



IT Department completes installation of telephones in all labs, classrooms

As part of MVCC's Crisis Management Procedure, the Information Technology Department recently completed a project of placing telephones in every office, laboratory, classroom and common area on both the Utica and Rome campuses.

The telephones were part of a NY-ALERT system test Friday. These telephones feature a speaker which enables an emergency message to be delivered quickly and efficiently if an incident occurs at MVCC or within the surrounding neighborhoods.

The expense for this new telephone system was funded by a grant from New York State and Oneida County Crisis Management.

The first phase of this project was completed last year when the telephone system was tied into the College's computer network. The final phase was the installation of nearly 200 additional telephones into the classroom environment. There are now a total of nearly 800 telephones between the two campuses.

"Every telephone has a speaker capable of delivering a voice page across campus," said Paul Katchmar, Executive Director of Information Technology.

Katchmar emphasized that these telephones should not be moved from their current locations.



NEW TELEPHONES IN CLASSROOMS - Ted Barber demonstrates the newly installed telephones in a classroom in the Academic Building.

The telephones in the labs and classrooms can only call on-campus extensions while the office telephones can be used for off-campus use. While all the telephones can be used to contact the Security Office at extension 5777, they can also be used to dial 911 or 9-911. The system has capability to page certain buildings, floors within the building or an individual room.

Since it is unlikely that an on-campus emergency on one campus will affect the other campus, the voice paging systems are separate. This means a member of the MVCC Crisis Team on each campus will be responsible for making the announcement.

There are plans in the works to have information signs placed at each location indicating extension number and procedure.

Gift baskets sought for Employees Recognition raffle

Once again the Employee Recognition Council is looking for donations of baskets for the Celebration of Success coming up on May 19. The Council is asking individuals, groups and offices to consider donating a basket.

The proceeds from the basket raffle will be donated to a local charity. In Rome, baskets can be dropped off to Susan Halbritter in Room 117 of the Plumley Complex while on the Utica Campus they can be dropped to Marie Kohl in Room 368 of Payne Hall.



OFFICE OF THE WEEK - The Student Service Center on the Rome Campus was selected as the Office of the Week by Lite 98.7 radio station with a delectable fruit basket being delivered on Thursday. Receiving the basket here is MVCC's Kathy Kotary from radio personality Mark Richards.



READY FOR RETIREMENT - Sodexo's John Joyce shares a laugh with general manager Jim Suriano after being honored by the Board of Trustees for his service to the college.

Board recognizes Joyce for service

Board of Trustee chairman William S. Calli, Jr., gave special recognition to John Joyce for his service to the college at this month's board meeting as Joyce prepares to retire this summer. You may not have known his name, but Joyce is the gentleman seen daily running across the Utica Campus with refreshments for meetings, workshops and conferences.

During his eight years at MVCC, Joyce has worn many hats for Sodexo and as Calli put it, "likely worn out more than a few pairs of shoes." Joyce has been the point-man for setting up most catered events on campus while always bringing a positive attitude to his duties. He duties have ranged in size from coffee for two, to formal dinners for 30, to hot dogs for 4,000.

"His presence at each of those events is a sure sign that it is in the most capable hands," added Calli. "In this his second career, he works with more diligence, good nature, and attention to detail than some people bring to their first."

Honor students attend regional, international conventions

Four members of MVCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently participated in the New York State Regional Convention and the International Convention for this organization.

During the weekend of February 26-28, Ahsan Ali, Ashley Farr, Tynan Garrett, and Ashley Waldron, along with advisor Steve Frisbee, attended the New York State Regional Convention in Syracuse, representing MVCC's Lambda Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. In addition to attending personal and professional development workshops and networking with fellow PTK students from all over the state, the students accepted several awards on behalf of the chapter.

MVCC's chapter was presented with a Pinnacle Award for meeting goals in enrollment growth, increasing new members by over 20 percent this past year, as well as the Silver Award for participation in the Region's Endowment Campaign. Additionally, the chapter was awarded Four Stars in Phi Theta Kappa's Chapter Development program in recognition of their many projects throughout the year that addressed the four hallmarks of the organization: fellowship, leadership, service, and scholarship.

In addition to receiving chapter honors, MVCC student Ahsan Ali was elected as the Northern District Vice President for the New York State Region. This is the first time an MVCC student has served as a Regional Officer in many years. Ahsan will spend the next year representing the district and working with chapters from around the state.

After being energized by the Regional Convention, these four students and their advisors, Liz Doherty and Steve Frisbee, traveled to Orlando, Florida for the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention on April 8-10. They joined thousands of other members from around the world at this convention



HONOR SOCIETY CONFERENCE - From left are, Steve Frisbee, Ashley Waldron, Tynan Garrett, Ashley Farr, Ahsan Ali and Liz Doherty, which included numerous personal and professional workshops, and presentations.

Keynote speakers for the convention included political commentator and television host Rachel Maddow, author Wes Moore, and CNN correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Students also had the opportunity to attend the Honors in Action Leadership Institute developed and presented by the Disney Corporation to explore core values of organizations.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in the world and is designed to specifically recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students while providing further opportunities for individual growth. MVCC's Lambda Beta Chapter currently has over 250 members in all academic disciplines, and holds induction ceremonies in both the fall and spring semester.

WANTED!!!

**Artists, Writers and Hobbyists for the Summer Institute Showcase.
No Experience Necessary. Talent and Creativity Highly Desirable.**

If you have talent in Arts and Crafts, Drawing, Photography, Design, Painting, Sculpture or Writing then consider entering the Showcase Exhibition. Please submit your intentions to participate in the Showcase Exhibition by completing the attached entry form by May 7. Send the completed form to Debbie Otis, Information Technology Department or via e-mail to dotis@mvcc.edu

*Note to be eligible to enter the show you must be a full- or part-time employee (faculty, staff or administrator) of the college. Entry Form Deadline is May 7. Work Submission Deadline is May 19.

MVCC Faces: Kristen L. Bowers



Kristen L. Bowers
Project Coordinator

The Rome Campus continues to play a larger role within the community with programs and classes expanding beyond the grounds on Floyd Avenue. Kristen Bowers has joined the Rome team as Project Coordinator, to provide project management support for Ronald G. Cantor, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Rome Campus, which focuses on community partnerships, process and procedure improvement and Rome Campus administration.

"In my past position (Director of Admissions at Utica College), I gained a strong perspective on how important it is for colleagues to share information, consider all ideas and perspectives and to utilize all resources (human and otherwise) to achieve success," said Bowers. "I am hoping that my skills and knowledge can find a place in the advancement of MVCC. My position here is very broad which I see as an advantage as it will allow me to work with every office in some respect."

Since joining the MVCC family on March 1, this Utica native has been busy helping to coordinate college-wide and Rome-specific special projects connected with multiple departments.

"Everyone's opinion is relevant and I hope to share my perspectives with others in the most appropriate and effective way," she added. "In the past, I have been very involved with strategic planning, marketing and recruitment through traditional methods as well as utilizing alumni and professional connections. I believe much, if not all, of that experience has prepared me for my current position."

Bowers is an MVCC alum with an Associate in Science degree and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism Studies from Utica College. She completed her Master of Science degree in Management from Keuka College.

When not at work, she volunteers with the Wanderers Rest Humane Society, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as well as the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She also enjoys spending time with her niece and two very active and mischievous nephews.

Bowers' hobbies include swimming, kayaking, hiking, yoga and she is training for the Boilermaker. "I am a foodie and love to cook and eat new foods. ... I am also currently working on an outline and research to write a book chronicling a woman who worked as a social worker during the late 19th century who was very instrumental in the establishment of the rights of children."

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, May 3

- 3:00 pm - Chess Club: Informal Games, ACC 114
- 6:00 pm - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 306
- 7:30 pm - MVCC and /Utica College Concert Band, Theater

Tuesday, May 4

- 2:30 pm - College Senate, IT 225
- 6:00 pm - Disability Awareness Recognition Reception, IT Lobby
- 6:00 pm - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 312
- 7:00 pm - Lecture: "King Gimp" w/Artist Dan Klepinger, Theater
- 7:00 pm - MV Café Live: Open Mic Night, ACC 116

Wednesday, May 5

- 12:00 pm - Brown Bag Lunch Series:
End of Semester/Game Day, ACC 116
- 6:00 pm - Dinners with Distinction, RA 108
- 6:30 pm - Pieceful Gals Quilting Club, PC 209

Thursday, May 6

- 3:00 pm - Education Club, ACC 218

Saturday, May 8

- 8:00 am - Motorcycle Driving Learn to Ride, RA 207
- 1:00 pm - Softball vs. Hudson Valley CC, Softball Field

Sunday, May 9

- 8:00 am - Motorcycle Driving Learn to Ride, RA 207

Open House held in Rome



Training airplane from Airframe and Powerplant program



Approximately 65 prospective students attended the Open House.



National Nurses Week - May 6-12

By Nancy Caputo, Professor
Associate Dean of Nursing & Allied Health

National Nurses Week begins on National Nurses Day which is May 6, and ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. This year's national theme is: "Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow."

Kudos goes out to the nursing profession for ranking the highest in annual surveys of public service professions, year after year. Gallup Poll results show that when various professions are rated on honesty and ethics, nursing professionals are rated number one by the public. Such a rating is both an honor and a responsibility.

In the process of caring for others, nurses may forget the significant impact they have on their patients, families and co-workers. A smile or simple thank you from a grateful person can make their day. Nursing is a wonderful and rewarding profession full of countless challenges and unending opportunities. Nurses are privileged to be present at all the defining moments of people's lives and, through competence and caring, to make each of those moments better.

As MVCC nurse educators we take pride in our commitment to excellence in preparing associate degree nurses to enter the workforce in our community. Please join me and take a moment this week to say "thank you" to our nursing colleagues, to our nursing students, and to all those in the community for making a difference in the lives of others.

Open letter from Nancy Caputo

National Nurses Week is May 6-12, and I can't help but feel proud of the work that each of you do on a daily basis. As nurse educators you should take pride in the fact that you are preparing the nurses of tomorrow, nurses who will work in local, national, and global communities with those who are healthy and those who are acutely and chronically ill. You are the base of the nursing pyramid and the foundation on which the future is built. Congratulate yourself for your contributions, not just during special days or weeks, but each day you complete a class or clinical supervision.

During your careers as nurses, the students you teach will teach thousands of patients and families. Imagine the ripple effect. That in itself is worth celebrating. With a long teaching career, one nurse educator touches hundreds of thousands of patients' lives. How awesome is that thought?

I am proud to be a nurse educator and I am proud to have each of you as a colleague.

Thank You.

An evening of business etiquette

Nearly 100 students, faculty and staff attended the annual "Evening of Business and Dining Etiquette" held April 15, in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center. This event is hosted by the Center for Social Sciences, Business and Information Sciences.

The guest speaker was Melissa Kehler, president of Asceneur Consulting. She discussed business etiquette for a job interview during lunch along with proper dress code. Kehler has over 17 years of experience as an image consultant. She emphasized the strengthen of progressive thinking in individuals and businesses.

Kehler was named one of the top "40 Under 40 in the Mohawk Valley" in 2006 and also appeared in the Mohawk Valley Business Journal.

Athletes of the Week

Kyle Richardson became the all-time leader in hits for the MVCC baseball team last week during a six-game stint. Richardson, who has made the President's List for academics twice, was named the MVCC Athlete of the Week for his performance.

During the six games last week, Richardson connected for three doubles, two triples and a grand slam home run while also scoring eight runs. His current batting average is .404.

Richardson is a sophomore majoring in Sports Medicine. He is also a Rome Free Academy graduate, who has signed a letter of intent to play for St. John's University next year.



Richardson



PROPER ETIQUETTE - Nearly 100 students, faculty and staff attended the annual Business Etiquette Dinner recently. Above, Amanda Bielby and Lyndsay Hart, both Administrative Assistant students, share a laugh at their table. Below, Kalynn Birdsall listens to a conversation with a fellow student and the guest speaker, Melissa Kehler, president of Asceneur Consulting.



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