC, TBA
Track at Nationals @ Lubbock, Tx, TBA

Thursday, March 12
Men's Basketball at Nationals @ Delhi, TBA
Women's Basketball Nationals @ Rochester, MN, TBA

Friday, March 13
Men's Basketball at Nationals @ Delhi, TBA
Women's Basketball Nationals @ Rochester, MN, TBA

Saturday, March 14
Men's Basketball at Nationals @ Delhi, TBA
Women's Basketball Nationals @ Rochester, MN, TBA