



## Reorganization, new deans set for Fall

After months of work across the campuses, the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved an academic realignment. This will reassign existing faculty and staff into new academic centers that connect directly with students' learning needs and MVCC's strategic goals.

The centers and deans are: Center for Life and Health Sciences (Robert Jubenville, Ph.D.); Center for Business, Social Sciences and Information Technology (Marianne Buttenschon); Center for Arts and Humanities (Lewis Kahler); Center for Language and Learning Design (Jennifer Boulanger, Ed.D.); and Center for Mathematics, Engineering, Physical Science and Applied Technology (Don Willner).

Deans will report to Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs Maryrose Eannace, Ph.D. Also reporting to Dr. Eannace will be new Innovation Team Leaders for P-20 STEM Arc; International Education; Art Infusion; and Community Restoration. Educational Technology Support and Library Services will continue to report to Dr. Eannace.

Faculty will be evaluated by the deans. A faculty member with responsibilities in multiple centers will report to one dean in her or his home center.

"This structure is a bold step toward advancing our strategic plan, and it supports current staffing levels," says President Randall VanWagoner, Ph.D. "The nimble, strategic thinking that came to the fore during this team design process sets a creative tone, and our students will appreciate how we are working together to improve their



**NEW DEANS** - Professor Robert Jubenville, Ph.D., has been named the dean for the Center for Life and Health Sciences and Assistant Professor Lewis Kahler will be the dean for the Center for Arts and Humanities.

experience."

Activities over the summer will ready the new structure for the Fall 2009 semester. The campus-wide conversations led by Dr. Eannace and the Re-Organization Design Team continue via a new e-mail contact point ([laareorg@mvcc.edu](mailto:laareorg@mvcc.edu)), which went live May 19 and will be supplemented by a FAQ site. Dr. Eannace is starting to meet with support staff, new deans, assistant deans, innovation leaders, associate deans, program directors, and department heads to explore the transition.

Dr. Eannace and the deans will collaborate throughout the summer on retreats and other professional development activities to build teams, identify priorities, and open communication lines. As they consider refinements, the deans and Dr. Eannace will be

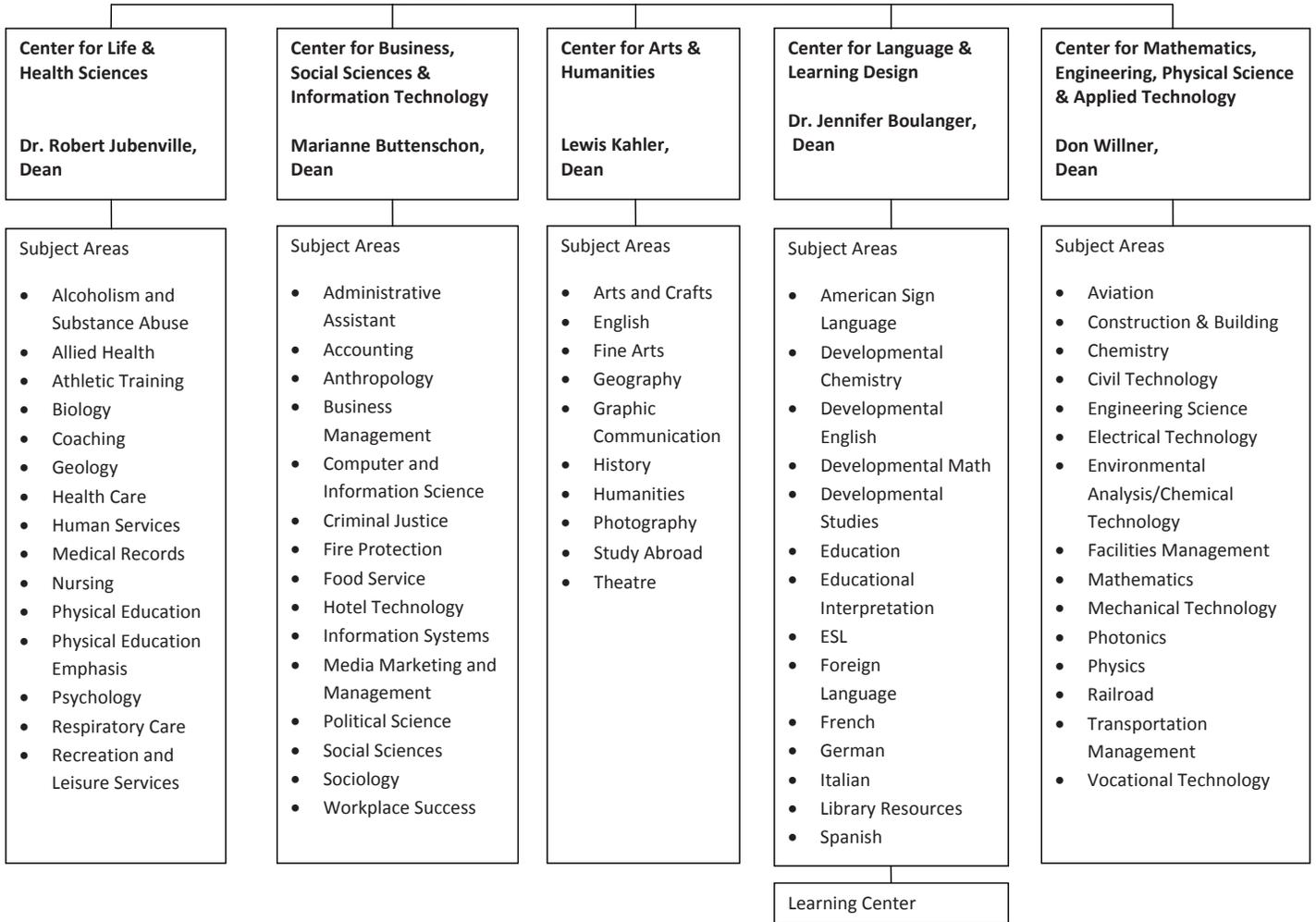
informed by inputs from the summer and the next academic year.

"I am most grateful for the department heads and their commitment, energy, and service, and for the hard work and innovative spirit of our design team of Kitty Dack, Rich Pucine, Jim Lynch, and Bob Jubenville," says Dr. Eannace. "This entire community has been responsive at every step, and the new structure will reflect shared energy and purpose."

For more information, e-mail [laareorg@mvcc.edu](mailto:laareorg@mvcc.edu) or contact the Office of the Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs at x5301.

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## MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC CENTERS



## CCED offers summer camps for children

The College's CCED will be offering a series of day camps over a six-week period this summer for children ages 3 to 11. This is an opportunity for children to experience fun activities, such as arts and crafts, sports, computers, games, hiking, and swimming at our expansive facilities on the Utica campus.

The first week of camp will be July 6-10. Camps will continue through the week of August 10-14.

Parents can choose from the following options: Full Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Morning Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; Afternoon Day Camp, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The cost for Full Day Camp is \$140 and \$115 for a second family member. The Morning Day Camp is \$70 and the Afternoon Day Camp is \$80.

These camps are open to the community as well as college employees. For more information or to register, contact CCED at 792-5300.



**EVERYTHING BUT THE ANTS** – The Art Department's Three-Dimension Design class, under the direction of Assistant Professor Christi Harrington, created a picnic atmosphere in the Library on the Utica Campus with the use of aluminum foil. This is the second time in three years the students created foil characters, the last being an alien invasion. Everything from blanket to cups are made from foil.

# After 20 percent fund growth, DuRoss named Executive Director

Frank B. DuRoss has been a familiar face around Utica and on both campuses, especially during his seven months' service as interim executive director of Institutional Advancement.

His attachment to the MVCC community grew stronger during an intensive May search and has been solidified further by the unanimous, May 18, decision by the Board of Trustees to remove "interim" from his title and confirm his appointment as executive director.

The Trustee appointment follows DuRoss' numerous successes as interim director. Even in a challenging market, DuRoss' team leadership was at the forefront of a 20 percent jump in Annual Fund revenue (including hundreds of new donors); four new planned giving commitments; four high-profile alumni events; major sponsorship of MVCC's Cultural Series; and 100 percent participation rate among IA staff.

"Despite the difficult financial marketplace, Frank has generated impressive results for the College and its students," says President Randall VanWagoner. "We should all be ex-

cited about the ways that our students, alumni, and supporters have connected with Frank."

DuRoss' success should come as no surprise, given his long history of business success and community connections. It was more than 25 years ago when DuRoss became a professional sports team owner with the Mohawk Valley Stars ice hockey team, saving the team from financial failure. DuRoss was also president of the Utica Devils; co-owner of the Maine Mariners (later the Calder Cup-winning Providence Bruins); and a member of the AHL Executive Committee. He has owned or started 18 successful business ventures, with a track record marked by one success after another.

Ventures DuRoss has led include the Rochester Rhinos Soccer Team, DuRoss Realty Corp., Oneida Asbestos Removal, and Oneida Building Services. DuRoss was instrumental in the construction of the ESL Sports Centre on the campus of Monroe Community College.

DuRoss oversees the MVCC Foundation, which awards more than



Frank DuRoss

\$250,000 annually in scholarships to more than 200 MVCC students. Awards range in size from \$100 to full tuition. DuRoss is a native of Utica and 1969 graduate from Notre Dame High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Utica College in 1972. He and his wife Liz have two children, Noelle and Frank Jr.

## Nursing students teach throughout the community

Second year nursing students embraced the spirit of Service Learning this past semester by engaging in primary health care prevention education throughout Oneida County.

Several diverse off-campus sites were visited including the Walmart Distribution Center, St. Elizabeth's Women and Children's Health Center, the Neighborhood Center of Utica, Hope House, and the Cutting Edge Fitness Center. Topics were specific to population groups and included "how to prevent dental caries" and "the importance of SPF 15 and limited sun exposure for the prevention of melanoma."

In an effort to prepare students to have a better understanding of their communities' health needs, challenge prejudices, expand views of culture and society, and develop more realistic attitudes about citizen involvement, MVCC nursing instructors and institutions will continue to form these types of partnerships for mutually beneficial outcomes.

Assistant Professor Pam Fess says, "without a doubt, this type of service learning not only provides much needed education but it also enables nursing students a way to move into the center of community issues - to be part of the solution, rather than the problem."



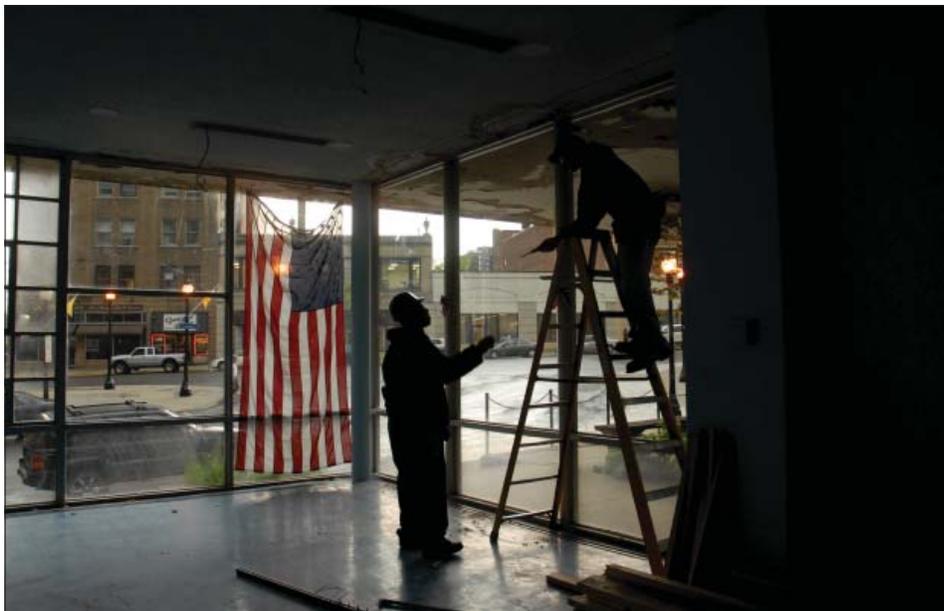
# Stimulus money invested locally for youth

Franca Armstrong, director of CCED, and David Mathis, director of Oneida County Workforce Development, have teamed together to invest stimulus money to educate youth in the field of construction.

The Reinvestment Act, passed by President Barack Obama, has brought stimulus money locally for two local construction projects. There will be 43 students ages 19-24, working four hours a day for four days a week. Students will earn \$7.25.

The first project is located in downtown Utica at the former YMCA. The building is now owned by a non-profit agency called Utica City Development. The agency is turning the former YMCA into a Veterans Outreach Center.

The project started May 4, with the students building an Internet café within the building and incorporating LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) guidelines for Green Building installation. This includes non-VOC paint, reuse of demolished materials, LED lighting, and carpet tile flooring.



**PUTTING KIDS TO WORK** - Students work on the front windows of the former YMCA on Genesee Street as part of the Reinvestment Act signed into law by President Barack Obama.

The second project is located at 201 West Dominick Street, in Rome, and is a former department store that is being turned into a four micro-enterprise small business units. Students will be learning various construction skills on

both sites such as demolition, framing, hanging sheetrock, mudding, taping, painting and flooring.

Brian Judycki, assistant professor, is the project manager for both projects.

## Snyder to lead marketing and communications team

Matthew R. Snyder, formerly director of communications and media relations in Syracuse University's Division of Student Affairs, began May 14, as



Snyder

Director of Marketing and Communications at Mohawk Valley Community College.

In his new role Snyder guides the MVCC community in creating marketing strategies, leads the Marketing and Communications team, and serves on the cabinet of President Randall VanWagoner. He oversees the college-wide processes that drive the College's Web presence, public relations, advertising, and branding.

During his six years at SU, Snyder served as assistant and associate director in News Services, then joined

the Division of Student Affairs, where he led a university-wide effort to communicate with students and parents. This work has supported students' experience at SU and garnered recognition from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and other professional organizations.

He is on the steering committee of Vera House Inc.'s White Ribbon Campaign to End Domestic Violence; a 2008 graduate of Leadership Greater Syracuse; and president of the Oneida Lake Association.

Before SU, Snyder served in public relations roles for The Chronicle of Higher Education; American Farmland Trust; and Phillips Publishing, Inc. While launching his career in the Washington, D.C. market, he completed a bachelor's degree in print journal-

ism and public affairs and a master's degree in public communications, all from American University.

Working with the Office of the President and the Marketing and Communications staff, Snyder will spend this summer building relationships between the M&C team and constituents across MVCC, and will take part in strategic initiatives to create a new logo, Web presence, and brand identity for the College. For more information or to offer input, contact Snyder at [msnyder2@mvcc.edu](mailto:msnyder2@mvcc.edu).

"The local mission of this college really connects with my sense of professional purpose," says Snyder, "and I'm already appreciating the strong team spirit among my MVCC colleagues. I'm looking forward to building strong relationships and accomplishing good things for our students."

# Urtz places sixth at state math challenge

The work being done by the College's Mathematics Department was highlighted this spring as one of MVCC's students placed among the top 10 during the New York State Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges (NYSMATYC) Mathematics Challenge.

Tom Urtz scored the sixth highest out of 680 competitors from 25 colleges during the spring portion of the competition. These mathematics challenges are held each fall and spring.

In the team competition (the top five individual scores), MVCC placed sixth this spring with 165 points. MVCC's combined scores from the fall and spring challenges added up to the fourth highest total in the state. During the Fall challenge, there were more than 700 students taking part.

At the annual NYSMATYC conference last month, Urtz received a software package as reward for his combined fall and spring scores placing him sixth in New York.

## College hosts respiratory seminar

Maquet Critical Care Corporation held a Respiratory Therapy Teaching Day on the Utica campus on March 31, with 45 participants, to including respiratory program students and faculty, and respiratory therapists from the community, attending. This educational seminar was sponsored by the MVCC Respiratory Care Program and Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare.

The teaching day revolved around the Siemens 1 ventilator, which offers a new, high-tech ventilator mode called neutrally adjusted ventilatory assist and the Open Lung Tool. Maquet's clinical applications specialist, Erik Boergesson, helped deliver the four hour presentation that offered Continuing Respiratory Education Credits for area therapists.



**ENJOYING WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS** - Elizabeth Harvilla, Alumni Board and Foundation Board member, and Don Dylis view the Alumni Art Exhibit. The annual exhibit was held in the Academic Building Gallery on the second floor. The artwork was created by MVCC alumni.



**DRESSED TO IMPRESS** - Members of the Business Information and Technology Department, Kyle Lince and Robert Huyck (right), were on hand for the College's "An Evening of Business and Dining Etiquette."

## Lecture exposes students to business etiquette

The Business Information and Technology Department and Faculty Collaboration Project hosted "An Evening of Business and Dining Etiquette" for students with keynote speaker Professor Brian Earle of Cornell University.



Earle

This event was designed to expose students to real life situations in the business world. Students were required to dress as if they were attending a business meeting where they are being interviewed for a professional position.

Earle provided unique insight on business and dining etiquette by discussing the origins of etiquette, what to do during a business lunch or dinner, placement of utensils, what to wear, what to say, what to order, and when to order.

"The Etiquette Dinner was a wonderful success," said MVCC Instructor Rosemary Fuoco. "The students were very interested and enthusiastic while listening to his presentation."

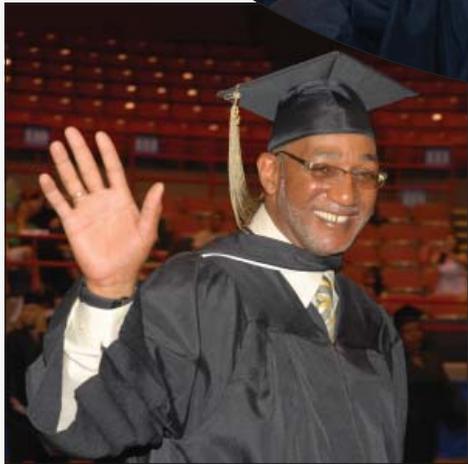
Earle specializes in interpersonal and organizational communication along with having done research on successful methods of placement interviews.

## Donation will help welding students

Mohawk Valley Community College has recently established a Welding Chair foundation that will be directed by Michael S. Sorrentino, welding instructor and advisor. The funds are to be designated for new equipment and scholarships for welding students.

The fund is worth approximately \$11,000, of which \$10,000 was donated by Sandy Sorrentino MD, PhD, PC, and Marie Sorrentino, MD. They are Michael's parents.

2009 Commencement - Let the celebration begin!



# MVCC budgets for growth, academic improvements

At the May 18 meeting, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the College's proposed operating budget of \$45.1 million for fiscal year 2009-10.

This represents an increase of 3.98 percent. Strategic investments include a realignment of MVCC's academic structure, maintenance of the previous budget's commitment to technology and equipment resources, and professional development for teaching and administrative employees.

The academic reorganization is key among these investments. Following an extensive process of design and feedback, the College announced Monday that it will reassign its existing departments and instructors into five new academic centers.

This budget follows seven consecutive semesters of increased enrollment at MVCC. The budget projects a 3.8

percent increase in enrollment from 2008-09 to 2009-10, with part-time and full-time enrollment growing at a similar pace—trends that reflect the economic environment as well as MVCC's strategic agenda for managed enrollment growth.

In light of the academic reorganization and enrollment growth, the number of employees at the college will grow by 5 to 10.

The college is actively recruiting adjunct faculty, and it is expected that 18 full-time faculty openings will be searched during the coming year.

Full-time tuition, currently set at \$3,250, will increase by about 3 percent to \$3,350. Full-time tuition has grown by \$50 or \$100 increments in each of the last 5 years. The part-time rate of \$120 per credit hour has been in place for the last four years.

## 'Celebration of Success' brings employees together

It was a party in the Information Technology Building on Thursday as more than 140 College employees attended the "Celebration of Success" gathering.

This year's event featured a luau theme with a disc jockey "spinning" the records (actually all were digital) while employees enjoyed food and drink provided by Sodexo. Several co-workers took to the floor and danced along with the high-energy music.

There was also a Penny Auction in which 19 gift baskets were donated by individuals and College offices. The auction raised \$255, which will be combined with the money raised from employee recognition party that will be held in the fall. This money will be donated to a local charity which will be selected in the fall.

The organizers thank everyone who attended. The Employee Recognition Committee, which is to thank everyone who donated a basket, and congratulates all the winners.



**PARTY LIKE THERE IS NO TOMORROW** – The College's employees enjoyed themselves during the "Celebration of Success" held in the Information Technology Building on Thursday. More than 140 attended, including (above), Stephen Frisbee, Jim Sunderhaft and David Katz. Below are some colleagues who do the real work: Tania Bader, Jody Marchetta, Geri Sultenfuss, Linda Nielsen, Cheryl Primarolo, and Margaret Decker.



**PLAY BALL** – Four members of the baseball team worked with the children from the Kiddie Campus this past month by showing them how to throw and hit the baseball. Team members were Pat O'Brien, Tony Peveraro, Harry Campbell, and Erik Sheridan. Seen here are members of the Kiddie Campus staff, children and players.



## Welding students 'Go Green' again

The students in the welding program at MVCC are taking part in a community project to enhance the beauty of Genesee Street.

With the use of scrap iron which has accumulated in the welding shop over the year, the students have created a 9-foot tall, 5-foot wide iron tree that features individual branches and realistic bark. Once the frame of the tree is completed, they will attach metal leaves.

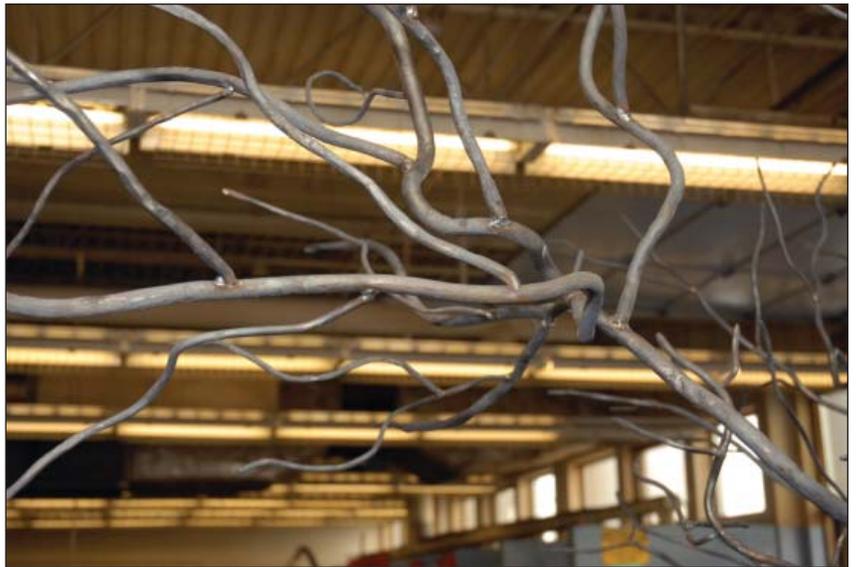
All this work will be installed outside the offices of J.K. Hage on the corner of South Street and Genesee Street.

"They are very much into going green and the idea of using recycled steel to fabricate a tree was a hit idea. They asked if we could do this and the students were very enthusiastic about the project," said Michael Sorrentino, welding instructor in the Engineering Technologies and The Trades Department.

Hage, a local attorney, is commissioning this work.

There are six students working on the tree over the next few weeks with hopes of having it installed over the summer.

A unique feature on the trunk of this steel tree is a hole where a bird's nest will be situated. One of the students working on the project is also a glass blower by trade and has volunteered to create a glass bird for the sculpture.



Have a safe &  
enjoyable summer!