



Visalli, Phillips are the pride of MVCC

When it comes to going the extra mile for students at MVCC, the names of Lorie Phillips and Janet Visalli leap to the top of the list. For their hard work and dedication to the College, they were selected as the recipients of the inaugural Pride of the Hawk and Heart of the Hawk awards.



Visalli is the Director of Adult Learner Services whose focus is to help returning adults students make a smooth transition into the classroom. For her work, she was awarded the Pride of the Hawk.

Among other honors she has received, Visalli was among top educators and education programs in the Mohawk Valley honored by the Genesis Group. Visalli was recognized for her work with returning adult students, who are classified as non-traditional. Visalli provides hands-on solutions to issues adults students face, such as setting up academic advisement, tutors, and registration assistance.

She is also the advisor for the Returning Adult Student Association (RASA) which promotes the interests of returning adult students by hosting social and service events.

The recipient of the Heart of the Hawk was Phillips, who is a professor and Program Coordinator for Respiratory Care at the College. Phillips also works closely with area hospitals such as Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare to provide access for respiratory therapy students to a clinical setting.

This fall, she was instrumental in the Respiratory Care Program receiving the recommendation for re-accreditation without any stipulations from the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The re-accreditation process is a major undertaking for the program as they had to perform an extensive Self-Study which was then verified during the site visit by the CoARC representatives.

The "Heart of the Hawk" award is open to full-time teaching faculty. The "Pride of the Hawk" award is open to full-time non-teaching employee. The awards promote learning, accessibility, collaboration, excellence, diversity, affordability, or integrity.

Strong field for first awards

The inaugural Pride of the Hawk and Heart of the Hawk awards were marked by a field of outstanding nominees. Nominations came from students, faculty, and staff all over MVCC, recognizing the work of people who are having a positive effect on the college's educational mission. Some 22 people submitted or participated in nominations.

The nomination period for the next round of Hawk awards opened November 4; nomination forms are on the Human Resources Web site or in hard copy in the Office of the President.

The inaugural nominees for Pride of the Hawk and Hear of the Hawk were:



HONORING BEST OF THE BEST - Lorie Phillips and Janet Visalli were the recipients of the inaugural Pride of the Hawk and Heart of the Hawk awards, which recognizes the work of people who have a positive effect on the College's educational mission. Phillips was recipient of the Heart of the Hawk and Janet Visalli was the winner of the Pride of the Hawk.



Patti Antanavage
Sarah Coleman
Deanna Ferro
Richard Haubert
Dale Horton
William Hysell
John Joyce

Lewis Kahler
David Katz
Jennifer Krohn
Kelly McNamara
Sergey Myalik
Kim Overrocker
William Perrotti

Lorie Phillips
Deborah Pryputniewicz
Christine Roberts
Michael Sorrentino
Janet Visalli

Aviation center hosts After Business Hours reception

The MVCC Aviation Training Center was the site of a Business After Hours event on Thursday, September 17.

Dr. Ronald Cantor, Assistant Vice President and Dean of the Rome Campus, served as the host for the event and welcomed guests. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Rome Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman Ann Rushlo.

The training center, a former military airplane hangar, is the home of the college's Airframe and Powerplant Technology program. The approximately 70 people in attendance were able to stroll through the hangar among the aircraft and other parts and get an up-close look at the training center and all of the equipment available for instruction.

Guests also took full advantage of the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of the college's Boeing 727.

The event is a collaborative effort between the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and MVCC, allowing local chamber business members to gather in an informal setting to meet other chamber members, form relationships and establish partnerships which will be beneficial not only to those involved, but to the Mohawk Valley.

This is the third time MVCC has hosted this event, but the



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS - Ron Cantor, Assistant Vice President and Dean of the Rome Campus, accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Rome Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman Ann Rushlo during the Business After Hours reception held at the . MVCC Aviation Training Center located on the Griffiss Business Park.

A&P students restore F-4 Phantom for Air Force

It has been months in planning, and is finally a reality at the MVCC Aviation Training Center. The Air Force delivered an F-4 Phantom last month, which students in the Airframe and Powerplant Technology program are going to restore to vintage condition externally.

The A&P students will perform cosmetic restoration by repairing and replacing sections of sheet metal along the entire fuselage. Afterwards, the students will paint the aircraft with a design provided by the Air Force.

"This is a great opportunity for our students," said Walter Constantini, A&P program coordinator. "Instead of doing simulated work, they are doing the actual work they will experience after completing their training."

This aircraft came from the Newport (NY) radio testing station and was carried on a flatbed through the towns of Schuyler, Frankfort, Whitestown, and Marcy along with passing through the cities of Utica and Rome.

Constantini says this is a unique opportunity which he was excited to offer the Air Force. There are 23 students putting in over 80 hours of work into this project for an approximate total of 2,800

man-hours. The students going through the sheet metal training, corrosion control and aircraft finishing will satisfy three elements of their training on this project.

When all the work is done, the aircraft will be taxied to the far end of the airport, placed on a flatbed and transported down the road to the EADS (Eastern Air Defense Sector) facility where it will be mounted on a concrete pedestal sometime between now and the spring.

The F-4 Phantom was manufactured by McDonnell Douglass, featuring two J79 Spey turbojet afterburning engines. Its top speed was 1,485 mph.

"It is a unique aircraft in that it was from the Vietnam era but was also heavily used in Desert Storm," said Constantini. "It has a very extensive military history and the students are getting an opportunity to work on something considered a war bird (which refers to a vintage fighter aircraft)."



ROLLING DOWN THE HIGHWAY - The Air Force arranged to have this F-4 Phantom aircraft moved from the Newport (NY) radar testing station to the MVCC Aviation Training Center on the Griffiss Business Park. MVCC's Airframe and Powerplant Technology students will make cosmetic restorations to the aircraft which will then be placed on display outside the EADS (Eastern Air Defense Sector) facility, also located at Griffiss.

**Submit
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Congressman to join Vets Club for ceremony

On Wednesday, November 11 at 11 a.m., the MVCC Veterans' Club will mark Veterans Day with an event to honor all veterans. Rep. Michael Arcuri will read a proclamation thanking veterans for their service, and the honor guard and chorus from Proctor High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps will sing the national anthem and conduct a brief ceremony in which the U.S. flag will be raised while "Taps" is played.

Veterans of all nationalities are invited to attend, along with all students, faculty, staff, and neighbors of MVCC.

The event is sponsored by the MVCC Veterans' Club, which has been active with cleanups, charitable activities, and other ways of connecting veterans with the Oneida County community.

"MVCC has educated or employed literally thousands of veterans in its history," says student John Zayas, who is president of the Veterans' Club and a veteran of the U.S. Army. "We are proud to have this opportunity to say 'thank you' to men and women from all nations who have served the military with pride and dignity."

Earlier in the day, the Veterans' Club will host a private coffee



reception for all MVCC students, faculty, and staff who are veterans or who have family members who are veterans or are deployed. For information or to RSVP for the morning coffee, contact Zayas at hooah8804@aol.com or (315) 765-9112.



Students get firsthand knowledge on finding a job

The students in Rosemary Fuoco's Office Administration class received some very good advice from business professionals during a presentation in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building.

Fuoco arranged to have Deborah Facciolo, Procurement Analyst, and Carol Kunkel, Program Analyst, from Rome Lab to speak to the students on interview techniques, resume writing, how to properly dress for an interview and much more. This information was covered in a PowerPoint Presentation which lasted 45 minutes.

The women also discussed the SCEP and STEP programs at Rome Lab. SCEP (Student Career Experience Program) helps students gain work experience related to their academic field of study and many of those in the program are eligible for employment after completing their education requirements. STEP (Student Temporary Employments Program) employs students during the summer months which doesn't have to be related to their academic field of study.

"This allowed the students to get a feel and understanding of what they need to do in order to land employment after graduation," said Fuoco.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, November 9

- 8:30 am - ABATE, PH 300/IT218, 225
- 10 am - SNO: Pizza/Popcorn/Candy Sale, PC Atrium
- 11 am - International Club: Candy Sale, AB Lobby
- 3:00 pm - Chess Club: Informal Games, ACC 114
- 5 pm - Keuka College Information Session, IT 220
- 5:30 6:30 pm - CCED: Tai Chi, ACC 116
- 8 pm - Program Board: Monday Night Football- Pittsburgh vs. Denver, MV Commons

Tuesday, November 10

- 8:30 am - ABATE, PH 300/IT218, 225
- 12 pm - Program Board: Mo Amer, Comedian, MV Commons
- 2 pm - Cultural Series Lecture: "Macbeth" w/Claire Warden, ACC 116
- 6 pm - Women's Basketball vs. Broome CC, Gym
- 7 pm - Acoustic Café: The Jen Chapin Trio, ACC 116
- 7 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons
- 8 pm - Men's Basketball vs. Broome CC, Gym

Wednesday, November 11

- 10 am - College Representative from St. Rose, MV Commons
- 10 am - Habitat for Humanity: Raffle, AB Lobby
- 10 am - SNO: Pizza/Popcorn/Candy Sale, PC Atrium
- 11 am - International Club: Candy Sale, AB Lobby
- 11 am - Veteran's Club: Veteran's Day Ceremony, AB Flagpole
- 12 pm - Cultural Series Art Lecture/Reception: "Wildlife Photography" w/ Eric Dresser, IT 225/Gallery
- 6:30 pm - Cultural Series Movie/Lecture: "G.I. Joe" w/Kyle Lince, PC Auditorium
- 7 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, November 12

- 8 am - W.I.C., ACC 116
- 11 am - HR: Benefits Fair, PH 300

Saturday, November 14

- 8 am - MVCAA: Drinking Driver Program Class, RA 306
- 8 am - Oneida County Civil Service Exams, AB 226-232
- 8 am - Chess Tournament, IT 225
- 10 am - MVCC Fall Open House, MV Commons
- 1 pm - Men's Basketball vs. Erie CC, Gym
- 7 pm - RSAA: Masked Ball, PC Atrium

Women's Cross Country seeks to defend national title

Mohawk Valley Community College's Women's Cross Country team will seek to defend their 2008-09 NJCAA national championship and the Men's harriers will seek their national



Hoffman

title at this weekend's national championship meet, to be held at Finger Lakes Community College.

Leading the Hawks over the past two weeks was sophomore Hannah Hoffman who won the Mountain Valley Conference championship and the Region III crown for the Hawks. Hoffman has been named Region III's Female Athlete of the Week for the

second time this season as she won the regional race in a time of 20:46. She is undefeated among junior and community college competitors.

Also leading MVCC will be Cassie White and Michelle Page, who were both named to the All Region III team for their finishes.

In other MVCC sports news ...

Women's Soccer: Samantha Spohler has raised her level of playing while leading the Mohawk Valley Community College women's soccer team the NJCAA Region III, Division III championship last weekend.

Spohler scored three goals to pace the Hawks in a 5-3 victory over Jefferson CC in the semifinals. She came back in the championship game with two goals and one assist as MVCC knocked off Finger Lakes CC, 3-2, in overtime.

Also pacing the Hawks in the Jefferson game was Nicole DiNitto as MVCC lead 3-1 at halftime. Goalkeeper Caitlyn Smith made eight saves to preserve the win. In the championship game, which was held in Cortland, Alyssa Upson scored a goal for MVCC while Smith made six saves between the posts.

Hawks in action update

Men's Soccer: The men's soccer team defeated Finger Lakes CC Tuesday in a quarter final match, 2-0, to advance to the final four this weekend at Tompkins Cortland CC. They are seeded #3 and take on #2 North Country CC on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The regional championship game on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer: The women's soccer team will play Nassau CC on Saturday at Tompkins Cortland CC at 5:30 p.m. If they win, they'll advance to the National Tournament on November 14-15 at Herkimer CCC.

Men and Women's Cross Country: The men's and women's cross country teams compete for national championships on Saturday at Finger Lakes CC at 10 a.m. for the men and 11 a.m. for the women.

Men and Women's Basketball: This weekend they host the annual Torchia Classic which benefits the Anthony Torchia Memorial Scholarship. The men tip off Friday with 6 and 8 p.m. games with the Hawks playing in the nightcap. Consolation and Championship games are Saturday at 12 and 2 p.m. The women compete on Saturday with 5 and 7 p.m. games with the Hawks playing the late game. Consolation and championship games are Sunday at 12 and 2 p.m.

Ice Hockey: The ice hockey team takes on SUNY Canton on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

If your schedule permits please consider attending and supporting the Hawks.

These two victories advance MVCC to the NJCAA District Championship game against Nassau CC on Saturday, November 7, at 5:30 p.m. on the campus of Tompkins-Cortland CC.

Women's Basketball: The Hawks picked up the 2009-2010 season where they left off as MVCC flew past Finger Lakes CC to a 90-74 victory. The top gun for the Hawks was freshman guard Dominique Washington with 29 points. The Hawks host the Torchia Classic on Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8.

Men's Basketball: A pair of sophomores stepped up their game to pace MVCC to a season open victory over Finger Lakes CC, 58-58. Sophomore guard Bradley Griffin led all the scoring with 16 points while teammate Jerome Davis added 11 points to put the game away. MVCC hosts the Torchia Classic on Friday and Saturday, November 6-7.

Ice Hockey: The Hawks were led by Dustin Frankey and David Roy with one goal each as MVCC opened the season with back-to-back defeats to Oswego State ACHA, 6-2, and Erie CC, 12-1.

Frankey also scored one goal and assisted on a second as MVCC dropped a 15-3 final to Monroe CC. Also scoring for the Hawks was David Roy as MVCC slips to 0-3 and 0-4.

Athlete of the Week: For Samantha Spohler's performance of two goals and one assist in the 3-2 overtime victory against Finger Lakes CC en route to the Hawks' Region III Championship, she has been named the MVCC Athlete of the Week. Spohler scored the game-winning goal eight minutes into the first overtime. She is a freshman Physical Education major who graduated from Cairo Durham High School.



Spohler



A CALL TO MEN - The Counseling Center staff gathers for a picture with Tony Porter, the presenter and co-founder of "A Call to Men." The program was held Tuesday, Oct. 27 in the Theater. Pictured from bottom left are: Rose Button, Assistant Dean for Student Support; Porter; Dr. Matt Russo, Counselor; Maimun Khan, Counselor; Amanda Damiano, Program Specialist.

Brighten the holidays as a secret Santa

As many of you may know, Kiddie Campus kicks off the holiday season with the "holiday helpers program." This program not only brightens the holidays for the children, but is an expression of the unity and generosity here at MVCC.

For details please e-mail Robin Saxe. We look forward to hearing from you and have a wonderful holiday season.