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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of January 18, 2010

Progress update: MVCC moves toward Web re-launch

The College is making continued progress toward the overhaul of its Web site, with launch planned for Spring 2010.

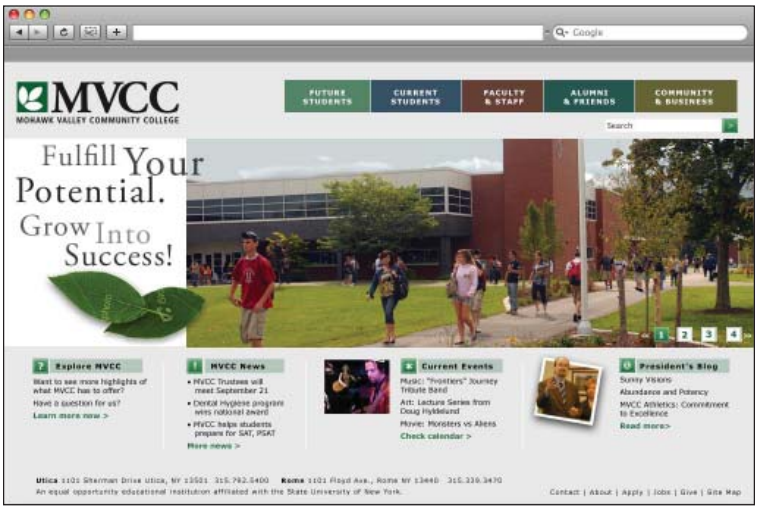
The Office of Marketing and Communications and Information Technology staff worked throughout 2009 to gather input from a 20-member Web Working Group of students, faculty, and staff from across the College; the President's Cabinet; and designers and project managers from Designworks, Inc. Designworks staff have created more than 20 variations on home page design in response to the College's input.

After multiple rounds of refinements, Marketing and Communications in December chose the home page design that will inform the rest of the site's look and function. This choice was reached after several months' consideration, a necessary period of review since the home page design sets the stage for all other design themes and elements in the final, several-hundred-page Web presence.

The home page design is visually simpler than the current MVCC home page. It highlights very prominent navigation and search functions, the latter of which was students' most-requested feature. The home page will feature a crisp, white-and-green color scheme that highlights the College's new visual brand; a "wall-to-wall," infinitely editable middle section that accommodates striking graphics and important messages; and an information architecture designed to encourage viewers to seek information customized for that audience.

Continuing its work with the Web Working Group and Cabinet, Marketing and Communications gave Designworks the green light on a second-level page design last week. Following that choice, Designworks estimates it will take 8-12 weeks of programming before the home page, second-level pages, and subsidiary pages can be ready for testing.

During this time, the Web Working Group and each Cabinet area are working to select content uploaders and define their charge. Content uploaders are the people in each office or academic area who will be authorized to create and update their



area's information online. Individual academic programs and offices will have substantial new capabilities for making and maintaining their own pages within the Web presence, with new opportunities to customize and create content that is unique to their area.

Designworks will also provide several behind-the-scenes Web tools for MVCC, including a project to automate the transfer of course information between Banner, the Web, the College's printed publications, and other venues where it is used by students and faculty.

Until the new site is launched, Marketing and Communications and IT will maintain the current site. More specific launch schedules and details will be announced as Designworks makes progress on programming milestones. Watch for trainings for content uploaders to be announced, with a "soft launch" of the site and real-world testing to occur after that. For more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communications.

College offers alumni discount for first outdoor hockey game

As the Syracuse Crunch prepare to host the Binghamton Senators in the American Hockey League's first-ever outdoor game, Saturday, February 20, at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, Mohawk Valley Community College's Alumni Association is offering the college's alumni the opportunity to buy discounted tickets to the game for $30 each. Alumni can reserve tickets by contacting Marie Kohl in the Office of Alumni Relations at mkohl@mvcc.edu or by calling (315) 792-5340.

The game, known as the Mirabito Outdoor Classic, will take place at 1 p.m. The first outdoor game in the AHL's history will be part of a full day of youth hockey games and festivities.

It has drawn intense interest from hockey fans and is nearing sellout capacity.

The MVCC Alumni tickets will save fans a $6.95 convenience charge per ticket and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until Monday, February 1, or until they are sold out, whichever comes first.

New @ the MVCC Library ...

Announcing ILLiad, the new paperless interlibrary loan system

MVCC has a wonderful library collection. However, there are times when a researcher needs a resource that the library does not own. That is when Interlibrary Loan (ILL) comes into play. ILL is the process by which a library requests material from, or supplies material to, another library.

Over the summer, MVCC joined the ranks of the rest of SUNY colleges in taking steps to improve ILL service for the college community. A major change library users will notice is the acquisition and use of ILLiad software to process interlibrary loan requests. ILLiad has several features that improve the accuracy and speed of ILL processing while enabling users to better manage their requests. As an MVCC student, faculty or staff, ILLiad allows you to:

- Request materials 24 hours a day online
- View the progress of your requests at each stage of the process
- Receive articles electronically in your personal ILLiad account
- Receive email notifications when your books are ready for pick-up
- View checked out items and request renewals online
- View current and past requests

ILLiad requires all users to register and establish an account at the time of making the first request. To create an account, please refer to the following steps:

1. Go to the MVCC library web page and click on Interlibrary Loan under Library Services.
2. Click on the link Register as a First Time User and then access the registration form by clicking on "First Time User Click Here" at the bottom of the page.

Once registered with ILLiad, you can log on directly to ILLiad (mvcc.illiad.oclc.org/illiad//logon.html) and fill out a simple form to request a book or an article not found at the MVCC libraries.

Links to ILLiad are also available in several of the library's research databases, including all EBSCO databases and WorldCat, by clicking on "Request through ILL". The ILLiad request forms are automatically filled out with citation data, thus alleviating the need for re-keying the information.

We hope you will enjoy the enhancements that ILLiad has brought to interlibrary loan at MVCC. If you have any questions and/or would like assistance in setting up your ILLIAD account along with a demonstration of the software, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Charbonneau (x5793) or Sherry Day (x5669). You may also email us at mvccill@mvcc.edu.

'Hawks That Soar' quotes

As the nominations for the January "Hawks That Soar" pour in, here are some of the comments our co-workers have made about this month's nominees. More will be published next week.

They have said about Bill Hysell:

- Hysell played an intricate role in setting me on a lifelong journey of learning and exploration
- One of the most profound academic experiences of my life was being enrolled in Professor Hysell's Eastern Philosophy course

For Elin Cormican, they have said:

- Her decades of service to the college provides her with insight and experience of great value
- The college has benefited greatly from her generous spirit during the recent reorganization.

The comments for Tom Capraro are:

- He was one of the first individuals to put a non-lab science on-line.
- He has co-authored a lab manual which has been used at the College for many years

For Mike McHarris, the talk is:

- Whether it's a small issue with a paint color or a large issue in the Residence Halls, he is positive, professional and thorough in everything he is associated with on campus
- He follows through with what he agrees to do

About Liz Dougherty:

- In her first few months, Liz created and implemented the College's First Year Experience webpage and our new student commuter orientation
- She has displayed a consistent commitment to collaborations with Academic Affairs and to creative relationships with individual faculty

They are saying about Brandon Shaw is:

- He has been an enduring positive influence in the lives of the students

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, January 25

10:00 am - Haiti Fundraiser, MV Commons
3:00 am - Chess Club: Informal Games, ACC 114
5:30 am - CCED: T'ai Chi, ACC 116
6:00 pm - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 306
7:00 - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116

Tuesday, January 26

Art Student Exhibit begins through February 25, IT Gallery
7:00 pm – CS Movie: "Zombieland," Theater
7:00 - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Wednesday, January 27

10:00 am - Haiti Fundraiser, PH Lobby
Noon - Game Show: "Street Smart," MV Commons
Noon - Seasonal Flu Clinic, ACC 116
7:00 - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116
7:00 - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons
8:00 pm – CS Concert: Asobi Seksu, Theater

Thursday, January 28

8:00 am Stevens-Swan Humane Society Telethon, IT 225
10:00 am - Haiti Fundraiser, AB Lobby
2:00 - Student Congress, ACC 212
6:00 pm – Movie/Lecture: "Ballou" w/ director Michael Patrei, Theater
7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116
7:00 pm - Women's Basketball vs. FMCC, Gym

Friday, January 29

10:00 am - Dental Hygiene Program: Guest Speaker, Dr. Melnyk - Periodontal Surgery, PC A10/Aud.
7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116
8:00 pm – CS Concert: Locksley, Theater

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am - Refugee Center: Karen New Year Celebration, Gym

Sunday, January 31

3:00 pm - Ice Hockey vs. Union College, Utica Auditorium

Academic Calendars as approved by the Board of Trustees

2009 – 2010 Academic Calendar

Fall 2009

Faculty Return	Aug 17
Professional Development Day	Aug 18
First Day of Instruction	Aug 24
Labor Day (College Closed)	Sept 7
Columbus Day (College Open, No Classes)	Oct 12
Runs as Monday Schedule	Oct 13
No Classes (College Open)	Nov 25
Thanksgiving Break (College Closed)	Nov 26 – 29
Last Day of Instruction	Dec 11
Final Exam Days	Dec 12 - 14
Grades Due (No Finals)	Dec 15
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	Dec 17
Commencement	Dec 17

Spring 2010

Faculty Return	Jan 14
Professional Development Day	Jan 15
MLK Day (College Open, No Classes)	Jan 18
First Day of Instruction	Jan 21
Spring Break	March 15 – 21
Last Day of Instruction	May 12
Snow Days/Study Days	May 13 & 14
Final Exam Days	May 17 - 19
Grades Due (No Finals)	May 19
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	May 21
Commencement	May 21

Summer 2010

1st 5-Week Session

Instruction Begins	June 1
Independence Day (College Closed)	July 5
Instruction Ends	July 6
Grades Due	July 9

2nd 5-Week Session

Instruction Begins	July 7
Instruction Ends	Aug 10
Grades Due	Aug 13

8-Week Session

Instruction Begins	June 1
Independence Day (College Closed)	July 5
8 Week Session End	July 22
8 Week Grades Due	July 27

2010 – 2011 Academic Calendar

Fall 2010

Faculty Return	Aug 16
Professional Development Day	Aug 17
First Day of Instruction	Aug 23
Labor Day (College Closed)	Sept 6
Columbus Day (College Open, No Classes)	Oct 11
Runs as Monday Schedule	Oct 12
No Classes (College Open)	Nov 24
Thanksgiving Break (College Closed)	Nov 25 – 28
Last Day of Instruction	Dec 10
Final Exam Days	Dec 13 -15
Grades Due (No Finals)	Dec 15
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	Dec 17
Commencement	Dec 16

Spring 2011

Faculty Return	Jan 11
Professional Development Day	Jan 12
MLK Day (College Open, No Classes)	Jan 17
First Day of Instruction	Jan 18
Spring Break	March 14 – 20
Last Day of Instruction	May 9
Snow Days/Study Days	May 10 - 11
Final Exam Days	May 12, 13, 16
Grades Due (No Finals)	May 16
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	May 18
Commencement	May 20

Summer 2011

1st 5-Week Session

Instruction Begins	May 31
Independence Day (College Closed)	July 4
Instruction Ends	July 5
Grades Due	July 8

2nd 5-Week Session

Instruction Begins	July 6
Instruction Ends	Aug 9
Grades Due	Aug 12

8-Week Session

Instruction Begins	May 31
Independence Day (College Closed)	July 4
8 Week Session End	July 21
8 Week Grades Due	July 26

2011 – 2012 Academic Calendar

Fall 2011

Faculty Return	Aug 15
Professional Development Day	Aug 16
First Day of Instruction	Aug 22
Labor Day (College Closed)	Sept 5
Columbus Day (College Open, No Classes)	Oct 10
Runs as Monday Schedule	Oct 11
No Classes (College Open)	Nov 23
Thanksgiving Break (College Closed)	Nov 24 – 27
Last Day of Instruction	Dec 9
Final Exam Days	Dec 12 - 14
Grades Due (No Finals)	Dec 14
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	Dec 16
Commencement	Dec 15

Spring 2012

Faculty Return	Jan 10
Professional Development Day	Jan 11
MLK Day (College Open, No Classes)	Jan 16
First Day of Instruction	Jan 17
Spring Break	March 12 – 18
Last Day of Instruction	May 7
Snow Days/Study Days	May 8 - 9
Final Exam Days	May 10, 11, 14
Grades Due (No Finals)	May 14
Grades Due (W/ Finals)	May 16
Commencement	May 18

Summer 2012

1st 5-Week Session

Instruction Begins	May 29
Independence Day (College Closed)	July 4
Instruction Ends	July 2
Grades Due	July 6

2nd 5-Week Session

Instruction Begins	July 3
Instruction Ends	Aug 7
Grades Due	Aug 10

8-Week Session

Instruction Begins	May 29
Independence Day (College Closed)	July 4
8 Week Session End	July 19
8 Week Grades Due	July 24

MVCC's Aubrey Brown named NJCAA All-American

For the second consecutive season, sophomore Aubrey Brown was instrumental in the College's men's soccer team success. For his contribution on the field, Brown was selected Second Team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for the second consecutive year.

Last season as the Hawks finished with a 13-4 record, Brown was also selected First Team All-Region III as a defenseman. This year as MVCC's team captain, Brown was once again honored with First Team All-Region III honors as the Hawks finished with a 11-6 record.

Brown is a native of Marathon, NY, and a recipient of the MVCC Exceptional Student Scholarship awarded to a student graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Along with making the President's List in academics, he graduated in December with an Associate in Science Degree for General Studies while carrying a 3.7 grade point average (GPA).

Rome Holiday Party at Delta Lake Inn

It was an evening of fun and family enjoyment during the Rome Holiday Party held on January 8 at Delta Lake Inn. With 31 adults and four children in attendance, everyone had a good time creating everlasting bonds. Here are some images of the festivities of the evening.

Snap the winter blues with Josh Blue on Feb. 6

Rattle those winter blues with an evening of side-splitting laughter when comedian Josh Blue takes the stage on Saturday, February 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the College Theater.

A gifted stand-up comedian and talented U.S. Paralympic soccer player, Josh Blue refuses to bow to any of the challenges that come from living with cerebral palsy. “I realize that people are going to stare so I want to give them something to stare at,” jokes Blue, who was the winner of NBC’s Last Comic Standing.

Tickets are $5 general admission, $2 with a college ID, and free for students with an ID from MVCC, HCCC or SUNY IT, which can be picked up on the individual campuses. Call or stop at MVCC’s Bookstore for advanced tickets.

Josh Blue is co-sponsored by MVCC, Herkimer County Community College and SUNY Institute of Technology along with major funding by First Source Federal Credit Union and MVCC Students.

Born in Cameroon, West Africa, and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, Blue uses his self-deprecating sense of humor to defy stereotypes and encourage others to overcome their pre-conceived notions about disabled people.

Describing his comedy as “spastic and engaging,” he wanted to be on “Last Comic Standing” to “make people aware of the fact that people with disabilities can make an impact.”

With his adult content humor, Blue began his comedy career while pursuing a Bachelor’s of Art in creative writing from Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. Since guest-starring on Comedy Central’s “Mind of Mencia,” Blue has been making audiences laugh in top comedy clubs, theaters, colleges campuses and corporate events all over the country.

In addition to being a stand-up comic, Blue is also a U.S. Paralympic soccer player, and he participated in the 2004 Paralympic Games that took place in Athens, Greece. The Paralympics, held two weeks after the Olympics, are the world’s second largest sporting event.