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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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Newest PTK members reflect well on MVCC

It was a day of celebration and mourning in the academic world when MVCC inducted 45 students into the Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on Wednesday, October 20, in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center.

On the morning of MVCC's induction ceremony, two suicide bombers targeted the women's cafeteria and faculty building at the International Islamic University in the capital of Pakistan. Dr. Maryrose Eannace, vice president of Learning and Academic Affairs, used this incident in her address to the inductees to emphasize the importance and power of education both here and abroad.

NEW MEMBER - Robert Barrigar is congratulated by Lynn Ann McCoy, Lambda Beta Chapter president, while Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs Maryrose Eannace applauds.

"Each time you make a contribution to the community in which your live – wherever in the world that may be, you reflect honor on this institution," said Dr. Eannace. "Every time you make a difference, the college and its future graduates benefit – and the world becomes a better and more hopeful place."

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society which serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through academic, leadership, and service programming. It is the largest honor society in American higher education.

Lynn Ann McCoy, Lambda Beta Chapter president, talked to the inductees about how other members, such as Grammy Award-winning Country musician Rudy Gatlin, Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise, Deputy Director of the CIA Admiral B.R. Inman, and Grammy Award-winning Country musician Trisha Yearwood, have gone on to greatness by following their dreams of higher education.

Also present was NY Western Region's Vice President Paul Ferris and Ashley Farr, Lambda Beta Chapter Vice President for Honors and Awards.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher over at least 12 credit hours in a degree program.

2009 PTK Fall Inductees

Seth Adolfsen, Business Management
Ken Alessi, Psychology
Ahsan Ali, Pre-Medicine
Robert Barrigar, Advertising Photography
Ashley Barroncini, Illustration
Courtney Bennett, Psychology
Flynn Carroll, Human Services
Christina Chilson, Psychology
Dominick Clark, Humanities/Social Sciences
Beverlee Crawford, Childhood Education
Jenna Curtis, Recreation & Leisure Services
Brittany Curtiss , Human Services
Kaitlyn Czerwinski, Graphic Design
Cole Feltis , Marketing Management
Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Education
Joshua Fuller, Welding
Tatyana Gurina, LA&S General Studies
Giovana Huamani, Business Management
Kristin Jayson, Psychology
Eunki Kim, General Studies
Takane Kobayashi, General Studies
Robin Kulesa, Human Services
Jonathan Lalonde, Welding
Magan Leahy, Business Management
Marina Lebedeva, Nursing
Timothy Scott Lee, Welding Technology
Keith Letky, Civil Engineering Technology
Rana Manita, Photography
Mary Ann McVicar, Fine Arts
Meghan Power, General Studies
William J. Price, Communications
Andrew Roberts, Education
Corry Sauter, General Studies
Ayaka Sawabe, General Studies
Stacey Smith, General Studies
Alyssa Strife, English/Adolescent Education
Kelly Strine, Nursing
Mitra Tayefeh, Fine Arts
Adam Ullman, Nursing
Michele Vanderhoof, Nursing
Matthew Wadas, LA&S General Studies
Erika Washburn, Health Services
Shayla Werzinger, Human Services
Jessica Williams, General Studies
Momoe Yamamoto, Business Management

First Source scholarships help MVCC students

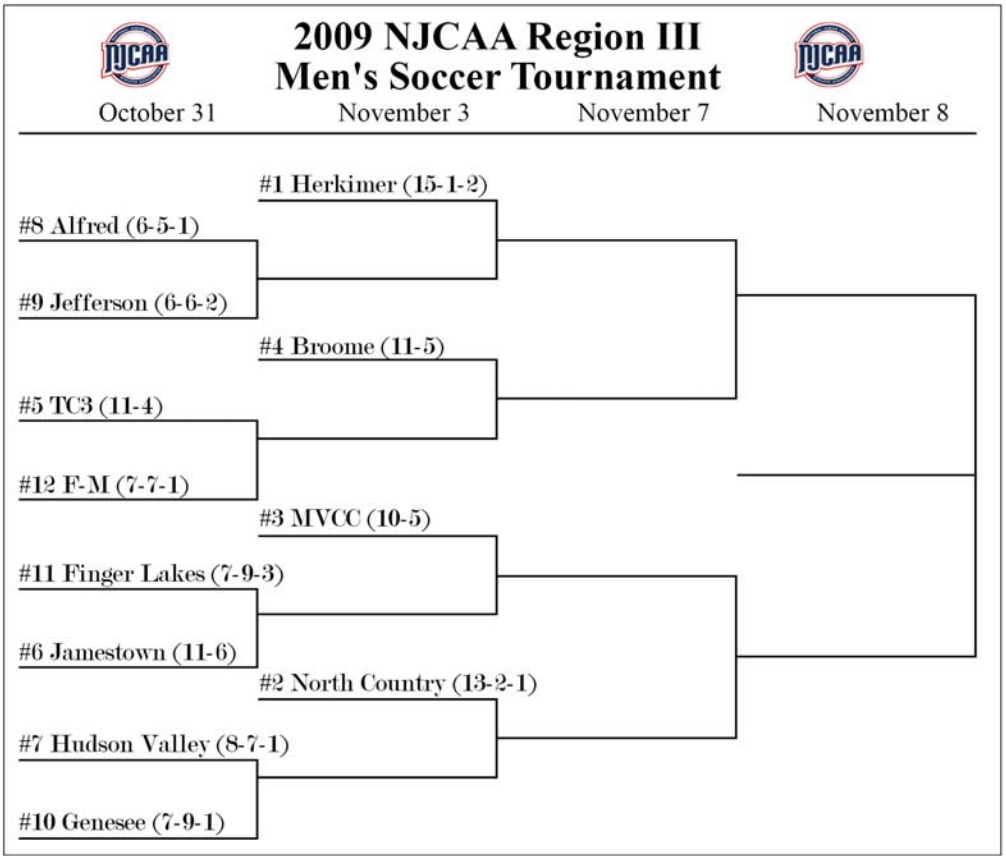
First Source Federal Credit Union awarded $12,000 to local students pursuing their continuing education locally for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Among the scholarship recipients were Amy Carlson and Amy Cool who are attending MVCC.

Applicants were asked to write an essay of 250-500 words about how education has made a difference in their life and how they intend to make a difference in the lives of others through their schooling. Essays were reviewed by an independent panel of judges, including both First Source representatives and participating college representatives.

Since 1995 First Source FCU has awarded scholarships to deserving students, granting more than $210,000 in total.

MANY YEARS OF SERVICE - Five MVCC employees were honored for their dedication and service to the College this week. Right, Elin Cormican is a professor in Psychology, Human Services & Education for the past 35 years. Below, associate professor Paul Cruskie has been teaching humanities for 20 years while professor Christine Miller has been teaching photography for 15 years. Also honored was associate professor Wayne Freed for 35 years of service teaching art and Kathy Kelly.



Recorders and laptops in the classroom

Postsecondary instructors should be familiar with Section 504 requirements regarding the use of auxiliary aids in their classrooms. These federal regulations clearly state that a college "may not impose upon handicapped students rules such as the prohibition of tape recorders (or laptops in classrooms...that have the effect of limiting the participation of students with disabilities."

It is the responsibility of the Disability Services staff to determine when these aids are required based on professional documentation of the student's disability and related needs.

Instructors may believe that recording lectures is an infringement upon their own or other students' academic freedom, or constitutes copyright violation.

We respect this concern, and if you ask us to do so, we will have the student sign an agreement that specifies how he or she may (and may not) use that recording.

With laptops, the objection is that students may not be using them for note taking; while we understand this concern, it can't be used as reason to deny a necessary accommodation.

Students in these instances can also be asked to sign a statement regarding the use of a laptop; ultimately, if they misuse the privilege, they will have only themselves to blame when their grades suffer as a result.

Cook named MVCC Athlete of the Week

For the week of October 18, Erin Cook was selected as MVCC's Athlete of the Week.

Cook

Cook is a driving force for the Hawks volleyball team this season. Last week she scored 28 kills along with 31 digs. She also scored three aces.

Cook is a sophomore Physical Education major who graduated from Camden High School.

MVCC Faces: Vincent Roach

With the College enrollment increasing nearly 10 percent this fall, it has been very difficult to locate, schedule and keep track of the classrooms required to run the additional course sections.

As the Technical Assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Learning & Academic Affairs, the responsibility of scheduling new courses and classroom reservations falls on the shoulders of Vincent Roach.

"While I do miss the excitement of working directly with students, I look forward to utilizing my knowledge to assist in streamlining our academic systems in order to better serve the college community," said Roach, who worked as a Senior Office Specialist in Student Services for a year before taking his current position at the beginning of the fall semester.

"I am also excited to be a part of the implementation of the new website, the DegreeWorks program and the upgrade to Banner 8," he added. "Every day brings a new challenge or puzzle to be solved and I hope to learn as much as possible."

This Utica resident is currently serving on the Strategic Planning Committee and Degree Audit Design Team. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the Arts/Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pa.

When not at work, he enjoys performing with his band, traveling, and watching ice hockey. He is also currently searching for a pet hedgehog.

Gifford to present paper in Hawaii

In addition to teaching a course or two each semester, Professor Emeritus James Gifford continues research and writing since retirement in January. He will present a paper, "Humorous Gay Representations in 19th Century American Literature," at the 2010 Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities this January.

The essay will focus on a half-dozen comic depictions of homosexual characters as they appear in such places as Clyde Fitch's 1890 Broadway hit play "Beau Brummell," and a recently discovered poem by Abraham Lincoln describing a marriage between two men. Gifford hopes that this paper will eventually be part of a book of essays in the future.

He also has been asked to be a judge for the Publishing Triangle Literary Awards for 2009, given by an organization of gay men and women in book publishing whose principal activity is bestowing literary awards.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, November 2

SNO: Pizza/Popcorn/Candy Sale, PC Atrium, 10 am
International Club: Candy Sale, AB Lobby, 11 am
CS Lecture: "Txting: The Gr8 Db8" w/David Crystal, IT 225, 2 pm
Non-Traditional Student Week Info Table, AB Lobby, 2:30 pm
Chess Club: Informal Games, ACC 114, 3 pm
Drama Club, ACC 212, 3:30 pm
CCED: Tai Chi, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
CS Concert: Chamber Orchestra Kremlin, IT Theater, 7 pm
Monday Night Football, MV Commons, 8 pm

Tuesday, November 3

College Senate, IT 225, 2:30 pm
Gay/Straight Alliance, ACC 114, 3 pm
Habitat for Humanity, ACC 212, 3:30 pm
Alumni Career Panel, New Hall, 6 pm
CS Movie/Lecture: "Frost/Nixon" w/David Katz, PC Aud, 6:30 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7 pm
CS Concert: Edwin McCain, Theater, 8 pm

Wednesday, November 4

SNO: Pizza/Popcorn/Candy Sale, PC Atrium, 10 am
International Club: Candy Sale, AB Lobby, 11 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series, ACC 116, 12 pm
Student Congress, IT 218, 3 pm
The Experience, ACC 222, 3 pm
Student Voice (Student Newspaper), ACC 204, 3 pm
Latino Student Union, ACC 212, 4 pm
Pieceful Gals Quilting Club, PC 209, 6:30 pm
MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7 pm
CS Lecture/Comedy: Elaine Williams, Comedian, Theater, 7 pm

Thursday, November 5

Non-Traditional Student Week Info Table, AB Lobby, 10:30 am
East Asian Culture Club, ACC 212, 1 pm
Program Board, ACC 212, 3 pm
Strategic Gaming Club, ACC 212, 6 pm

Friday, November 6

TAC/ABATE, IT 225 & 218, 8 am
Black Student Union, ACC 222, 4 pm
"Torchia Classic" Basketball Tournament (Men), Gym, 6 & 8 pm
CS Performance: Golden Dragon Acrobats from China, Theater, 7 pm
BSU Club Dance, MV Commons, 9 pm

Saturday, November 7

Leadership Retreat, ACC 116, 8 am
MVCAA: Drinking Driver Program Class, RA 306, 8 am
TAC/ABATE, IT 225 & 218, 8 am
Family Fun Series: Youth Health & Safety Fair, PC Atrium, 12 pm
"Torchia Classic" Basketball Tournament (Men), Gym, 12 & 2 pm
"Torchia Classic" Basketball Tournament (Women), Gym, 5 & 7 pm
CS Performance: Greg Giraldo, Comedian, Theater, 8 pm

Sunday, November 8

TAC/ABATE, IT 225 & 218, 8 am
"Torchia Classic" Basketball Tournament (Women), Gym, 12 & 2 pm
MVCC's "Smarter than a Fifth Grader" Contest, Theater, 3 pm

Sabbatical Leave application deadline

This is a reminder that Sabbatical Leave Applications for the 2010-11 academic year are due in the office of the Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs, PH 395, on Friday, November 6th, 2009, by 4:30 p.m.

Torchia Classic slated for November 6-8

Mohawk Valley Community College's women's and men's basketball team will hit the hardwood for a good cause by hosting the annual Torchia Classic on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 6-8, in the Gymnasium on the Utica Campus.

The men's portion of the tournament opens Friday at 6 p.m. when Jefferson Community College squares off with Orange Community College. At 8 p.m., the MVCC Hawks will take on Queensborough Community College. The action continues on Saturday with the consolation game at 12 p.m. and the championship matchup at 2 p.m.

The women's portion of the tournament begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday with Jefferson Community College playing Genesee Community College followed by the Hawks playing Lackawanna Community College at 7 p.m.

The consolation game will be 12 p.m. on Sunday with the championship game concluding the tournament at 2 p.m.

The Torchia Classic benefits the Anthony Torchia Memorial Scholarship, named in memory of 19-year-old Anthony Torchia whose life was ended prematurely in a tragic car accident on May 6, 2000.

Tickets are $3 for each two-game session or a tournament pass can be purchased for $5.

2009-2010 Winter Athletics Schedule

Sunday, November 1
Women's Basketball hosts Finger Lakes CC, 1:00
Ice Hockey at Monroe, 2:00
Men's Basketball hosts Finger Lakes CC, 3:00

Wednesday, November 4
Women's Basketball at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 5:00
Men's Basketball at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 7:00
Ice Hockey at Hudson Valley CC, 7:00

Friday, November 6
Men's Basketball hosts Torchia Classic, 6:00/8:00

Saturday, November 7
Women's Basketball hosts Torchia Classic, 5:00/7:00
Men's Basketball hosts Torchia Classic, 12:00/2:00

Sunday, November 8
Women's Basketball hosts Torchia Classic, 12:00/2:00

Tuesday, November 10
Women's Basketball hosts Broome CC, 6:00
Men's Basketball hosts Broome CC, 8:00

Saturday, November 14
Men's Basketball hosts Erie CC, 1:00

Tuesday, November 17
Women's Basketball hosts Cayuga CC, 6:00
Men's Basketball hosts Cayuga CC, 8:00

Wednesday, November 18
Ice Hockey hosts Hudson Valley CC, 7:00

Friday, November 20
Ice Hockey at Siena College ACHA, 6:30

Saturday, November 21
Men's Basketball at Adirondack CC, 1:00
Women's Basketball at Adirondack CC, 3:00

Sunday, November 22
Men's Basketball hosts North Country CC, 1:00
Women's Basketball hosts North Country CC, 3:00

Tuesday, November 24
Men's Basketball hosts Fulton Montgomery CC, 7:00

Wednesday, December 2
Women's Basketball at Onondaga CC, 6:00
Ice Hockey hosts Broome CC, 7:00

Thursday, December 3
Men's Basketball at Columbia-Greene CC, 7:00

Saturday, December 5
Women's Basketball hosts Genesee CC, 1:00
Men's Basketball hosts Genesee CC, 3:00
Indoor Track at Cornell, 7:00

Sunday, December 6
Ice Hockey hosts Erie CC, 2:00

Tuesday, December 8
Women's Basketball hosts Jefferson CC, 6:00
Men's Basketball hosts Jefferson CC, 8:00

Wednesday, December 9
Ice Hockey hosts Monroe, 7:00

Thursday, December 10
Women's Basketball at Hudson Valley CC, 6:00
Men's Basketball at Hudson Valley CC, 8:00

Tuesday, January 12
Women's Basketball at Schenectady CCC, 5:00
Men's Basketball at Schenectady CCC, 7:00

Thursday, January 14
Men's Basketball hosts Adirondack CC, 7:00

Saturday, January 16
Ice Hockey at Union College ACHA, 9:00
Women's Basketball at Corning CC, 2:00
Men's Basketball at Corning CC, 4:00
Indoor Track at Syracuse, TBA

Wednesday, January 20
Ice Hockey at Broome CC, 7:00
Bowling at Columbia-Greene CC, 3:00
Men's Basketball hosts SUNY Delhi, 7:00

Friday, January 22
Women's Basketball hosts Adirondack CC, 6:00

Saturday, January 23
Men's Basketball hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 2:00
Ice Hockey at Monroe CC, 7:00
Indoor Track at St. Lawrence, TBA

Sunday, January 24
Bowling hosts Hawk Invitational, 10:00

Wednesday, January 27
Men's Basketball at Herkimer CCC, 7:00

Thursday, January 28
Bowling at Hudson Valley CC, 3:00
Women's Basketball hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC, 7:00

Saturday, January 30
Indoor Track at Colgate, TBA
Women's Basketball at Clinton CC, 4:00
Men's Basketball at Clinton CC, 6:00

Sunday, January 31
Ice Hockey at Union College ACHA, 3:00
Women's Basketball at North Country CC, 12:00
Men's Basketball at North Country CC, 2:00

Tuesday, February 2
Women's Basketball at Herkimer CCC, 7:00

Wednesday, February 3
Bowling at Adirondack CC, 3:00
Ice Hockey at Hudson Valley CC, 7:00

Thursday, February 4
Women's Basketball hosts Albany Pharmaceutical, 7:00

Friday, February 5
Bowling hosts MVCC Invitational, 3:00

Saturday, February 6
Women's Basketball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 1:00
Men's Basketball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 3:00
Ice Hockey at Erie CC, 3:15
Indoor Track at Syracuse, TBA

Tuesday, February 9
Women's Basketball at SUNY Delhi, 5:00
Men's Basketball at SUNY Delhi, 7:00

Thursday, February 11
Bowling at Herkimer CCC, 3:00
Women's Basketball hosts Schenectady CCC, 5:00
Men's Basketball hosts Schenectady CCC, 7:00

Friday, February 12
Indoor Track at Cornell, TBA

Saturday February 13
Women's Basketball hosts Clinton CC, 2:00
Men's Basketball hosts Clinton CC, 4:00
Ice Hockey at Oswego State ACHA, 7:00
Indoor Track at Cornell, TBA

Tuesday, February 16
Women's Basketball hosts SUNY Delhi, 5:00
Men's Basketball hosts Herkimer CCC, 7:00

Wednesday, February 17
Bowling at Schenectady CCC, 3:00

Thursday, February 18
Women's Basketball hosts Herkimer CCC, 7:00

Saturday, February 20
Women's Basketball at Fulton Montgomery, 1:00
Men's Basketball at Fulton Montgomery CC,