

Colon named to MVCC Board of Trustees

Anthony John Colón, president of Techno-Logic Solutions, Inc., was introduced as the newest member of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees during their January 19 meeting.

Mr. Colon attended Lehman College in New York City. He has been a resident of Utica for more than 20 years, and has served as President of Techno-Logic Solutions since 1999. The firm provides bi-lingual interpreting and consulting services to a variety of business and community organizations.

His prior experience includes ten years with Mitchell International, as director of sales and marketing and as an account executive. Mr. Colón was also employed by Utica National Insurance, Erickson Auto Group, General Accident Insurance Company and Geico Insurance.

Mr. Colon has a long history of community service, including membership and leadership positions with Oneida County Workforce Development, United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica, the Utica branch of the NAACP, Hope House, Neighborhood Center, the Mohawk Valley Latino Association, Revolutionary Trails Council of Boy Scouts of America, and South Gate Ministries and Church.

Mr. Colón resides in Utica with his wife and family. He was nominated for MVCC's Board of Trustees by Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr., and fills a vacancy left by the retirement of N. Joseph Yagey.



Anthony John Colón

Retired professor selected as St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal

Former MVCC professor Jim O'Looney has been chosen to be Grand Marshal of the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Utica.

O'Looney emigrated to the Mohawk Valley from Ireland in 1958 and found a job as a linotype operator at the Observer Dispatch where he worked nights for 17 years. It was during this time that he earned his high school equivalency diploma at Utica Free Academy, attended MVCC and earned a Bachelor degree from Empire State College. Later he received a Masters degree from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

He taught graphic arts part-time at MVCC for 12 years and was hired as a full-time instructor in the Advertising Design and Production Department in 1975. He continued to teach at

MVCC for 21 years during which time O'Looney received the MVCC Award for Excellence in teaching in 1992, followed a year later by the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in teaching.

In 1993, he received an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) at the University of Texas. He retired as a full professor in 1996. In October of 2000, he was inducted into MVCC's Hall of Fame and has an MVCC Scholarship named in his honor.

Author of "A Time to Reflect," the book offers a look back at O'Looney's life in Ireland and his emigration to the U.S.

O'Looney was born in Killarney, Ireland, on May 11, 1932, and met his future wife, Utica native Diana Coupe, while she was vacationing in Ireland in



Jim O'Looney

1954. They were married on June 30, 1955. O'Looney became a U.S. citizen on July 4, 1986.

MVCC faculty tapped to attend inauguration

Dr. Barbara Scantlebury received an extra holiday surprise when she received an official invitation to the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama.

"I don't know why I was selected or who submitted my name, but just receiving this is quite an honor," said Dr. Scantlebury, whose framed invitation hangs in her Payne Hall office.

Dr. Scantlebury suspects she was chosen because of her volunteer work with the Mohawk Valley Junior Frontiers, an organization which promotes education and leadership among minority students in the Utica/Rome and Syracuse regions. She helps to arrange educational support for high school students, including seeking scholarships and arranging tours of colleges.

As an Assistant Professor in Business and Information Technology, Dr. Scantlebury teaches Computer Applications and Concepts 1 & 2, Networking Essentials, Principles of Computer Security, and Practical and Professional Written Communications.

The official invitation reads: "The Presidential Inaugural Committee requests the honor or your presence to attend and participate in the Inauguration of Barack H. Obama as



EMBRACING CHANGE - The students, faculty and staff at MVCC joined the rest of the nation on Tuesday to embrace change as Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States. The presidential inauguration was shown on televisions and video screens on both the Utica and Rome campuses with hundreds taking a moment out of their busy sched-



UNEXPECTED GIFT - Dr. Barbara Scantlebury holds the official presidental inauguration invitation she received over the holiday break.

President of the United States of America and Joseph R. Biden, Jr. as Vice President of the United States of America on Tuesday, the twentieth of January, two thousand and nine in the City of Washington."



ules to hear President Obama's words. Above left, Tauna Harris, Olivia Washington, and Kenisha Morrison were among around 200 people who filled Room 116 in the Alumni College Center to watch the event. Above right, the lobby of the Academic Building quickly filled with spectators as they paused on their way to and from class.

MVCC Ski/Snowboard Club trip

The MVCC Ski and Snowboard Club has planned a trip to Toggenburg Ski Area on Saturday, January 31 which is open to everyone. The bus will depart MVCC, Utica Campus, at 8:00 a.m. from Parking Lot A and return at 5:00 p.m.

The cost for an MVCC student is \$5 for the bus and an all area lift ticket. For non-MVCC students and adults is \$30. Ski rentals are \$13 and a learn-to-ski/board lesson is \$20.

Sign up at Student Activities, ACC 208. Space is limited to the first 35.

"Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."



Abigail Adams (1744 - 1818) Feminist, First Lady of United States

Submitted by William Rose, Instructor, Social Science

MVCC EVENTS

Friday, January 23

Women's Basketball hosts Adirondack CC, Gymnasium, 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 24

Ice Hockey hosts Monroe CC, Utica Auditorium, 12:00 pm Indoor Track at Colgate, 10:00 am

Men's Basketball at Columbia Greene CC, 3:00 pm

Monday, January 26th

Chess Club Games, Alumni College Center, Room 114,3:30 pm CCED: T⁵ai Chi, Alumni College Center, Room 116, 5:30 pm CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm Cultural Series Movie: "Role Models," Theater, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 27th

Acoustic Café: Open Mic Night, Alumni College Center, Room 116, 7:00 pm

Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 28

CS Concert: Cellist Valerie Kuehne, Theater, 2:00 & 7:00 pm Faculty-Select Department of Art Student Show/Reception, IT Gallery, 3:00 pm

MVCC Concert Band Practice, Alumni College Center, Room 116, 7:00 pm

Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Men's Basketball hosts Herkimer CCC, Gymnasium, 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 29

Oneida County Health Department, Alumni College Center, Room 116, 11:00 am

International Students Reception, Payne Hall Lobby, 1:00 pm Program Board, Alumni College Center, Room 212, 2:00 pm Bowling at Hudson Valley CC, 3:00 pm

Paranormal Investigation Society, Alumni College Center, Room 212, 5:00 pm

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

CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7: 00pm Women's Basketball hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC,

Gymnasium, 7:00 pm

Friday, January 30

NYS Dept. of Correctional Services: Info Booth for Correction
Officer Trainee Test, PC Atrium, 10:00 am

Latino Student Union, Alumni College Center, Room 212, 4:00 pm

CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7: 00pm

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1

Women's Basketball at North Country CC, 12:00 pm Men's Basketball at North Country CC, 2:00 pm

MVCC Faces: Christian Heisler



When it comes to making sure students succeed at MVCC, the effort by faculty and staff go way beyond the classroom. In the Learning Center, students are able to turn to Christian Heisler when they need assistance writing an essay, report or term paper.

Heisler is the college's Professional Writing Tutor and Mentor, helping students to understand the proper use of grammar, sentence structure and development of proof reading skills.

Since joining the college staff in August of 2008, Heisler has already seen the fruits of his labor with this past December's graduation class. This semester he has reached out further to make contact with students by teaching a College Seminar class and English 1: Composition course.

"I'd like to help our students become better writers and become more confident and independent learners." said Heisler.

Heisler earned his Bachelor of Arts in creative writing from SUNY Oswego and his Masters in creative writing from Miami University – Ohio. He lives in Chittenango with his wife Lesley and daughter Amelia.

It's a girl!

Congratulations to Brande Murphy, a Data Processing Clerk in Human Resources, who gave birth to a daughter on Tuesday, January 13. The baby's name is Taylor Alexandria Julia, and she weighed in at 8.25 lbs. Brande, Taylor, and the entire family are doing well.

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

Women's basketball opens 2009 victorious

The MVCC women's basketball team is starting the New Year by continuing its winning tradition with crushing vic-

tories in NJCAA's Region III. The Hawks cruised past Corning Community College, 104-27, behind the offensive prowess of sophomore guard Kayla Cristser with 17 points.

The Hawks then set three team records in their 114-18 win over Schenectady Community College with most points in a game (114), most three-point shots made (14), and margin of victory (96 points). The



Cristser

Hawks were led by freshman guard Amanda Campusano with 23 points while sophomore forward Erica Smalls tallied 15 points to go with her 13 rebounds.

The women wrapped up last week's action by heading down-state for two non-regional games. MVCC rolled past Orange Community College, 67-40, before falling to defending national champions Monroe College out of the Bronx, 80-66. Leading the Hawks in the Monroe game was sophomore forward Leslie Mencia with 14 points while sophomore guard Katrina Brown added 13 points. The Hawks are now 13-2 overall and ranked No. 2 in the nation.

Men's Basketball: The Hawks opened up the second half of the season by winning two of three games this past week. In the 67-45 win over Schenectady CC, freshman guard T.J. Davis paced MVCC with 13 points.

Three nights later, in a 79-65 defeat at the hands of Adirondack CC, the Hawks were led by senior forward Alex Prue with 25 points. MVCC rebounded quickly to hold off Corning CC for a 65-62 victory as freshman guard Bradley Griffin scored a season-high 35 points. MVCC is now 12-4 overall and 11-3 in Region III.

Ice Hockey: The Hawks skated home with back-to-back victories over North Country Community College with an 11-3 win in the first game and a 5-4 final in Sunday's action. In Saturday's game, Kevin McCready scored four goals with one assist while teammate Mike Steinke made four assists along with his goal. Mike Nassar rounded out the offense with two goals and one assist. Goalkeeper Josh Lamie stopped 32 shots on goal.

In the second game of the weekend, the Hawks played tough defense while McCready added two more goals to raise his season total to 26. He also had two assists. Dan Wentworth also scored along with one assist. Lamie made 34 saves. The Hawks are now 8-5-1 overall and 5-4-1 in Region III.

Bowling: The Hawks' bowling programs opened their seasons by hosting the Hawk Invitational at Pin-O-Rama, with the men's program placing fourth with 9,231 pins while the women placed seventh with 7,555 pins.

Leading the men's squad was Joe Fulkrod with a first place finish in the singles with 923 pins while Paul Mulks placed fourth with 906. Overall, Mulks was ninth with 1,709 pins as Fulkrod finished 13th with 1,689 pins.

For the women's team, Stephanie Hina was the top singles bowler finishing ninth with 778 pins followed by Jessica Anson in 11th with 770 pins and Megan Donk in 20th with 734 pins. In doubles, Shawna Hammond and Hina placed second with a combined total of 1,584 pins. Overall, Hammond was seventh with 1,574 pins.

Indoor Track: Gladimir Sanon placed first in the men's triple jump with a distance of 44 feet, 5 inches during the Syracuse University's Indoor Track and Field Invitational held in Manley Field House. Two other MVCC athletes qualified for the NJCAA National Championships as Durell Cull placed second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.47 seconds while Joe Pruckno finished fourth in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 7.79 seconds. Jeff Azzoto placed fifth in the 500-meter run in 68.55 seconds.

The women's team was led by Diana DeJesus with a fourth place finish in the high jump with a height of 4 feet, 9 1/4 inches while also placing third in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.22 seconds. Lauren Penc finished fourth in the 400-meter dash in a time of 65.37 seconds.

Athlete of the Week: Sophomore forward Leslie Mencia led the women's basketball team to a 3-1 record last week, earning her the honor of MVCC Athlete of the Week. Mencia averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds while shooting 58 percent from the field. Mencia is a Liberal Arts major who graduated from Montpelier High School in Vermont.



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