

Communitas



MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of October 6, 2008



PROMOTING READING - Jim Suriano, General Manager for Sodexo Food Services on the MVCC campus, reads the book "Corduroy" to the children in the Kiddie Campus as part of the *Read for the Record* campaign.

Sodexo supports Read for the Record

Sodexo General Manager Jim Suriano took part in Jumpstart's national campaign of *Read for the Record* on Thursday, October 2, by reading to the children at the Kiddie Campus on the Utica Campus.

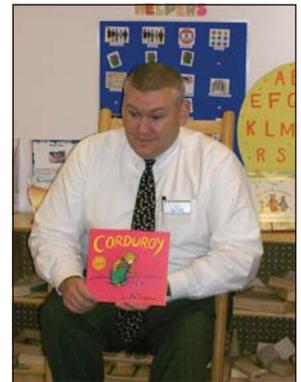
The *Read for the Record* campaign strives to bring attention to the importance of early education through encouraging children and adults to read together. Sodexo is a major sponsor of this national initiative and has been promoting the children's classic, "Corduroy," by author Don Freeman.

"It is important that we read to kids," said Suriano. "The average middle class home with a kindergartner has between 55-to-60 books while the average low-income family has three. This initiative is a way to get these children exposed to books and reading, and to learn how fun it is to read."

Suriano knows this firsthand with three small children of his own.

The Jumpstart program has been promoting reading to at-risk preschool children since 1993. The program delivers a literacy curriculum to nearly 15,000 preschoolers in 76 communities in 20 states across America.

For more information, visit www.jstart.org.



Blood drive surpassed goal

The fall blood drive organized by the Student Nursing Organization, and co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, was a success this week.

There weren't any sticking points, other than the needles to draw the blood, as the drive collected 46 pints of whole blood and 13 double red cell pints. This exceeded the goal of 43 pints of whole blood and 8 double red cell pints. The double red cells are the blood types hospitals need most.



GIVING LIFE - Jeffrey Birt, Assistant Professor in the Engineering Technologies and The Trades, donates blood during this week's blood drive.

Sabbatical Leave Applications

Applications for Sabbatical Leave for 2009-10 are now available in the Office of the Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs, Room 395 in Payne Hall.

The Applications for Sabbatical Leave are for faculty, non-teaching professional staff, and administrators.

The deadline to submit an application is Thursday, November 6, 2008, by 4:30 p.m.



MVCC CYCLISTS ROAD TRIP - A group of motorcyclists from MVCC took advantage of the few remaining nice days this fall for a leaf peeping ride through the Adirondack Mountains. The group took off from the Lowe's parking lot in North Utica and traveled to Spectulator on Sunday, October 5. This photo was taken by Jonathan Meeter, Assistant Professor in the Psychology, Human Services and Education Department.

Kahler helps a special group discover their poetic voices

Lew Kahler hosted a series of workshops over the summer to help area prisoners find their poetic inner voice.

Kahler, an Instructor in the Humanities Department, spent one night a week for three weeks working with inmates at the Mohawk Correctional Facility in Rome in an effort to help them discover the passion of poetry. And what he found was surprising.



Kahler

"They were really good. I was really surprised at the level of writing I received from them," said Kahler, who spent two hours each night. "They have a lot of creative people in there who don't have any other outlet."

During the workshops, the prisoners worked on exercises of writing Haiku, a Japanese form of poetry featuring 17 syllables, along with focusing on their own unique styles of writing. Kahler also introduced the groups to poets like Allen Ginsberg to show other forms poetry.

"I didn't want to squash what original voices they had," said Kahler. The interest in poetry grew over the three weeks as the first class had five prisoners while by the end of the third week there were 12 prisoners attending.

This series of workshops came about due to a grant from Poets and Writers Inc., through the New York State Council on the Arts. The director of programs at Mohawk Correctional contacted several local poetry outlets in Central New York and Kahler's name was at the top of those lists.

In the wake of this successful workshop, the NYS Department of Corrections is looking into putting together a small publication of the prisoners' works.

This will be combined with another program that focused on visual art.

MVCC Faces: Carol Gawarecki



Carol Gawarecki
Senior Office Specialist

With 22 years of experience under her belt in the college's Office Services, Carol Gawarecki knows what it takes to keep everything organized in the Upward Bound Program's office.

As the Senior Office Specialist, she is responsible for coordinating telephone communications, maintenance of the office files and database so all the office functions run like clockwork. She joined the Upward Bound Program in November of last year.

When not in the office, Gawarecki is attending classes at MVCC on a part-time basis in pursuit of an accounting degree. She is also a member of the Employee Recognition System Design Team.

This Lee Center resident enjoys camping, gardening and spending time with her family, which includes her friend John and two sons, Daniel and Torey.

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

MVCC EVENTS

Saturday, October 11

Cross Country at Hamilton College, 11:00 a.m.
Men's Soccer at Adirondack CC, 1:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis enters Regional Playoffs, TBA

Monday, October 13

Candy Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 11:00 am
Popcorn Sale, Plumley Atrium, 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series: "So You Have to Write a Paper,"
Room L43, Plumley, 12:00 pm
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 14

Resume Workshop, Room 221, Plumley Complex, 8:45 am
Transfer Day, MV Commons, 10:00 am
Popcorn Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 10:00 am
Health Fair, Plumley Atrium, 1:00 pm
Health Fair, Academic Building Lobby, 1:00 pm
Learning Center Workshop, Room 116, Alumni College, 2:00 pm
Men's Soccer vs. SUNY Delhi, Soccer Field, 4:00 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 15

Mid-Term Madness: 7 on 7 Flag Football, Soccer Field, 8:00 am
Breast Cancer Awareness Table, Plumley Atrium, 10:00 am
Swift Kick Workshop "Dangers of My Space & Face Book,"
Room 116, Alumni College, 10:00 am
Candy Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 11:00 am
Popcorn Sale, Plumley Atrium, 11:00 am
Health Fair, Plumley Atrium, 1:00 pm
Health Fair, Academic Building Lobby, 1:00 pm
Ski Club, Room 216, Information Tech Building, 2:00 pm
"Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull," Plumley Aud, 7:00 pm
MVCC Band Practice, Room 116, Alumni College, 7:00 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
Presidential Debate, Room 225, Info Tech Building, 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 16

Paul Smith College Representative, MV Commons, 10:00 am
Popcorn Sale, AB Lobby, 10:00 am
Health Fair, Plumley Atrium, 1:00 pm
Health Fair, Academic Building Lobby, 1:00 pm
CCED: Aerobics, Room 116, Alumni College, 6:00 pm
Strategic Gaming Club, Room 212, Alumni College, 6:00 pm
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
Cultural Series: "The Fantasticks," Theater, 8:00 pm

Friday, October 17

Oneida County Planning Department, Room 225, Info Tech
Building, 8:00 am
Popcorn Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 8:00 am
Candy Sale Academic Building Lobby, 11:00 am
Gay/Straight Alliance, Room 212, Alumni College, 1:00 pm
Health Fair, Academic Building Lobby, 1:00 pm
Student Congress, Room 212, Alumni College, 3:00 pm
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
Cultural Series: "The Fantasticks," Theater, 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 18

Spelling Bee, Room 116, Alumni College, 8:00 am



YOUNG BAKERS - The children from Kiddie Campus held a bake sale in MV Commons this week in an effort to raise money for *Strides Against Breast Cancer* Team MVCC. The campers raised \$167 through the bake sale and \$8 in pink ribbon sales for a total donation of \$175. With the help of Sodexo Food Service, the children mixed up the batter and then with the help of "Miss Gloria" from Sodexo, frosted the cupcakes. In the photo with the children is Kiddie Campus teacher Kim Wagner.

Team MVCC walks to defeat breast cancer

This year, hundreds of thousands of people will hear the words, "You have breast cancer," and there's a good chance that some of them will be people we know and love.

As a College, MVCC has chosen to fight back against this disease and help make a difference by participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event taking place Sunday, October 19, started at 10:00 a.m. at SUNY Institute of Technology.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a noncompetitive walk that takes place in 120 communities across the country.

Last year, 450,000 participants raised \$45 million.

The goal of Team MVCC is to raise \$2,500 for breast cancer research. To this point, they have raised over \$1,300. To join Team MVCC and walk, contact Deanna L. Ferro 792-5792.

To help support this cause, purchase a Pink Ribbon for only \$2.00 from Jed Kimball (AB117, x5662), Deanna L. Ferro (PH378, x5797), or Susan Halbritter (PC117, x7707).

"Slight misunderstandings sometimes occur between us, and yet they only serve to strengthen our friendship."



Ludwig Von Beethoven (1770-1827)
Composer and Virtuoso Pianist

Submitted by Ron Cantor, Dean of the Rome Campus

MVCC Ski and Snowboard to discuss upcoming trips

The MVCC Ski and Snowboard Club will hold an organizational meeting for the upcoming season on Wednesday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 216 of the Information Technology Building on the Utica Campus.

This meeting is open to anyone interested in hitting the slopes this winter.

Ski trips already in the pipeline include day trips to Gore Mountain, Labrador Mountain and Royal Mountain. There are also two exciting weekend trips planned to Killington for two nights on January 6-8. The cost of \$130 covers room, lift tickets and two breakfasts. Over the Spring Break, a trip to Okemo Ski Resort for \$230.

For those people who are interested but have never skied or snowboarded, no problem as lessons are available on all trips.

For more information, email to mvskiclub@yahoo.com or jsusenburger@mvcc.edu.

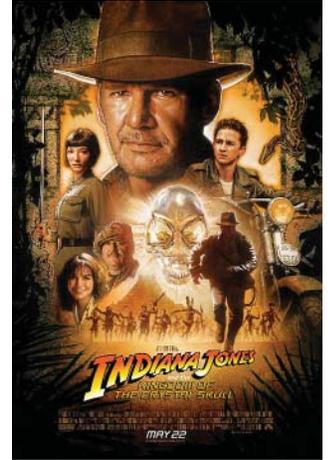
Indiana Jones swings into action on Rome Campus

Experience the thrills and chills of an action-packed movie when Mohawk Valley Community College hosts the showing of Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull on Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the Plumley Auditorium on the Rome Campus, located at 1101 Floyd Avenue.

This event, sponsored by the Rome students Activities Association, is free and open to the public. Seating is limited to 100.

This is the fourth installment of the Indiana Jones series. In this adventure, the Cold War is heating up as Soviet agents watch Professor Jones when a young man brings him a coded message from an aged, demented colleague, Henry Oxley. The Soviets tail Jones and the young man, Mutt, to Peru where they find a legendary skull made of a single piece of quartz.

If Jones can deliver the skull to its rightful place, all may be well. But if Soviet agent Dr. Irina Spalko takes the skull to its origin, she'll gain powers that could endanger the West. Aging professor and young buck join forces with a woman from Jones's past to face the dangers of the jungle, Russia, and the supernatural.



MVCC Athlete of the Week



Waldron

Ashley Waldron completed an undefeated regular season as the No. 4 singles player for the women's tennis team. For her performance, she has been named MVCC Athlete of the Week for the week ending October 5.

This freshman Engineering Science major was also undefeated in No. 2 doubles. Waldron graduated from Whitesboro High School.

Waterville Post Office to be named after former student

Legislation was signed into law last week by President Bush, renaming the Waterville Post Office in honor of a former MVCC student who was killed in Iraq on January 16, 2008.

Corporal John P. Sigsbee, 21, was a 2004 graduate of Waterville Central School and completed his first year at MVCC. Corporal Sigsbee served two tours of duty in Iraq with the 32nd Calvary Unit in the 101st Airborne Division, earning two Military Purple Heart Awards.

This legislation was sponsored by Congressman Michael A. Arcuri and U.S Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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- Showing you how you can obtain a personalized actionable plan
- Recommending fund selections to keep you on track to and through retirement
- Reviewing your retirement income options



Location	Date	Time	Room
Utica Campus	October 23	9 pm-5 pm	PH104F
Utica Campus	November 18	9 am-5 pm	PH104F

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