



2 campuses = 1 great college

Oneida County is neither small nor homogenous. Differences abound from Utica to Camden and from Boonville to Oriskany Falls. The final word of MVCC's vision statement is pluralized as we strive to meet "the needs of our rapidly changing communities."

Our region's largest employer is in Verona. Thousands of career opportunities have emerged at Griffiss Business and Technology Park. Big developments (or should we say, "nano-developments") are underway in Marcy. MVCC has been invited to address critical needs and gaps in neighboring counties including Herkimer, Onondaga, Otsego, Madison and Lewis.

Fortunately, MVCC has flexibility to meet needs across a wide region. We have two full-service campuses plus a third virtual campus, and we offer credit and non-credit courses in high schools, community centers and workplaces. We're coming to think of ourselves less as a Utica-based institution and more as one college with many campus opportunities.

Once upon a time our Rome Campus was known primarily as the home of hospitality, carpentry/masonry and tractor-trailer driving. Now that nursing, aviation, educational interpreting and dental hygiene programs have been added, the Rome menu is far more robust. The Cultural Series is flourishing in Rome, along with non-credit courses, corporate training, the Family Fun Series and numerous community partnerships.

In the same mix are the largest programs that form the backbone of Rome's enrollment: liberal arts, general studies, business, education, criminal justice, human services, information technology and other programs.

Rome enrollment grew by 18 percent last year and another 10 percent this fall, tracking substantial multi-year growth trends in online and hybrid courses, as well as in dual-credit and non-credit courses.

Like Utica, the Rome campus includes academic advisors, a full library, a learning center, a bookstore, a fitness center, IT support, student services, a registrar/business office and more. The campus has become a community hub for Rome, with standing-room-only lectures and performances a regular fixture in the 100-seat auditorium. The atrium frequently hosts receptions, demonstrations, and



THE COOKING CHANNEL HAS NOTHING ON ROME - Henry Bryant, a technical assistant in the Hospitality Program, puts on a Chinese cooking demonstration as part of the College's Cultural Series. This demonstration was held Friday in the Atrium of the Plumley Complex.

dance classes.

Among Rome's other strengths are the connections built with dozens of employers located in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, Turning Stone Resort and Casino and others throughout the region. In October, Rome will host International Students Day for students from Utica College, Hamilton College, SUNY IT and MVCC, with tours of historical sites in Rome and lunch with the mayor of Rome.

In recent years a true "one-college concept" has been guiding MVCC's approach to master planning, strategic planning, course scheduling, student services and more.

The differences are subtle yet important. No longer do we plan and provide for one main campus and then focus on other parts of MVCC when an occasional need arises. Instead we've begun to plan and provide for one multi-faceted, growing, community college that meets diverse needs in diverse ways and in diverse places.



FULL SERVICE BOOKSTORE - Gary Berry III looks over merchandise in the bookstore on the Rome Campus.

MVCC Faces: Carleen Stewart



Carleen Stewart
Instructor
Center for Arts
and Humanities

Carleen Stewart has come full circle upon returning to MVCC as an instructor in the Center for Arts and Humanities.

"My mother was an employee at MVCC for over 20 years and I remember coming here as a child," said Stewart.

Stewart's mother, Gerri Sitts, began at MVCC in the Humanities Department as a secretary for Dr. Harold Cantor.

"I see teaching as exposing students to new concepts, facilitating understanding of the material, and developing well-supported and reasoned arguments that challenge existing thinking," added Stewart, in her first semester at MVCC. "I hope to share my love of writing with others so that they are less intimidated by the process. I also have aspirations to enhance my current curriculum with some of the rhetorical devices that I am so passionate about to lend some of my personality to my teaching."

A New Hartford resident, Stewart teaches Composition (EN101), Oral and Written Communication (EN110) and Effective Speech (EN 150).

She holds an Associate in Science in Business Administration from MVCC along with a Bachelor in Science in Management from Utica College of Syracuse University. She then went on to earn her Masters in Communications and Rhetorical Studies from Syracuse University. It is here that she developed an interest and participated in a collaborative project with Filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, a well-known producer for the History Channel, on Rhetoric of Social Protest. This collaboration focused on the construction of public memory documentation on unsolved Civil Rights murders that have been taken up by the FBI Cold Case Division.

"I am currently involved in a qualitative case study which describes the social reality that is at the core of an adoptive identity, and the corresponding imperfections that are contextually attached," said Stewart.

Stewart also works with the Community Founder: The Kelberman Center for Autism in Utica, and is a member of the National Communication Association.

During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband Micheal, and their children Cassidy, Michael and Cameron. She also relaxes by reading, writing and wine tasting.

College part of documentary on refugees in Mohawk Valley

The City of Utica has grown into a diverse community with the influx of refugees from around the world over the past 20 years and MVCC has played an important role in transition. That role is part of a print documentary being created by French photographer Vincent Winters.

Winters visited the Utica Campus during the first week of classes this semester to capture images of students whose families have immigrated to Central New York.

One of the photo shoots was of the English class taught by Marie Czarnecki, professor of Humanities. He also shot a men's soccer game as two of the players' families immigrated to the region.

This documentary is a follow up to Winter's first visit to the region back in 2005 when he was commissioned by the United Nation's Refugee Agency to document communities where refugees have been integrated. That 32-page publication, *The Town That Loves Refugees*, told the stories of the people who escaped civil strife, killing fields, slavery and genocide to relocate in the Mohawk Valley.

Making arrangements for Winters with this project is the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees by providing connections with individuals, families and organizations that help refugees integrate into the community.

Winters' focus is on the impact refugees have had on cities like Utica and how they have helped change the face of the Mohawk Valley.

"A lot of the staff here are refugees," said Shelly L. Callahan, senior director of programs and services at the refugee center. "When they talk about places that are welcoming to refugees, MVCC is always mentioned and is viewed as a really good way to be introduced to college. The relationship between the refugees and MVCC has played an important role."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE - French photographer Vincent Winters sets up a shot of professor Marie Czarnecki helping a student during an English class earlier this fall. Helping Winters is Shelly Callahan, senior director of programs and services at the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees.

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Iron tree installed in downtown Utica

A tree grows in Utica!

Well, it may not grow but it is a piece of artwork that MVCC welding students can proudly proclaim as their creation.

The project began at the end of the spring semester when a local attorney inquired if MVCC's welding students would be interested in creating a sculpture to be placed in front of his office at the corner of South Street and Genesee Street. MVCC's students responded by creating a 9-foot tall, 5-foot wide iron tree that features individual branches and realistic bark. The crowning feature of this tree is the hundreds of copper leaves which have been individually attached to the branches.

This is part of a community project spearheaded by J.K. Hage of Hage and Hage LLC to enhance the beauty of downtown Utica with sculptures and other forms of artwork. The added element of this tree is that only scrap iron from MVCC's shop was used.

"They are very much into going green and the idea of using recycled steel to fabricate a tree was a hit idea. They (J.K. Hage) 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.

An official ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for later this fall.

Instrumental in making this happen is MVCC's Director of Community Restoration, professor Frank Przybycien, who initiated the idea with Hage. Also playing a role was assistant professor/welding advisor Mike Sorrentino.

Students who worked on the project were Christopher Rice, Alex Woodward, Joshua Fuller, Jonathan Lalonde and Ryan Sheets.



IRON TREE - The tree created by students in MVCC's welding program was recently installed near the corner of South Street and Genesee Street as part of a beautification project for downtown Utica. Chris Rise, seen here, is one of the students responsible for working on the project.

Team MVCC launches 4-Runners Club

By Deanna Ferro

Team MVCC Coordinator

Team MVCC is off to a great start this year and is looking to continue their success into 2010.

Team MVCC, which is a group of MVCC faculty, staff, retirees and students who represent the College's commitment to excellence and spirit of service, has already donated 17 boxes of food and \$674 to the Utica Community Food Bank and the Rome Rescue Mission. It is currently helping the MVCC Baseball Team with its Holly Days Toy Drive.

Team MVCC is eager to carry this momentum forward and increase its involvement in local community and campus events.

Last year, Team MVCC participated in a variety of community events and raised a total of \$9,328 for local agencies. As Team MVCC continues to grow, the 4-Runners Club has been created to recognize the commitment of the many Team MVCC participants.

The Team MVCC 4-Runners Club recognizes faculty, staff, retirees, and students who actively participate in multiple Team MVCC sponsored events and projects throughout the year. To be recognized as a 4-Runner, individuals are asked to participate in a number of community events and donate to a couple local organizations. The criteria for faculty, staff and retirees will differ slightly from the student criteria in an effort to get more MVCC students involved in community and campus events.

Team MVCC is looking forward to another great year of community service, and encourages the college community to join Team MVCC and become a 4-Runner. The next

Team MVCC event is the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk coming up on Sunday, October 18th at the Masonic Care Community. Registration information and special events for the MVCC Making Strides Team will be coming in the following weeks.

Thank you to everyone for their continued

support of Team MVCC; we are looking forward to seeing you at the following events this year.

For more information about the Team MVCC 4-Runners Club, or to get involved please contact Deanna L. Ferro at extension 5797 or dferro@mvcc.edu.

4-Runners Club Criteria

MVCC Faculty, Staff & Retirees

- Donate annually to the MVCC Foundation
- Donate annually to the United Way

Participate in at least 2 Team MVCC Events

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
- MVCC Women's vs. Faculty/Staff Basketball Game
- America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk
- Walk for Autism
- Ted Moore 5K Run/Walk
- Relay for Life

MVCC Students

Participate in at least 4 Team MVCC Events

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
- MVCC Women's vs. Faculty/Staff Basketball Game
- America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk
- Walk for Autism
- Ted Moore 5K Run/Walk
- Relay for Life

2009-2010 Team MVCC Events

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
Sunday, October 18, 2009

Women's Varsity Basketball vs. MVCC
Faculty/ Staff Basketball Game
Thursday, October 22, 2009

America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk
Saturday, March 6, 2010

Walk for Autism
Saturday, April 10, 2010

Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, May 1, 2010

American Cancer Society's - Relay for Life
Saturday, June 12 & Sunday, June 13, 2010

American Red Cross - Heroes Campaign
June 2010

Hoffman runs Region III's fastest time

The women's cross country team is picking up the pace for another shot at a national title behind the performance of Hannah Hoffman who was named the NJCAA's Region III Athlete of the Week.

Hoffman was the individual champion at the SUNY Cobleskill Cross Country Invitational last week which also earned her MVCC's Athlete of the Week honor. Her time of 18 minutes, 41 seconds was the fastest in the NJCAA Region III this year. There were 111 runners from 12 colleges taking part in the event.

MVCC placed second in the team scoring as Cassie White finished in tenth place in a time of 20:02. The Hawks are 20-1 on the season.

This was MVCC's second competition of the season having won the SUNY IT Invitational as Hoffman placed first in 21:04 and White placed second in her first ever cross country race. The Hawks won the event with 18 points.



Hoffman

Men's Cross Country: At the SUNY IT Invitational, MVCC won team honors with 15 points as the Hawks placed five runners in the top 10 being led by Todd Butters in second place with a time of 20:32. Vinnie Savastano was third in 20:58 as Garrett Parker placed fifth in 21:24, Rob Culver was seventh in 21:33 and Joe Arbogast was tenth in 21:56.

At SUNY Cobleskill, the Hawks placed fourth out of 12 teams as Savastano placed ninth in 28:50 with Butters in tenth with 28:53.

Women's Soccer: The Hawks are off to a strong start this season with a 6-1 record after defeating Finger Lakes CC, 1-0, and Cayuga CC, 5-0, during this week's action. Against Finger Lakes, Jackie Welch scored off an assist by Carley Young. Goalie Caitlyn Smith made 10 Saves.

In the victory over Cayuga, Veronica Metz scored twice along with one assist while Nicole DiNitto (Marcy/Oriskany Central), Kirstie Gorgas, and Welch each had one goal.

Women's Volleyball: Kaitlyn DeLette was

a real killer for the Hawks against Herkimer CCC, but it wasn't enough as MVCC fell 3-0 with scores of 24-26, 20-25, 12-25. DeLette finished the evening with eight kills to go with her seven digs. Erin Cook finished with three kills and 11 digs as MVCC slips to 2-3.

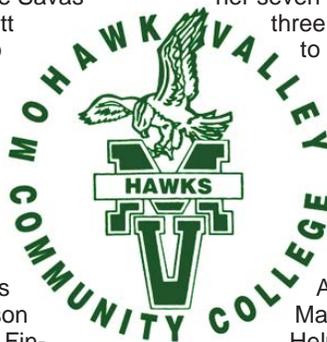
Men's Soccer: Finger Lakes CC was no match for the undefeated Region III Hawks as MVCC rattled off a 5-1 victory after taking a 3-0 edge in the first half this week.

The first half goals were scored by Alex Brombacher, Allan Bown, and Christophe Mandengue.

Helping to raise MVCC's record to 4-0 in Region III and 4-2 overall were Sejad Gromilic and Sebastian Smith with one goal each in the second half. Goalkeeper Shane Sullivan had one save while Emmanuel Allen stopped two shots.

The Hawks also defeated Cayuga CC 1-0 this past weekend with Dan Cain scoring off a pass from Eric Gofgosky.

Sullivan stopped five shots for the shutout.



VALUE OF FACE TIME - College administrators, faculty and staff were on hand to meet and talk with students during a barbecue organized by the Student Congress earlier this week. The photo to the left, Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs Maryrose Eannance, Ph.D., enjoys a hot dog while discussing the experience students were having this fall. In the photo on the right, President VanWagoner took a turn serving hotdogs to the students. He was helped by Student Board of Trustee, Tatyana Gurina.

TV system will help inform students of cancelled classes

The MVCC Television system was installed last year as an effort to better inform students of what is occurring on the campuses. As part of the campaign to keep students informed, class cancellations will begin to appear on the flat screen televisions.

This is not an end-all solution to informing students, but another tool to be used. Televisions are currently located in the MV Commons, the lobby of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus, the first-floor lounge in the Information Technology Building, the atrium of Plumley Complex in Rome, and the lobby of Payne Hall.

All faculty and adjuncts will be asked over the next couple weeks to inform students to check the TVs for class cancellations. Faculty and adjunct will continue to login class cancellations as they have done in

the past. Diane Clark and her assistant will then place the cancellations on the television systems.

Currently green sheets of paper are placed on the door of a classroom when a class has been cancelled. This will continue along with the addition of the television announcements, but the goal is to get students accustomed to checking the College's website and television system for class cancellations.

All cancellations will be posted the morning of the scheduled class and run for 15 minutes past when the class was meant to begin. This is to accommodate any student who is running behind schedule.

It is hoped, that at the end of the semester feedback will be collected from students and adjustments will be made to hone the system.