



Alumni events prove very successful

The MVCC Foundation held two successful reunions this spring. The first was the 2009 Rochester Alumni Reunion that drew over 30 MVCC graduates to the Chrystal Barn Restaurant in Rochester. This is the second year for this event and was held on April 18.

"This is an opportunity for us to network and touch base with our alumni who live in the Rochester area, and who don't have the chance to come back to the College," said Deanna Ferro, Events Coordinator for Institutional Advancement.

Representing the College at this event was Ms. Ferro, President Randall VanWagoner, Frank DuRoss, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement; and Marie Kohl, Annual Fund and Alumni Relations Coordinator.

The second reunion was held on the Utica Campus for graduates of the Social Sciences Department in Criminal Justice and Public Policy. This event attracted over 75 former students along with many of the region's political officials.

"The purpose for this reunion was to give our Criminal Justice students and alumni an opportunity to network and learn what opportunities are out there," said Ms. Kohl, who added that there were several booths where attendees could examine the emerging technologies.

The keynote speaker for the event, which was held in the Information Technology Building, was Thomas G. Donlon, Director of the New York State Office of Homeland Security.



TOP RUNNERS - The top male and female runners at the 12th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run are David Putney from Newport with a time of 17 minutes, 17 seconds; and Alex Benn from Sauquoit with a time of 23:06. See page 4 for complete running times.

"We brought some very influential people to MVCC. The Homeland Security representatives were



CRIMINAL JUSTICE REUNION - The inaugural Criminal Justice Reunion held on the Utica Campus attracted over 75 participants. The keynote speakers was Thomas G. Donlon (center), Director of the New York State Office of Homeland Security, who is pictured here with Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente (Class of 1984) and President Randall VanWagoner.

very impressed with the facilities we have," added Ms. Kohl. They included Raymond Philo, Chief of New Hartford Police Department (Class of 1979), Dan LaBella, Director of Public Safety for Utica Police Department (Class of 1980), Judge Randy Caldwell (Class of 1981), Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente (Class of 1984), and Grant Garramone, Assistant District Attorney for Oneida County (Class of 1989) just to name a few.

"An event like this gives our students insight to the different jobs out there and where our alumni are able to help with different opportunities upon graduation," said Marianne Butenschon, Department Head for Social Sciences.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE REUNION

Stephen Mandia recipient of Alumni of Merit Award

Each Spring, the College recognizes an alumni who exemplifies service and commitment to the College, and community, and regional betterment. The recipient of the 2009 MVCC Alumni of Merit Award is Stephen Mandia, CEO of Sovena USA, Inc., in recognition for his contributions to promoting industry and the College.

Mr. Mandia is a 1985 graduate from Mohawk Valley Community College with an Associate in Applied Science in Retail Business Management. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Bentley College, located in Waltham, Mass., in 1987. His undergraduate studies included attending Richmond College in London.

The New Hartford resident remains an advocate for MVCC, having served on the College's Foundation Board. His contributions will be recognized during MVCC's Commencement Cer-

emony on Friday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Mr. Mandia founded East Coast Olive Oil in 1991 as an importer of olive oil for the food service industry, but quickly expanded into other sectors. The company changed its name to Sovena USA, Inc., as it continued to grow and become the country's largest importer of olive oil, supplying more than 50 percent of all private label olive oil in the U.S. retail marketplace.

Located at 1 Olive Grove Road on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome, Sovena USA, Inc., currently supplies the food service, retail, and industrial markets in the United States and Canada.

The company's full portfolio of edible oils include olive oils, organic oils, vegetable and seed oils, high volume frying oils, olive oil blends, flavored oils, and a complete line of vinegars.



Stephen Mandia

Bolton, Engel present at conference on international communication

Assistant Professor Colleen Bolton, and Sandra Engel, Humanities Department Head and Director of International Education, attended the 16th Annual Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Communication in Monroe, Michigan, on April 3-4.

Assistant Professor Bolton's presentation, "Infusion of Global Dimensions into Arts Courses" represented the results of her participation in a one-week residence at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, a MIIE seminar on human rights and diversity in August 2008. As a requirement for that seminar, Professor Bolton completed an extensive reading list and created a learning module "Walls of Humanity: Expressing the Human Condition" which she presented.

Professor Bolton chose to focus on walls not built with the intention of defense but those expressing a cross-section of human emotions, manifestations of the human spirit and the global human condition.

For example, included were Yoko Ono's Imagined Peace tower in Reykjavik, Iceland and Loren Schwed's sculptured houses with walls of human hair extensions to memorialize the victims of Hurricane Katrina. For further information on MIIE, check out www.orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest.

Dr. Engel presented a concept paper for a Fulbright-Hays

Group Project Abroad for Vietnam in 2010. The 12-15 faculty selected nationally would travel north to south, answering the question "What does Vietnam mean in an era of rapid globalization?" The study tour will conclude with a brief residence in Kien Giang Province, thus ensuring an authentic experience.

MVCC Campus Events

Monday, May 11

Chess Club, Room 114, Alumni College, 3:30 pm
Student Congress Alumni College, Room 212, 3:30 pm
CCED: Tai Chi Class, Alumni College, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 12

Relay for Life Meeting, Room 225, Info Technology, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 13

Psi Beta Induction Ceremony, Theater, 4:00 pm
MVCC Concert Band, Room 116, Alumni College, 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 14

W.I.C., Room 116, Alumni College, 8:00 am
Nurses' Pinning Ceremony, Theater, 4:00 pm

Friday, May 15

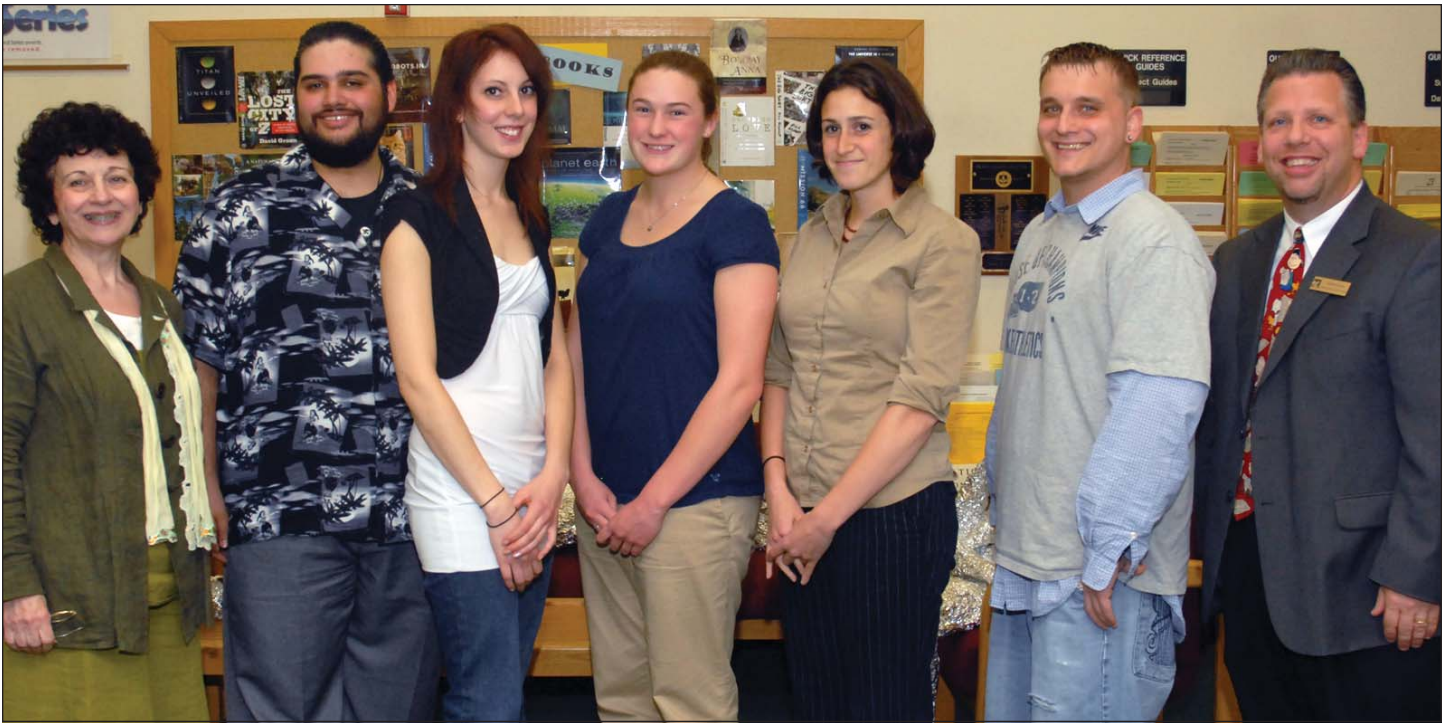
Graduation Ceremony, Utica Auditorium, 4:00 pm
Center Stage Dance Studio: Recital, Theater, 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 16

Defensive Driving Course, Room 205, Plumley, 9:00 am
Center Stage Dance Studio: Recital, Theater, 12:00 & 6:00 pm



Bolton



TOP TERM PAPERS - The 19th Annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Awards for term paper writing were presented on Friday during a ceremony held in the library on the Utica Campus. Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs Dr. Maryrose Eannace presented the awards along with praising the students for coming up with such creative topics. Pictured here from left are: Dr. Eannace, Joseph R. Astalfa, third place; Heather Kowalski, second place; Ashley Armstrong, first place; April Vroman, fourth place; Dominick Clark, honorable mention; and Stephen Frisbee, Director of College Libraries.

Shipwreck essay wins Thorpe award

The College Libraries announced the winners of the 19th Annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award term paper contest this week.

Marjorie Thorpe was a librarian at MVCC from 1962 until her retirement in 1968. In 1982 she was awarded the title Professor Emerita for her outstanding service to the College. She died in 1989 at the age of 91, leaving a sum of money to the College Libraries to be used for the annual term paper contest.

This year 43 papers were submitted by 38 students from Oneida, Madison, and Otsego counties and judged by seven librarians on the Utica and Rome Campus Libraries. The papers were judged on the variety and quality of sources (50 percent), accurate and appropriate use of references (bibliography and citations, 20 percent), and writing style (30 percent).

First place goes to Ashley Armstrong, of Rome, for her paper entitled "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: the Story, the Mystery, the Song," written for English 102: Ideas and Values in Literature under Instructor Professor George Searles. She received a check for \$100 and a certificate.

Second place goes to Heather Kowalski of Whitesboro, for her paper "The Mortality of Hamlet," written for English 255: World Literature under Instructor Assistant Professor Satya Tandon. She received a check for \$75 and a certificate.

The third place winner is Joseph R. Astalfa, of Marcy,

for his paper "Anne Sexton: Confessional Poet or Just a Confessor?," written for English 198: Contemporary Poetry under Professor George Searles. He received a check for \$50 and a certificate.

Fourth place goes to April Vroman, of New York Mills, for her paper "A Promising Generation," written for English 102: Ideas and Values in Literature under Instructor Professor James Gifford. She receives a check for \$25 and a certificate.

Honorable mention goes to three individuals this year. Eric York, of Sandy Creek, who was last year's winner. He receives a certificate and gift for his paper "Tolkien: Foolhardy Rebel," written for English 102: Ideas and Values in Literature under Instructor Gregory Sydoriw. Second honorable mention goes to Garrett Russitano, of Rome, who received a certificate and gift for his paper "Ezra Cornell and the Founding of Cornell University," written for English 102: Ideas and Values in Literature under Instructor Professor George Searles. Third honorable mention goes to Dominick Clark of Utica, for his paper "Cha-No-Yu: the Power of a Cup of Tea," written for Anthropology 102: Cultural Anthropology under Instructor Assistant Professor Diana Ayers-Darling.

The MVCC Libraries would like to thank all those students who worked hard and submitted their papers to the contest. They are all examples of the fine students to be found at MVCC.

208 participants take part in Ted Moore Run/Walk

The 12th annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 2, attracted 208 participants, tying the largest number to take part in this event. The awards and results are as follows:

Male Overall Winner: David Putney, Newport, 17:17

Female Overall Winner: Alex Benn, Sauquoit, 23:06

Ted Moore 5k Run Results

Place Name Hometown Time

1. David Putney, Newport	17:17
2. Jim Fiore, Utica	18:04
3. Jack Bernard, Boonville	18:12
4. Bradley Lewthwaite, Rome	18:34
5. Paul Humphrey, Deerfield	18:58
6. Scott Suba, Deerfield	19:38
7. Ed Elias, Marcy	19:48
8. Zachary Relyea, Stockbridge	20:15
9. Ronald Esposito, Deerfield	20:22
10. Charles Wilson, Munnsville	20:57
11. Jonathan Netzband, Oneida	20:58
12. Harold Gardner, Norwich	21:19
13. Ed Coluccio, Rome	21:40
14. Steve Sweet, Clinton	22:12
15. Dan Casler, Little Falls	22:16
16. Joe Langlois, Ilion	22:24
17. Matthew Misiaszek, Oneida	22:27
18. Chris Kobos, East Syracuse	22:55
19. Patricio Whitton, Clinton	22:56
20. George Gebo, Cleveland	23:02
21. Alex Benn, Sauquoit	23:06
22. Stephen Vanduren, New Hartford	23:12
23. Emily Humphrey, Deerfield	23:23
24. Robert Tallman, Oneida	23:58
25. Corey Hendee, Chester	24:09
26. Neal Evans, Utica	24:16
27. Shane Sullivan, Sherrill	24:19
28. Jeffrey Mower, Mohawk	24:22
29. Kermit Cadrette, Rome	24:35
30. Dana Smith, Munnsville	24:35
31. Danny Winn, New Hartford	25:01
32. Stephen Sydoriw, Clinton	25:03
33. Chub Bailly, Clinton	25:10
34. Richard Stanley, Clinton	25:15
35. Brett Vanderlan, Utica	25:16
36. Molly Bommer, Holland Patent	25:19
37. William Fazakas, Rome	25:21
38. Derek Schoonmaker, Norwich	25:33
39. Valerie Cognito, New Hartford	25:35
40. William Read, Whitesboro	25:40
41. Mary Bass, Herkimer	25:43
42. Rachel Jackson, Munnsville	25:52
43. Brett Levitt, Utica	26:07
44. Frank Grimaldi, Marcy	26:09
45. Marcus Eychner, Rome	26:11
46. Michael Montana, New Hartford	26:13
47. Sam Casler, Little Falls	26:21



48. Anthony Nicotra, Syracuse	26:27	92. Debra Reifenrath, Conesus	31:14
49. Kevin Hoehn, Rome	26:27	93. Diana Ayers-Darling, Slaisbury Center	31:14
50. Daniel Massey, West Winfield	26:33	94. Sandi Shephard, Mohawk	31:16
51. Morgan Steere, Deerfield	26:38	95. Audrey Hartman, Herkimer	31:17
52. Pamela Fess, Whitesboro	26:40	96. Joseph Madeira, Utica	31:30
53. Amanda Vanderlan, Utica	26:40	97. Caroline Levitt, Utica	31:33
54. George Oswald, Old Forge	26:48	98. Steve Getchell, Munnsville	31:34
55. Joseph Miller, Waterville	26:50	99. Sarah Sydoriw, Clinton	31:47
56. Stefano Nivaggi, Utica	26:59	100. Kally Degroat, Munnsville	31:55
57. Karen Schaffer, Utica	27:07	101. Hart Anway, Clinton	31:56
58. Russ Penner, Hubbardsville	27:10	102. Elaine Cobb, Little Falls	32:06
59. Tom Phillips, Munnsville	27:30	103. Marion Oswald, Old Forge	32:13
60. Lauren Michels, Clinton	27:30	104. Darlene Whitaker, Remsen	32:19
61. April Vroman, New York Mills	27:33	105. Samantha Jackson, Munnsville	32:26
62. Dhia Degroat, Munnsville	27:45	106. Valerie Caruso, Utica	32:29
63. Maryann Wright, Utica	27:47	107. Brianna Dygert, Oneida	32:30
64. Leslie Smith, Deerfield	27:47	108. Christina Reap, Clinton	32:42
65. Randy VanWagoner, New Hartford	27:54	109. Leon Frost, Herkimer	32:47
66. Jon Lyon, Whitesboro	27:56	110. Patricia Elsenbeck, New Hartford	32:58
67. Evan Moore, Sauquoit	28:01	111. Barbara Deangelo, Utica	33:53
68. Mark L Desjardins, Marcy	28:04	112. Stacey Smith, Remsen	34:02
69. Courtney Bendall, Rome	28:06	113. Jennifer McDonald, Remsen	34:27
70. Melissa Babula, New York Mills	28:25	114. Marianne Buttenschon, Marcy	34:28
71. Kelly Smith, New York Mills	28:27	115. Cathy Jerrard, New Hartford	34:34
72. Stephen Mazza, Utica	28:28	116. Judy Sweet, Clinton	34:34
73. Stephanie Babula, New York Mills	28:36	117. Virginia Dosch, Clinton	34:35
74. George Searles, Clinton	28:46	118. Robert Dempsey, New Hartford	34:45
75. Susan Tucker, Ilion	29:16	119. Jeffrey Hoffman, Utica	35:25
76. Deb Weakley, Utica	29:35	120. Chris Hoffman, Utica	35:26
77. Kendra Phillips, Munnsville	29:38	121. Paula Ann May, Utica	36:29
78. Dana Jerrard, New Hartford	29:40	122. Donald Macintosh, Yorkville	36:56
79. Michelle Duncan, Utica	30:00	123. Kelsey Kinney, Munnsville	38:18
80. Kylie Phillips, Munnsville	30:02	124. David Penner, Hubbardsville	38:22
81. Alyssa Lynch, Oneida	30:02	125. Alexandra Netzband, Oneida	38:34
82. Gregory Sydoriw, New York Mills	30:09	126. Judy Durso, Whitesboro	38:59
83. Marisa Graziano, New Hartford	30:19	127. Kyle Millington, Utica	39:55
84. Jennifer Buono, New York Mills	30:22	128. Tyler Piliro, New Hartford	40:34
85. Carol Moore, Ilion	30:25	129. Pamela Piliro, New Hartford	40:34
86. Lisa Depalma, Syracuse	30:25	130. Zack Blake, Clay	40:50
87. Joseph Penabad, New Hartford	30:28	131. Doreen Cameron, Utica	41:04
88. Cassie Marshall, Munnsville	30:42	132. Kathleen Fuller, Utica	41:11
89. Mary Leahy, Ilion	30:48	133. Erin Steere, Deerfield	43:08
90. Nancy Hartmann, New Hartford	31:06	134. Sean Steere, Deerfield	43:09
91. Susan Mahaney, New Hartford	31:06	135. Judee Horace, Utica	51:49

Enjoy sounds of jazz, smell of soul food at 'Feed Your Soul Food & Music Celebration'

The sounds of jazz and smell of soul food will fill the air of MVCC's Utica Campus on Sunday, June 7, during the "Feed Your Soul Food and Music Celebration." This inaugural event will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni College Center featuring music from the region's top jazz musicians, and food with help from the area's leading soul food aficionado.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Daron Malik Jae Simpson Memorial Scholarship for Single Mothers at MVCC. Daron was the grandson of former director of public information at the College, Bob Lacell. Bob worked at the College from 1973 until his retirement in 2006.

Headlining the festival will be Rick Montalbano, who has been performing since the 1960s with such jazz greats as Nick Brignola, Chuck Mangione, Phil Woods and Clark Terry. He's been a back up musician for Jane Monheit, Aretha Franklin, Patti Page and Joe Piscopo in the Showroom at the Turning Stone Casino. He also teaches jazz piano at Colgate University, Hamilton College, Syracuse University and LeMoyne College, and directs the jazz ensemble at SUNY IT.

Also performing will be the Carmen Caramanica Trio, and Grupo Pagán which is a Latin jazz and rock band from Syracuse. Carmen Caramanica has been a featured guitarist with Tony Orlando, Musical Director and arranger for singer Lou Rawls. He's been guest conductor and guitarist for the Tonight Show, Mike Douglas, Merv Griffin, and performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Grupo Pagán have performed behind Grammy winning Jazz flutist Dave Valentin and shared the stage with world



class performers such as Spyro Gyra, Xtreme, Ismael Miranda, Andy Montanez, Lou Gramm, B.B. King, Aretha Franklin, Peter Cetera, and Charo to name a few. Their diverse backgrounds combine into a high energy intoxicating brew of sound, with influences including Santana, and Shakira.

The tastes of soul food will be provided by Juanita Bass and Sodexo. Bass is owner of a food manufacturing company known as Juanita's Soul Classics, with products available in many upstate grocery stores, including spices, fish coating, and sweet potato pie and pecan pie. She is the former owner-operator of The White House Berries Inn. Tickets are \$20 for adults (\$25 at the door), \$10 for children under 12, and free for children under 5. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased at the MVCC bookstores, by calling (315)735-2945 or by visiting the website at www.mvcc.edu/tickets.

Information on the Daron Malik Jae Simpson Memorial Scholarship for Single Mothers is available online at www.daronscholarship.org.

Scholarships awarded at ceremony

The Institutional Advancement Office plays a major role in helping students realize their dreams at MVCC by providing over 100 scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships were honored this week during the annual MVCC Scholarship Reception and Award Ceremony held in the theater.

Speaking at the event was College President Randall VanWagoner and Foundation Board President Dana Jerard. Other representatives of the College on hand included Board of Trustees David Mathis, Mary Carmel Wolf, Michael Austin, and Bill Callis, Jr., and student trustee Maria Tretter. From the Foundation Board were Rick Short and Elizabeth Harvilla.

There were approximately 130 students, family and friends, faculty and staff in attendance.

The College's Institutional Advancement Office provides over \$200,000 in scholarships annually.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - Instructor Robert Huyck, of the Business and Information Technology Department, shakes hands with Carmen Keane while presenting her with one of several scholarships.

Dual Credit Program receives accreditation

Mohawk Valley Community College's Dual Credit Program was received full accreditation from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Programs (NACEP) during the organization's April Board Meeting.

NACEP is the professional organization for high schools and colleges which foster and support rigorous concurrent enrollment. NACEP was established in 1999 in response to the dramatic increase in concurrent enrollment courses throughout the country, and serves as a national accrediting

body which supports all members by providing standards of excellence, research, communication, and advocacy.

As a fully NACEP accredited institution, MVCC has demonstrated its dedication to ensuring the academic rigor of the MVCC courses which are offered at the high schools in the region.

The accreditation further bolsters the transferability of MVCC credit-bearing courses that area high school students take right at their home schools.

Open Letter to College Community

Dear MVCC Colleagues,

Can you tell which occupation meets the following criteria?

Is both new and old

Claims elements of art, science, and professionalism

Offers lifelong career opportunities without the requisite of changing fields

Serves society's health and well – being

Offers participation in life's major events

Offers interpersonal interaction in a high-technology world

Develops self-understanding

Provides immeasurable personal satisfaction

Confronts issues of humanism, ethics, legalities, and economics that shape public policy

Encourages entrepreneurs in the business of health

Offers wide diversity of career possibilities

Claims professional care as its area of expertise

IT'S NURSING

National Nurses' Week is May 6-12. Please join me in saying THANK YOU to our Nursing Faculty, Staff, Students and Graduates for the caring behaviors they continue to demonstrate day after day.

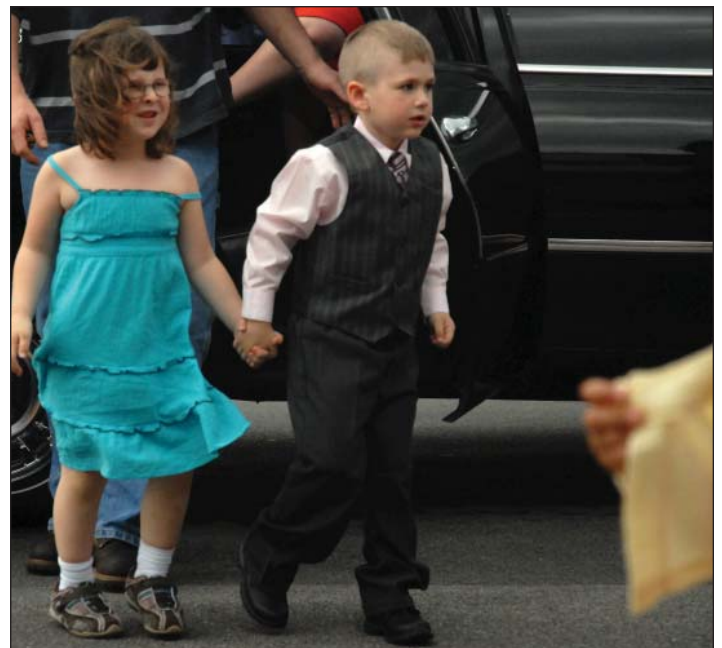
Thanks for your commitment and all you do for our team. You're a nurse who deserves our highest esteem with a standard of care that's second to none, you touch lives forever and impress everyone.

Nancy Caputo
Professor/Department Head
Health Services Department

Kiddie Campus Prom



WE ARE LOOKING GOOD - Brian Greco, owner of Bear's Limousine Service, opens the door for Kiddie Campus children as they head off to their prom. This was the first year for the prom which was a big success.



Campus in a limousine which Ms. DiGiorgio arranged with the Bear's Limousine Service of Utica.

After their ride, they enjoyed dancing, lunch and a year-end video of all the good times.

Thanks to the hard work of the Kiddie Campus staff and with the help of Denise DiGiorgio, the children in the College's Day Care Program were able to enjoy a Kiddie Campus Prom. The children enjoyed a ride around the Utica