



## Margy's on Campus brings new flavor to Rome

There is a lot cooking in Rome's Plumley Complex with the grand opening of Margy's on Campus. Now under new management, the Rome Campus café features a new menu designed to meet the budgets of students while offering a healthy selection.

"We opened Monday and business was much better than expected as many of the students took advantage of our expanded menu," said manager Margy Daly. "I know students are on a tight budget, so I wanted to offer healthy choices at affordable prices."

Daly has extensive experience in food service as the owner of Margy's Bakery, located at 292 East Dominick Street in Rome. All of the baked goods at Margy's on Campus are made fresh in the bakery and delivered to the campus; Daly is also preparing to do some of the baking on site as the campus café was recently updated with a new oven.

Margy's on Campus is located at the south end of Plumley's Atrium. The café is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, closing for an hour in the afternoon to prepare for the evening rush. There is seating in the café and the atrium.

"I want students to be able to get some form of comfort food that will help relieve the stress of classes," said Daly, who is an MVCC alum.

Along with offering cookies, morning pastries, brownies, slices of cakes and pies, Margy's prepares a variety of homemade sandwiches, paninis and wraps. "We won't offer deep fried foods. They can get enough of that at fast food restaurants," added Daly.

Margy's on Campus also offers a daily Weight Watcher's menu featuring a vegetarian wrap, chicken gyro wrap, and veggie grill panini. The café will keep track of Weight Watcher points for students.

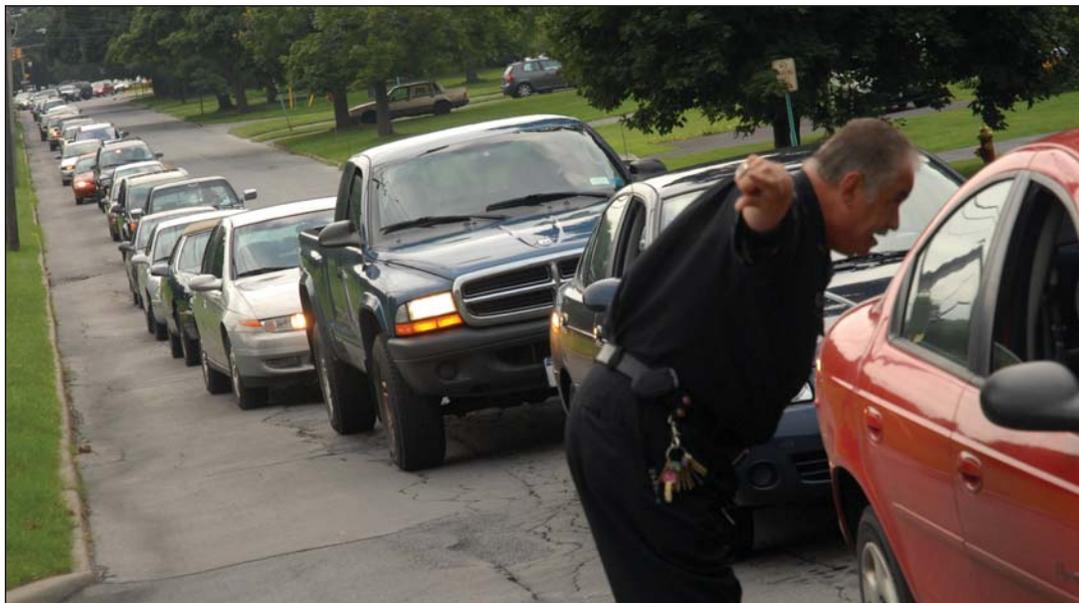
"We also feature a salad bar where students can build their own healthy meal any time of the day or evening. We change the items regularly to include potato salad, pasta salad, cut fresh fruit, cottage cheese and much more," said Daly.



**OPEN FOR BUSINESS** – Margy's on Campus officially opened for business on Monday as Margy Daly (left) took over as the new management for the café on the Rome Campus. Working the counter will also be Talia Sutliff.

With Daly handling most of the baking, counter service at Margy's on Campus is provided by Talia Sutliff, who is also an MVCC alum. She is willing to hear any suggestions to improve the café to better serve the Rome Campus.

Margy's will publish its menu highlights in the daily MVCC Today e-mail service; to hear daily specials or for more information, call the café at 334-7754.



## Big week at MV

With enrollments approaching record high increases, it has been a busy first few days of organizing rosters, syllabi and advising. Students are scrambling to find parking and classrooms, and staff are working to keep things smooth.

The Student Service Center has been full of students looking to finalize paperwork, register, and more, while Sodexo Food Service is meeting the needs of both students and College employees alike. Of special note: the hundreds of students who have found classes through MVCC's waitlisting initiative

The Residence Hall staff is busily welcoming new and returning students as the bookstore on both campuses work hard to meet the needs of students.



**TOURING D.C.** – Six Public Policy students took a class trip to Washington, D.C., in May 2009 along with faculty members Beverly Quist and Marianne Buttenschon. The agenda included touring the White House, meeting with Congressman Michael Arcuri, and visiting the museums. Pictured here are Quist, left; students Brianna Hahn and Veronica Martin; Congressman Arcuri; and student John Rysinski.

## MVCC listed among 'Military Friendly Schools'

MVCC has been placed among the top colleges in the nation for its service to American veterans. As part of this distinguished recognition, the College was named a "Military Friendly School" for 2010 by G.I. Jobs Magazine.

This designation is given to the top 15 percent of all institutions of higher education in the United States which are dedicated to helping today's Veterans realize their career goals.

"Your steadfast commitment to educating our great nation's military veterans will enable the United States to prosper for generations to come," stated the citation presented to MVCC's Office of Veterans Services.

Zynowij Jackiw is MVCC's Coordinator of Veterans Services in the Registrar's Office.

The mission of G.I. Jobs Magazine is to aid veterans in pursuing careers and retraining upon leaving military service.

## Searles' poem published



Searles

Arts and Humanities Professor George J. Searles attended the SUNY Stony Brook/Southampton Writers Conference in July.

During this event, he studied under the award-winning poet Thomas Lux.

Searles also published a poem in the summer issue of Time of Singing, a literary magazine based in Pennsylvania.

# Weydig named new golf coach

The College scored a hole-in-one with the hiring of Ruth A. Weydig as the new head coach for the co-ed golf team.

Weydig brings more than 20 years experience to the position which includes having been the assistant golf pro at the Skenandoa Club in Clinton since 2003. She has also been tournament director and administrator for the Central New York PGA which included overseeing the growth of more than 48 tournaments.

But her real strength lies in the success she achieved as a high school girls golf coach, where she provided basic and advance instruction that resulted in dramatic improvement in the performance of the team members in the Oneida and Whitesboro school districts.

Weydig, a native of Central New York and graduate of Vernon-Vernon-Sherrill High School, takes the reins from Gary Broadhurst, who continues as Associate Dean of Athletics and Physical Education at MVCC. Under the direction of Broadhurst, MVCC's golf team finished the 2008-2009 season with a 56-31 record to place second at the NJCAA Region III Tournament and qualify for the National Championships. At the nationals, MVCC finished eighth.



**TEAM MVCC HELPS RED CROSS** - Team MVCC presented a check for \$235 to the American Red Cross from the College's Heroes Campaign that ran earlier this summer. Team MVCC sold ice cream cones and collected donations. From left are Steve Frisbee, Deanna L. Ferro, Jeri George and Rhona Patterson with Victoria Cataldo, Director of Development and Public Relations for the American Red Cross of the Mohawk Valley



**COLLECTING FOR THE NEEDY** - Team MVCC recently conducted the inaugural Team MVCC Convocation Food Drive. Together with the earlier Food for Film effort led by the Library, Team MVCC was able to donate 15 boxes of food and nearly \$700 to the Utica Community Food Bank this week.

# C-SPAN Civic Bus Tour to stop at MVCC

It isn't the Magical Mystery Tour but the next best thing on Thursday, when the C-SPAN Civics Bus stops at both of MVCC's campuses as part of its national tour sparking discussion on media, politics, and citizenship with students, teachers and citizens.

This 45-foot mobile production studio and multi-media demonstration center will be parked in the inner-quad facing the Academic Building in Utica from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. before traveling to the Rome Campus for demonstrations from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Students, faculty and the public will have the chance to tour the bus during its stops and learn about the many resources C-SPAN offers, including the network's education website, C-SPAN Classroom, a free membership service for educators with downloadable video clips; the C-SPAN Video library, and C-SPAN2's BookTV. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to answer "What are you Reading?" for C-SPAN2's BookTV website.

This year marks the bus's 16th year on the road, featuring a new exterior design wrap and an interior with the latest television production equipment, the C-SPAN Civics Bus continues to travel the country, bringing the world of public affairs to life.

To learn more, visit [www.c-span.org/schoolbus](http://www.c-span.org/schoolbus).



## Wooh Hoo! Recognizing the chaos

Wooh Hoo!

The Fall semester has begun and with some help from speaker Tracy Knofla, faculty and staff learned how to "Thrive in Chaos" ... Wooh Hoo!

Knofla spoke as the finale of the inaugural Fall Institute, an August 22 series of workshops on student motivation and classroom management, supervisory tools, DGV and Smart Classroom updates, learning communities, and the First Year Experience. Knofla capped the day in quirky fashion with a demonstration of how everyone is faced with chaos.

Her interactive and humorous presentation identified factors in today's world that foster chaos and highlight the choices that can bring some of the chaos under control.

"Thanks for leaving your chaos to be here," she opened her presentation and then proceeded to engage the audience. "Someone in this room today is going to help us understand the problem of chaos."

That someone was Jim Maio from the Office of Career, Transfer and Job Placement Services. He was loaded down with arms full



of knick knacks and told to hold them. As the items slowly fell out of his arms, Knofla asked him why he didn't ask for help and then proceeded to discuss how communication helps elevate chaos.

"As workers, we have to speak up when we need help accomplishing a goal. When big projects are coming your way, speak up and ask more questions to better manage your workload," said Knofla.



**WORLD OF CHAOS** - Above, Tracy Knofla talks with faculty and staff on the chaos everyone faces during each day of our lives. Left, Jim Maio's arms are loaded down with knick knacks as part of the presentation dealing with communication.

She worked the room, joking with Ric Rosero and others about how to make our work environment friendlier for our co-workers and the students.

In order to get the audience involved, she had the entire group get up and rub elbows and greet as many people as possible while making eye contact.

She went on to talk about the chaos in the workplace caused by technology with such items as email adding to the chaos of our lives.

While she didn't have all the answers for dealing with chaos, her message conveyed it is important for everyone to identify and recognize the chaos.

## Budget positions MVCC to meet students' needs, hold line on County's costs

The Oneida County Legislature voted unanimously to approve the College's 2009-10 budget request. This approval positions the College to meet increasing student demand without requiring additional spon-

sorship dollars from the county.

The \$45 million budget represents an increase of 3.8 percent over fiscal year 2008-09. The County's sponsorship of \$7.28 million is the same as in 2008-09.

To meet students' needs without requiring more County dollars or a large tuition increase, the College is deferring some direct marketing initiatives and seeking other administrative efficiencies.

MVCC's projected fall 2009 enrollment is up approximately 10 percent compared to fall 2008. Nearly 30 percent of Oneida County high school graduates are enrolled for fall study at MVCC.



**DONATED EQUIPMENT** – Professor and Respiratory Care Program Lorie Phillips programs MVCC’s recently donated Pulmonetics LTV 1200 ventilator.

# College receives ventilator as part of State’s disaster plan

The College was recently the recipient of a Pulmonetics LTV 1200 ventilator for its Respiratory Care Program.

This donation came about when New York State purchased 800 Pulmonetics ventilators in preparation for possible flu epidemics or disasters. These ventilators were distributed to hospitals and respiratory care programs throughout the state. In the event of an emergency, these ventilators can be collected and disseminated to clinical sites where they are needed.

MVCC benefits from this donation as the equipment will be used to train students in its use.

The Pulmonetics LTV 1200, which costs approximately \$13,000, is a compact machine powered by a portable, rechargeable battery or standard household electrical outlet.

The respiratory care program faculty and students have received in-service training on the use and maintenance of the ventilator by Pulmonetics company representatives.

## Academic Calendars approved by the Board of Trustees in July

### 2010 – 2011 Academic Calendar

<b>Fall 2010</b>	
Faculty Return	Aug 16
Professional Development Day	Aug 17
First Day of Instruction	Aug 23
Labor Day (College Closed)	Sep 6
Columbus Day	
(College Open, No Classes)	Oct 11
Runs as Monday Schedule	Oct 12
No Classes (College Open)	Nov 24
Thanksgiving Break	
(College Closed)	Nov 25–28
Last Day of Instruction	Dec 10
Final Exam Days	Dec 13, 14, 15
Grades Due (No Finals)	Dec 15
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	Dec 17
Commencement	Dec 17

<b>Spring 2011</b>	
Faculty Return	Jan 11
Professional Development Day	Jan 12
MLK Day	
(College Open, No Classes)	Jan 17
First Day of Instruction	Jan 18
Spring Break	March 14–20
Last Day of Instruction	May 9
Snow Days/Study Days	May 10, 11
Final Exam Days	May 12, 13, 16
Grades Due (No Finals)	May 16
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	May 18
Commencement	May 20

<b>Summer 2011</b>	
1st 5-Week Session	
Instruction Begins	May 31
Independence Day	
(Holiday observed/College Closed)	July 4
Instruction Ends	July 5
Grades Due	July 8

2nd 5-Week Session	
Instruction Begins	July 6
Instruction Ends	Aug 9
Grades Due	Aug 12

8-Week Session	
Instruction Begins	May 31
Independence Day	
(Holiday observed/College Closed)	July 4
8 Week Session End	July 21
8 Week Grades Due	July 26

### 2011 – 2012 Academic Calendar

<b>Fall 2011</b>	
Faculty Return	Aug 15
Professional Development Day	Aug 16
First Day of Instruction	Aug 22
Labor Day (College Closed)	Sep 5
Columbus Day	
(College Open, No Classes)	Oct 10
Runs as Monday Schedule	Oct 11
No Classes (College Open)	Nov 23
Thanksgiving Break	
(College Closed)	Nov 24 – 27
Last Day of Instruction	Dec 9
Final Exam Days	Dec 12, 13, 14
Grades Due (No Finals)	Dec 14
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	Dec 16
Commencement	Dec 16

<b>Spring 2012</b>	
Faculty Return	Jan 10
Professional Development Day	Jan 11
MLK Day	
(College Open, No Classes)	Jan 16
First Day of Instruction	Jan 17
Spring Break	March 12–18
Last Day of Instruction	May 7
Snow Days/Study Days	May 8, 9
Final Exam Days	May 10, 11, 14
Grades Due (No Finals)	May 14
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	May 16
Commencement	May 18

<b>Summer 2012</b>	
1st 5-Week Session	
Instruction Begins	May 29
Independence Day	
(Holiday observed/College Closed)	July 4
Instruction Ends	July 2
Grades Due	July 6

2nd 5-Week Session	
Instruction Begins	July 3
Instruction Ends	Aug 7
Grades Due	Aug 10

8-Week Session	
Instruction Begins	May 29
Independence Day	
(Holiday observed/College Closed)	July 4
8 Week Session End	July 19
8 Week Grades Due	July 24

## Don't block access to technology for students with disabilities

By Lynn Igoe

An increasing number of MVCC students with disabilities rely on specialized computer technology to:

- \* Navigate screens and keyboards
- \* Access the internet
- \* Read printed documents and books
- \* Listen to tests
- \* Dictate, organize, and edit written work.

But if a student's technology is not able to fully interface with what is on the computer screen and transmitted via its speakers, his or her ability to succeed will be seriously compromised - and seemingly inconsequential design decisions can make access difficult, time-consuming, even impossible.

To ensure that all forms, tests, informational Web sites, surveys, and other content are accessible, Google search for the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0, or contact MVCC's Assistive Technology Specialist Tamara Mariotti in the Disability Services Office.

MVCC's new Web site, scheduled for construction this fall, will move the College closer to the WCAG guidelines.

# Hawks to build on success

The Hawks will be looking for a repeat performance from its fall athletic programs as the season kicks into gear this weekend. MVCC's fall athletic programs earned a .728 winning percentage last year with 99 victories, 37 losses and one tie.

Headlining for MVCC will be the women's cross country team as they seek to defend their NJCAA national championships with many returning runners. The Hawks, under the direction of head coach Gary Parker in his 20th year, were led by Hannah Hoffman, Sara Pick and Lauren Penc.

The men's cross country team will also be aiming to improve on last year's second place finish at the nationals. The combined finish of these two teams made MVCC the recipient of the coveted Pepsi Cup - awarded to the college with the best combined men's and women's finish at the national championships.

The men's soccer team also enjoyed success last season, reaching the semifinals at the Region III tournament. The squad finished with a

13-4 record and has the potential to improve on that mark under the direction of head coach Bob Gould in his 31st season.

The Hawks' women's soccer team is gaining momentum on the heels of last year's 9-6-1 performance. With the return of forward Jessica Palmateer, MVCC will have a strong front line. The backfield will be directed by defender Kalynn Birdsall, who was first-team All Conference last season. The Hawks are coached by Steve Senior in his 14th season at the helm.

Women's volleyball is under new leadership with Michelle Scranton as head coach. The Hawks finished with an impressive 18-9 record last fall en route to winning the Mountain Valley Conference title for the sixth time in eight years. Along with a new coach, there are many new players on the roster.

MVCC's women's tennis team is looking for a return trip to the Region III tournament, where the Hawks placed third. Zyn Jackiw returns for his fifth season as head coach.



## 2009 Fall Athletics Schedule

### Saturday, August 29

Men's Soccer vs. Bunker Hill at Tompkins-Cortland CC Tournament, 5:30 pm  
Women's Soccer at Niagara, 2:00 pm

### Sunday, August 30

Men's Soccer vs. CC of Morris (NJ) at Tompkins-Cortland CC Tournament, 2:30 pm  
Women's Soccer at Erie CC, 1:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 2

Women's Soccer hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 4:00 pm

### Saturday, September 5

Cross Country at SUNYIT, 10:00 am  
Men's Soccer hosts Onondaga CC, 1:00 pm  
Women's Soccer hosts Onondaga CC, 1:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 9

Men's Soccer hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 4:00 pm

### Thursday, September 10

Women's Soccer at Broome CC, 4:00 pm  
Women's Tennis hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 pm

### Saturday, September 12

Volleyball hosts Hawk Invitational, 9:00 am  
Women's Tennis at Broome CC, 1:00 pm  
Men's Soccer at Cayuga CC, 3:00 pm  
Cross Country at Cobleskill, TBA  
Women's Soccer at Cayuga CC, 1:00 pm

### Monday, September 14

Women's Soccer at Finger Lakes CC, 4:00 pm  
Women's Tennis hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm

### Tuesday, September 15

Volleyball at Herkimer CCC, 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 16

Men's Soccer hosts Finger Lakes CC, 4:00 pm  
Women's Tennis at Onondaga CC, 4:00 pm

### Friday, September 18

Women's Tennis at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 pm

### Saturday, September 19

Women's Soccer at Genesee CC, 1:00 pm  
Women's Tennis hosts Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm  
Men's Soccer at Genesee CC, 3:00 pm  
Cross Country at Finger Lakes CC, TBA  
Volleyball at TC3 w/Jefferson CC, TBA

### Wednesday, September 22

Women's Tennis at Herkimer CCC, 4:00 pm  
Volleyball at Fulton-Montgomery CC, 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 23

Men's Soccer hosts Jefferson CC, TBA  
Women's Soccer hosts Jefferson CC, TBA

### Friday, September 25

Volleyball at Onondaga CC Invitational, TBA

### Saturday, September 26

Women's Soccer at North Country CC, 2:00 pm  
Men's Soccer at North Country CC, 4:00 pm  
Cross Country at Utica College, TBA  
Volleyball at Onondaga CC Invitational, TBA

### Wednesday, September 30

Women's Soccer hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 pm  
Women's Tennis hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 pm

Volleyball hosts Herkimer CCC, 6:00 pm  
Men's Soccer at Herkimer CCC, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, October 3

Volleyball at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 10:00 am  
Men's Soccer hosts Clinton CCC, 2:00 pm  
Women's Soccer hosts Clinton CCC, 2:00 pm  
Women's Tennis at Regional @ SUNY Delhi, TBA

### Tuesday, October 6

Men's Soccer at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 pm  
Volleyball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 pm  
Women's Soccer hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 pm

### Thursday, October 8

Volleyball at Onondaga CC, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, October 10

Men's Soccer hosts Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm  
Volleyball at Monroe CC, 2:00 pm  
Cross Country at Hamilton College, TBA  
Women's Soccer hosts JCC - Olean, TBA

### Tuesday, October 13

Men's Soccer at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm  
Women's Soccer hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00 pm

### Wednesday, October 14

Volleyball hosts SUNY Delhi, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, October 17

Volleyball at Finger Lakes CC, 1:00 pm  
Women's Soccer at Bryant & Stratton, 1:00 pm

### Tuesday, October 20

Volleyball hosts Broome CC, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, October 21

Men's Soccer hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4:00 pm  
Women's Soccer at Fulton Montgomery CC, 4:00 pm

### Thursday, October 22

Volleyball at Jefferson CC, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, October 24

Men's Soccer at Broome CC, 1:00 pm  
Volleyball hosts Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm  
Women's Tennis hosts Onondaga CC, 4:30 pm  
Cross Country at Conference @ MVCC, TBA  
Women's Soccer at Quarter-finals, TBA

### Tuesday, October 27

Volleyball at Sub-Regionals, TBA  
Women's Soccer at Semi-finals, TBA

### Saturday, October 31

Men's Soccer at Sub-Regionals, TBA  
Cross Country at Regionals @ SUNY Delhi, TBA

Volleyball at Regionals @ Corning CC, TBA  
Women's Soccer at Regional Championship @ TC3, TBA

### Tuesday, November 3

Men's Soccer at Regionals, TBA

### Saturday, November 7

Men's Soccer at Regional at Tompkins-Cortland CC, TBA  
Cross Country at Nationals @ Finger Lakes CC, TBA

Women's Soccer at Regional, TBA

### Sunday, November 8

Men's Soccer at Regionals at Tompkins-Cortland CC, TBA

### Friday, November 13

Volleyball at Nationals @ Rochester MN, TBA

### Saturday, November 14

Men's Soccer at Nationals at Herkimer CCC, TBA

Volleyball at Nationals @ Rochester MN, TBA  
Women's Soccer at Nationals @ HCCC, TBA

### Sunday, November 15

Men's Soccer at Nationals at Herkimer CCC, TBA

# Horseshoe tournament makes donation to scholarship for fallen Marine alumnus

The organizers of the 2009 Whitesboro Horseshoe Tournament have selected the Lance Cpl. Blaise A. Oleski Memorial Scholarship Fund at Mohawk Valley Community College to be recipient of the proceeds from the event.

A check for \$3,200 was presented on Tuesday, June 23, at the Whitesboro Police Department. On hand to receive the check on behalf of the Scholarship Fund were Theresa and Paul Oleski (parents of Lance Cpl. Oleski, USMC) and representatives of MVCC Institutional Advancement.

Lance Cpl. Oleski died earlier this year at age 22 during combat in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. He was a Floyd native, 2004 graduate of Holland Patent High School, and former MVCC student.

"Members of the Oleski family established this scholarship fund in remembrance of Blaise's dedication and exceptional moral character. The fund will support future students who demonstrate these qualities," said Frank DuRoss, executive director of MVCC's Institutional Advancement.

The 10th annual Whitesboro Horseshoe Tournament was held two weeks ago in the Floyd Town Park. This year's event attracted 64 teams consisting of 128 players, and the program received donations from many of the region's police and fire departments.

"I really want to thank the Whitesboro Police Department for sponsoring this event and Mohawk Valley Community College for administering a scholarship in Blaise's name," said Paul Oleski. "I am deeply honored by the show of support for our family and the memory of our son."

To make additional donations toward this scholarship, make checks out to MVCC Scholarship Fund, c/o The Lance Cpl. Blaise A. Oleski Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, N.Y. 13501.



**HONORING A FALLEN SON** - Theresa and Paul Oleski, parents of Lance Cpl. Blaise A. Oleski, talk with members of the Whitesboro Police Department following the check presentation ceremony for the Lance Cpl. Blaise A. Oleski Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was set up at MVCC, where Lance Cpl. Oleski attended before joining the military.

## MVCC Faces: Jennifer Squire

While most students are currently focused on getting acclimated to the new school year, the Office of Career and Job Placement Services is busily arranging avenues and opportunities once students complete their studies.

The newest member of the department is Jennifer Squire in the role of Career and Job Placement counselor. Her responsibilities include advising students on opportunities in the marketplace.

"One of the tools I use is called FOCUS - a career and educational planning tool. FOCUS helps students identify their interests and career goals by taking self assessment inventories," said Squire. This program is beneficial for students to understand a variety of career paths and occupations that match their interests and will provide information on job outlook, salary, educational training, and skills necessary.

"Additionally, our office utilizes the Strong Interest Inventory and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator to assess students' interests, pas-

sions, and career goals," she added.

Since joining MVCC on July 1, one of her main responsibilities has been to enhance the College Central Network (CCN) system, an online recruitment site for employers and students.



Squire

"We currently have over 100 employers on the site who are posting jobs specifically to MVCC students and alumni. It is my goal to create successful partnerships with employers to benefit our students, the community, and MVCC as a whole," said Squire.

This Syracuse native holds a B.S. in Human Development from Binghamton University and a M.S. in Higher Postsecondary Education/Administration from Syracuse

University. She recently served on the STEP Technical Assistant search committee and set several goals to enhance her role at the College.

These include educating the MVCC community about the services her office provides to students and alumni; increase the number of students who utilize its services; implementing additional workshops to benefit students; increase the number of employers on the CCN system; and serving on committees in ways that benefit MVCC.

"We are hoping to offer several workshops throughout the fall and spring focused on resume/cover letter development, interview skills, and major/career exploration. Additionally, I see students on a walk-in basis to discuss their career exploration questions they may have," says Squire.

Squire lives in Syracuse with her chocolate lab puppy, Lucy. She enjoys working out, running, reading, boating, and spending time with friends and family.

## College announces December break plans

Most College offices will close at the end of the day on Thursday, December 24, 2009, and re-open on Monday, January 4, 2010. The College's collective bargaining agreement with the Professional Association requires notice of this plan by September 1.

Employees represented by AMVA and the PA will take off December 28-31 as provided in union contracts. Members of the classified staff who wish to take time off will use accrued time. Exempt administrators will use vacation.