



## College hotline tracks number of influenza cases

The rising concerns over recent outbreaks of influenza in the region have been a major concern to the College. In response, the College has developed a web site with relevant information and created a flu hotline in order for students to self-report suspected cases.

The hotline is intended for use only by MVCC students who are ill with symptoms they suspect may be caused by the flu. It will not provide medical advice or diagnosis, and students should not call this number to seek help in a health emergency. Faculty and staff are encouraged to prompt students to call the hotline when they are feeling ill.

To use the self-reporting service, students should call 792-5389, ext. 4555. They will hear a recording and be asked to leave the following information:

- Name
- "M-number" (a unique numerical identifier for students)
- A brief description of symptoms such as nausea, diarrhea, 100+ degree fever, aches and pains, or cough/sore throat
- Expected duration of illness-related absence from school

Students should only call the hotline once. If a student chooses to use the hotline to self-report an anticipated absence from class, the college will inform that student's faculty members of the student's identity and expected duration of absence.

This new system is in response to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State University of New York System, and local health authorities calling for schools and colleges to track the spread of flu. This system does not diagnose flu cases. College officials will use the hotline to look for large changes in the rate at which illnesses are reported.

"So far this flu season, we are fortunate in that we are not observing large-scale absence from classes or any confirmed cases of H1N1 flu," says Denise DiGiorgio, vice president for student services and dean of students, and the lead architect of MVCC's efforts to slow the spread of influenza. "By launching these new educational and reporting measures now, we hope to help our community stay healthy and well-informed."

## Learning Center Annex grand opening

The Learning Center on both campuses can easily be thought of as a vital component to the success of the College's students. The service is being expanded this fall with the addition of the Learning Center's Annex, located in Room 131 of the Information Technology Building.

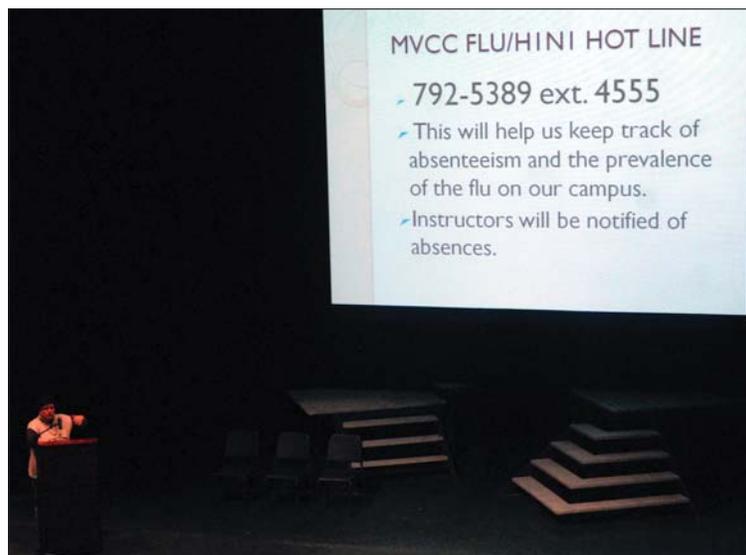
"This is an extension of the services we offer at the Learning Center," said Donna Sawyer-White, Coordinator of Tutoring. "This is part of the solution to our space problem. Most of the time, all of our tables and study areas are full. This provides us with much needed space."

Students will find assistance in mathematics, the sciences, English, humanities, computer operation and programs as well as the social sciences, psychology, sociology, history and anthropology. The Learning Center's Annex will offer tutorial services, academic workshops, supplemental instruction, study groups and more.

There are also eight computer stations in IT 131 and this coming week will be the "Grand Opening" in conjunction with National Tutor Week.

The current Learning Center locations, Room 151 in the Academic Building and Room L43 in the Plumley Complex, will continue to offer additional services such as supplemental instruction with access study guides or sample tests, preparation for quizzes and exams along with learning various study techniques.

To learn more on how the Learning Center can help students, contact Sawyer-White at 792.5610. Tutors are on hand in the Annex Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**STOPPING INFLUENZA** - Denise DiGiorgio, vice president for student services and dean of students discusses what steps are to be taken in preventing the spread of the flu this season. She is the lead architect of MVCC's efforts to slow the spread of influenza.

MVCC is urging people to maintain high standards of personal hygiene, including frequent hand washing; to follow health authorities' advice regarding vaccination; and, if sick, to avoid close physical proximity to other people.

In early November, MVCC will be the site of a seasonal flu vaccine clinic for students, faculty, and staff. Details of the clinic will be announced on campus in the coming days. People affiliated with the college should check the site often for updates.

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# Kehoe-Robinson presented 2009 Chancellor's Award

Colleen Kehoe-Robinson was unable to attend the College's May graduation ceremony for good reasons, and in turn wasn't presented the statewide award. That was all remedied this past week when President Van Wagoner presented Colleen with her 2009 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

"This was a great honor to be presented this award," said Kehoe-Robinson.

Her reasoning for missing commencement, you may ask? She was receiving an Associate degree in paralegal from Herkimer County Community College on that evening.

"I decided to earn that degree to supplement my library research skills," said Kehoe-Robinson. "This is going to help me to answer legal questions from students in our allied health programs and our criminal justice students when they are conducting their research."

Kehoe-Robinson now holds degrees in paralegal, an Associate in Applied Science for Liberal Arts from MVCC, a Bachelor of Art in English Literature and Rhetoric from SUNY Binghamton, and a Master of Library Science from SUNY Albany.

A New Hartford resident, she has been working at MVCC since January 2001 and is currently the College's reference librarian, holding the rank of associate professor. She earned MVCC's Excellence in Librarianship in 2008. She has worked on the Cultural Committee, the Technology Educational Advisory Board and within the Professional Association.



**CHANCELLOR'S AWARD** - Colleen Kehoe-Robinson is presented the 2009 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship by President Van Wagoner during a ceremony in the College's library on the Utica Campus.

# DeLett named MVCC's Athlete of the Week

While the Mohawk Valley Community College women's volleyball team may be struggling, Kaitlyn DeLett has been killing for the Hawks.

During seven matches last week, DeLett scored 31 kills along with 26 blocks, earning her the honor of MVCC's Athlete of the Week. DeLett, a freshman Liberal Arts major, also scored three aces along with 20 digs.



DeLett

**Women's Volleyball:** During the Onondaga Community College Invitational, Erin O'Hara guided the Hawks with 45 assists, 11 digs and eight blocks while teammate Erin Cook made 20 digs along with nine kills and scored five aces. The teams MVCC faced were Herkimer CCC, Alfred State, Jamestown CC, Fulton-Montgomery CC, SUNY Delhi, and Monroe CC.

**Men's Soccer:** The Hawks split the action last week with a come-from-behind victory over Jefferson CC on the game-winning shot by Steve Wilday with just 15 minutes to play. MVCC held a 1-0 halftime lead before Jefferson answered with back-to-back goals early in the second half.

The Hawks rallied for the 3-2 victory with two goals from Oraine

Pringle and one by Wilday. Eric Gofgosky and Sejad Gromilic each made an assist. Goalie Shane Sullivan made 11 saves.

Pringle also scored in MVCC's 4-1 loss to North Country CC. The Hawks' record is now 6-3 overall and 6-1 in Region III of the NJCAA. Sullivan made five saves.

**Women's Soccer:** The Hawks continue to pick up momentum as Jefferson CC was no match in MVCC's 2-0 victory. Leading the Hawks' attack was Nicole DiNitto with her team leading ninth goal of the season. DiNitto leads MVCC with 21 points that also includes three assists.

Scoring the insurance goal was Symantha Denslow (Boonville/Adirondack CS) with her third goal of the season. Goalkeeper Caitlyn Smith made seven saves as the Hawks improved to 7-2.

**Men's Cross Country:** Todd Butters was the overall individual champion as the Hawks ran off with the team crown at the Finger Lakes CC Invitational. Also finishing in the top 10 for MVCC were Vinny Savastano, Garrett Parker and Rob Culver.

**Women's Cross Country:** Hannah Hoffman won her third race in three weeks as she led MVCC to a second place finish out of six teams at the Finger Lakes CC Invitational. Cassie White placed fourth for the Hawks.



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