



Dental hygiene program wins national award

The MVCC/SUNY Canton dental hygiene program is relatively new as it enters its third year of operation. In such a short time, the program already gained national recognition when it was presented the American Dental Hygiene Association's 2009 Community Service Award during the ADHA convention held in Washington, DC, back in June.

What makes this such an honor is that only three schools in the United States receive the award each year.

"It is amazing for such a young program to win such a prestigious award. To be named one of three dental hygiene schools sets us above all other dental hygiene schools in New York State," said Pamela P. Quinn, RDH, BSE, MSEd, SUNY Canton's Dental Hygiene program director.

MVCC's program is in line with SUNY Canton's four-year bachelor's degree in dental hygiene, where students complete their first two years at MVCC.

The community service that earned the MVCC/SUNY Canton program began last fall when it adopted classes from the Mohawk Valley Community Action Head Start program of Oneida County, totaling 68 children. The dental hygiene students instructed the children in the proper technique of brushing and then made monthly visits to reinforce those instructions. These children also visited the MVCC clinic, located in the Veterans Administration Building in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome, for screenings and fluoride treatments. There is a dentist on staff who oversees all procedures.

"For many of these children, it is the first time visiting a dentist and our students also



learned to interact with the children and understand what children in the high risk population face," added Quinn. "These volunteer programs give our students varying work experience for when they enter the workforce."

The second community service project the dental hygiene students tackled was at the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome. The MVCC students treated 30 deaf students which presented them with the unique chal-

lenge of communicating and interacting with a person with a disability. In the end, it was a win-win situation for the MVCC students and the students from the NYS School for the Deaf.

The MVCC/SUNY Canton program in Rome has graduated 42 students in two years, 12 in the inaugural class and 30 the second year. The graduates have a 100 percent success rate on passing the board exam and 100 percent job placement, with starting salaries of \$50,000 for a two year degree. There are 43 students enrolled this fall.

"Our services at the clinic are free. Students must treat 50 patients, which means we have provided services to nearly 1,400 patients from the community. They can make an appointment to have a cleaning, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sports mouth guards and more," said Quinn. X-rays are made in duplicate packages so a copy goes to the patient's primary provider. "We are able to provide service to families who otherwise don't have insurance and would not have treatments."

Quinn credits Dean Ronald Cantor, Ph.D., for getting the program off the ground. Through his relationship with Rome Memorial Hospital, MVCC's students have been afforded the opportunity to provide services once a week to bed ridden patients.

"Most of our students work in private practice, but many are working in nursing homes and with those patients who are more at risk for health problems due to poor dental health care."

To make an appointment, call 336-3484. The clinic operates from August to May because it is a teaching clinic.

MVCC steps up to help train young adults

MVCC President VanWagoner was joined by Oneida County officials prior to the start of the fall semester to celebrate the success of the region's first Recovery Act-funded youth training program which helped refurbish the former YMCA into an Internet Café for Veterans.

"This training program has blended academic and work site activities to help these young adults emerge from the program not only with the construction skills they learned, but a newfound sense of confidence in their abilities, a stronger academic foundation to tackle their future, and work experience that will show employers they can be an integral part of a successful work team," said Van Wagoner.

On hand to recognize the local young adults for their dedication and work were Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr., Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Alice J. Savino, and Oneida County Workforce Development Director David Mathis.

The ten-week construction skills training course taught basic construction skills with an emphasis on basic math and reading skills that will allow trainees to be accurate in measurements and to read blueprints.

Young adults were paid \$7.25 an hour for 16 to 20 hours per week. Students split their time between academic and construction

skills activities under the direction of MVCC assistant professor Brian Judycki.

"MVCC and its staff worked hard to develop the right mix of classroom training and hands-on experience. As we go forward to implement our YouthBuild program later this year and to develop other projects for young adults, we will use this model as a template for future programs," Savino said.

Added Van Wagoner, "This project is a partnership at every stage. The support this project received from the Workforce Development Institute shows the spirit of collaboration that is so much a part of our region."



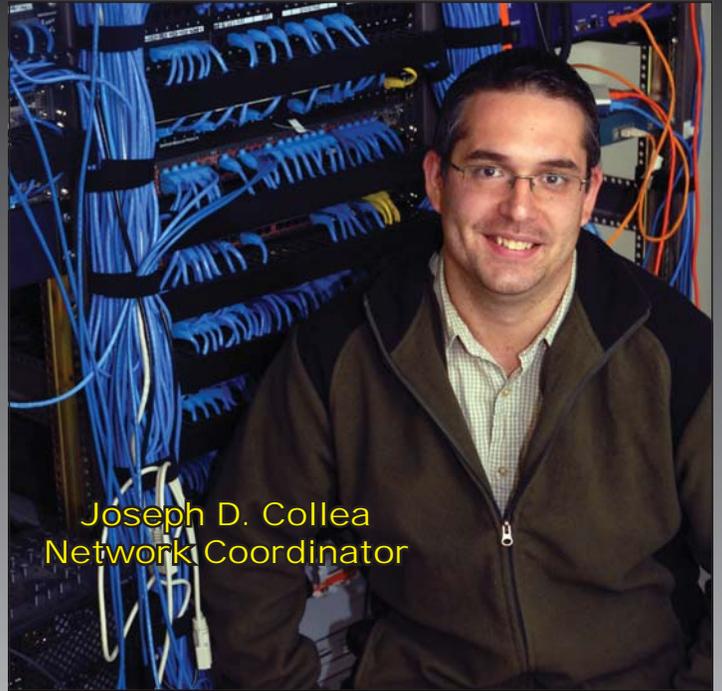
NEW FORGET - September 11 has been recognized as Patriot Day in commemoration of the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Maryland and the final plane that crashed outside Pittsburgh. In the lobby of Payne Hall, the display case pays tribute to those killed in the attack.

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AN INTERNATIONAL WELCOME – MVCC’s Coordinator of Services for international Students Darla Maffei, center, took 11 of the College’s international students on a tour of Utica on the Centro Bus Service. This was part of the 2009 orientation for international students and a service provided by Centro to all area colleges. Also taking part in the tour was Dave Garrett, left of Darla, Director of International Student Services at SUNY IT. Part of the tour included Utica’s Union Station. (Photo by Maimun Khan)

MVCC Faces: Joseph D. Collea



**Joseph D. Collea
Network Coordinator**

As technology continues to expand our boundaries of communications, the man in charge of keeping the College connected is Joseph D. Collea III.

Collea is the College’s Network Coordinator which makes him responsible for maintaining the current network infrastructure that students, faculty, and college employees rely on to perform their respective day-to-day activities. His work also includes assisting in the design and planning of future technology initiatives and to ensure that all data is secure, available, and accurate.

This Ilion resident has been with MVCC for just over a month.

“I aim to apply my past experiences working with private industry and the U.S. Armed Services and Coalition Forces to elevate and enhance the current network infrastructure here at MVCC to a more robust, secure, and scalable network that will meet our future aspirations,” said Collea..

Collea and his wife Laurena enjoy traveling, fishing, tennis and sailing in their free time.

Disability Services Contact Information

Utica Campus

Tamara Mariotti - Learning and Assistive Technology Specialist - 731-5702. Works with students with LD and ADD; facilitates technology access for individuals with disabilities

Lynn Igoe - Coordinator of Disability Services – 792-5413. Works with students with all other disabilities; facilitates physical access for individuals with disabilities

Office Location: AB 153

Office Hours: Fall and Spring Semester, M-R 8:00–6:00, F 8:00-4:30; Other Times, M-F 8:00–4:30

Rome Campus

Mike Badolato - Enrollment Management Specialist/Student Services Counselor - 334-7718. Works with all students with disabilities

Office Location: PC A30

Office Hours: MTF 8:30-4:30, W 8:30-12:30, R 8:30-7:00

Address interoffice mail correctly

With the start of a new school year, the College's Mail Room has launched a campaign to inform faculty and staff of the proper procedure for interoffice mail. The following information is a quick tutorial.

Proper Addressing Of Interoffice Mail

Example:

TO: Department Name
 Recipient's Name
 FROM: Department Name
 Sender's Name

Adjunct examples:

TO: Library
 Adjunct
 Sue Smith

(Physical Education adjuncts will continue to go to the Gym)

- Do not use a person's name and room number. Where their office is and where their mail is delivered can be two different locations.
- Do not abbreviate department names the mail may go the wrong place.

Example: a frequent abbreviation we see is PH ED. To some this

would mean Physical Education, but this is for Psychology, Human Service and Education. Start using the proper department names. We still get interoffice mail addressed VPI.

Other Mail Room Information

- Put department name on all outgoing mail going to the post office. If there is an issue with a piece of mail we need to know who to contact.
- Seal all manila envelopes, the equipment in the mail room does not seal them.
- Separate International mail.
- Seal all outgoing business reply envelopes and personal mail.
- Put department name on Business Reply envelopes so we know what department to return to.



The Mail Room will return mail that is not properly addressed.

Current mail box listings for Utica Campus

AB239	Assistant Dean - Language and Learning Design-Julie Dewan Faculty Office Support secretary of AB - Carol Prichard		
AB202	Center for Arts & Humanities Dean - Lew Kahler Secretary - Kathy Kelly Art faculty	PH118	Secretary - Linda Robinson Faculty Office Support secretary of PH-Linda Neilson
AB108	Grants	PH120	Registrar
AB109	Security	PH203	Financial Aid
AB113	Human Resources	PH220	Library
AB128	Director of P-20 STEM Arc – Celia Domser	PH301	Institutional Research and Analysis Center for Social Sciences, Business& Information Sciences
AB128	High School Programs-Upward Bound, Bridge/Magnet, STEP	PH303	Dean - Marianne Buttenschon
AB137	Center for Math, Engineering, Physical Science and Applied Technology (STEM) Dean - Don Willner Secretary - Sharon Benedetto ET&T and ECPS mail	PH309	Secretary - Margaret Decker
AB151	Learning Center – Tutoring	PH315	VP for Administrative Services President's Office
AB152	ESL Suite (English as a Second Language)	PH345	Assistant Dean of Arts and Humanities - Deb Bogan Pat Bennett Assistant Deans Office support Specialist Humanities Faculty mail
AB153	Disability Services	PH347	Marketing and Communications
AB154	Center for Corporate and Community Education	PH348	VP Student Services Health Services Faculty mail
AB155	College Works		Associate Dean Nancy Caputo Nursing and Allied Health
AB160	Educational Technology	PH349	Assistant Dean Center for Social Sciences, Business and Information Sciences - Jason Yager
AB254	C-Step		Social Science/Criminal Justice/Business Info Tech mail
ACC104	Student Heath Center	PH350	Assistant Dean of Life and Health Science-Donald Kelly Psychology and Human Service Faculty mail Stephanie Leeds (for Carm Lomeo-Smrtic) Director of Education Program
ACC109	Sodexo/Food Service		Respiratory Therapy, Health Information Technology faculty mail
ACC112	Bookstore	PH351	Institutional Advancement/Alumni/Foundation
ACC206	Dormitory Corporation/Student Activities/Auxiliary Services/Residence Life/Student Engagement	PH366	Assistant Dean of Math, Engineering, Physical and Applied Technology - Maggie Reilly Math Faculty
ACC224	Innovation Team Center Sandy Engel, Larry Migliori, Frank Pryzbicien Secretary Diane Clark	PH379	Dean of Life and Health Science Dean Robert Jubenville Secretary - Mary Noti Life Science Faculty mail
IT157	Information Technology	PH380	Faculty Services Swing Team/Adjunct Coordinator Sue Smith, Mary Summa, Donna Thrasher, Cheryl Primarolo, Carol Young
Gym 101	Child Care Services/Kiddie Campus		VP for Learning and Academic Affairs
Gym 205	Athletics		All mail going to Rome should say Rome Campus
Gym 212	Police Academy		
PH101	Admissions		
PH104	Business Office		
PH104A	Placement Center		
PH108	Purchasing		
PH109	Advisement, Counseling		
PH109D	Center for Language and Learning Design Dean - Jennifer Boulanger		