



## Facilities and Maintenance are first Wings winners

After months of planning to create a new professional achievement award at MVCC, it was revealed last week that the first-ever Wings of the Hawk award goes to the Facilities and Maintenance Department for their dedication and hard work to keep MVCC going strong.

President Randall VanWagoner praised the entire staff for their tireless efforts.

"It can truly be said that without all the work that each of you performs daily, the college would not function," said Dr. VanWagoner. "The college wouldn't be the success it is today without everyone in your department going the extra mile."

The Wings of the Hawk is an award presented to the group or department whose work best ensures the success of students and the college as a whole. The trophy will remain with the Facilities and Maintenance Department throughout the spring semester, and they will work together to choose the next Wings winners.

The entire College Cabinet was on hand for the presentation, which took place in the Payne Hall Boardroom on January 29.

"It is an incredible moral boost to receive this," said George Aylesworth, the college's Environmental Health and Safety Officer. "The guys have been working really hard and you can't expect to get a pat on the back every time, but this was a



big pat on the back for all of us."

"The Facilities and Maintenance Department has a long history of good teamwork and particularly the work they did during the reorganization," said John Bullis, Executive Director of Organizational Development. "During the reorganization, they were responsible for moving all the offices around, fixing and painting offices, and getting it done in a timely fashion. They did a heck of a job."

Added Bullis, "It takes a lot of coordina-

tion to get things done on both campuses and the Rome team deserves a lot of credit as well."

The Facilities and Maintenance Department is responsible for building maintenance, building mechanics, printing and office services, ground maintenance, access management and clerical support. Once employees in the department choose the next winning area of the college, the presentation will be made at the Spring Celebration of Success.

## Electric cords are hazards

Alarms sound. Rooms and hallways fill with smoke. Fire damages or destroys one of the College's buildings. That's what could happen if faculty and staff don't stop using those brown, green, or white \$1.98 extension cords in their offices.

"People just don't realize how dangerous these types of extension cords are," said George Aylesworth, the College's Environmental Health and Safety Officer. "The wiring in these things are so thin that they can easily overheat and cause a fire." MVCC's annual inspection by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control

will be soon; these kinds of extension cords are considered a violation. The inspector will walk through every office, closet, roof, basement, and if he spots these kinds of cords, they will be confiscated. The annual inspection includes the College's paperwork, maintenance of fire systems, and condition of heating and electrical systems in every structure owned or occupied by the college on both campuses. Aylesworth will provide acceptable powerstrips on request.



**ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN** - These are just a sample of the extension cords which were confiscated during last year's inspection.

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# CCED offers Saturday classes for children

The Center for Corporate and Community Education is adding fun to Saturday mornings this Spring with a series of classes designed to teach children confidence while learning a new skill. These programs include:

**How to Get a Black Belt Attitude** - This course will teach young students important life skills in a fun, exciting and enriching manner through the use of Karate. Students, ages 5 to 12, will learn that martial arts are more than just how to punch and kick as instructor Brian Seetge reveals the secret to understanding coordination, concentration, and self-control in a unique method called "edu-tainment." Held February 27 - March 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 p.m. on the Rome Campus. The cost is \$39.

**Shamrock Surprise** - St. Patrick's Day Baking For Kids: Looking for a bit o' luck of the Irish in the kitchen? Search no further as instructor Marjorie Naples teaches students, ages 8 to 12, the joy of baking clover toasties, shamrock cupcakes, and their very own pot of gold. Held March 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the Rome Campus. The cost is \$29.

**Eggstravaganza** - Easter Baking For Kids: Students, ages 8 to 12, will learn the enjoyment of coloring Easter eggs, making Easter bread, creating magic bunny cupcakes, and welcoming sweet treats just in time for Spring. Held on March 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the Rome Campus. The cost is \$29.

**Magic 101:** Want to be the next David Copperfield? Here's a chance to learn the art of magic. This hands-on class will teach students, ages 8 to 14, the beginning steps for sleight of hand using coins, cards, and other household items. Held March 6 and March 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the Utica Campus. The cost is \$39.

For information or to register, call 792-5300, between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

## '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.

### About Bill Hysell:

- It was Professor Hysell's intelligence, encouragement and profound insight that allowed me to take what I learned in the classroom and transfer this knowledge into my personal area of interest

### For Elin Cormican:

- She has smoothed the transition from department to center

### For Tom Capraro are:

- He has offered to work with adjuncts and shares information and teaching strategies...unselfishly

### About Mike McHarris:

- His assistance in the Residence Halls has been invaluable and he understands the details behind every project

### About Liz Dougherty:

- She has connected with students, personally and by building student peer leadership components and seeking student input and participation

### For Brandon Shaw:

- He has initiated many efforts to help others and has organized his students and accompanied them in such projects as serving Christmas dinner at the Rescue Mission and collecting needed items for the poor



**COMING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS** - President Randall VanWagoner presented a check for \$900 to the Utica and Rome Rescue Missions recently. This money was raised through the sale of tickets for the basket raffle held during the Celebration of Success event held in the Information Technology Building for the Colleges employees. On hand to receive the check were Rev. Bill Dodge, Executive Director of the Utica Rescue Mission; and Matt Miller, Executive Director of the Rome Rescue Mission. Helping to celebrate were just some of the MVCC employees who helped raise this money.

## MVCC EVENTS

### Tuesday, February 2

2:30 pm - College Senate, IT 225  
4:30 pm - Drama Club Rehearsal, Theater  
7:00 pm - MV Café Live: Open Mic Night, ACC 116  
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons  
7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, PH Lobby (U)

### Wednesday, February 3

10:00 am - NYS DOT Representative, AB Lobby  
3:00 pm - CS: Student Art Exhibit Reception, IT 2nd Fl. Lobby  
4:30 pm - Drama Club Rehearsal, Theater  
6:30 pm - Pieciful Gals Quilting Club, PC 209  
7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116  
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

### Thursday, February 4

4:30 pm - Drama Club Rehearsal, Theater  
7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116  
7:00 pm - Women's Basketball vs. Albany College Pharm, Gym

### Friday, February 5

7:00 am - AHA "Go Red for Women" Breakfast, ACC 116  
10:00 am - Heart Run/Walk Registration, AB Lobby/Commons  
11:45 am - STEP: Lunch/Workshop, IT 225  
4:30 pm - Drama Club Rehearsal, Theater  
5:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116

### Saturday, February 6

9:00 am - Oneida County Civil Service Exams, AB 143-234  
10:00 am - MVCC Athletic Open House, Gym  
1:00 pm - Black History Month Program, ACC 116  
1:00 pm - Women's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, Gym  
3:00 pm - Men's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, Gym  
8:00 pm - CS Performance: Josh Blue, Comedian, Theater

### Sunday, February 7

4:30 pm - Drama Club Rehearsal, Theater

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# Student Congress mural brings wall to life

Things are brightening up in the outside the Student Congress office in the Alumni College Center.

Over the holiday break, MVCC art student Kaitlyn Czerwinski was commissioned to design and paint a mural on the wall. This wall was recently reconstructed under some renovations which took place over the summer, and this proved a perfect blank canvas for Czerwinski.

"It was to draw more attention to Student Congress and promote what they do," said Megan Vogt, president of the MVCC Student Congress. "The offices were recently renovated and we were hoping this would showcase it a bit more."

Czerwinski's design was selected from several submitted during the fall semester. The mural is a contemporary design with a bright, eye catching pattern. It incorporates the "S" and "C" to represent Student Congress.

"We talked with Kaitlyn and she understood what we wanted – to incorporate our style which is crazy and wild while representing cultural diversity in a contemporary style," said Vogt.

Czerwinski was commissioned \$200 for her work which took an entire day to sketch and paint. She returned after everything had dried and applied a clear coat to protect the artwork and give a glossy appearance.



**WALL OF COLOR** – Kaitlyn Czerwinski was commissioned by the MVCC Student Congress to create and paint a mural on the wall outside of the Student Congress offices. The mural was meant to bring more attention to the student organizations.

## Aylesworth gives Hawk bowlers guidance

The Hawks scored a strike when George Aylesworth was named as the new men's and women's bowling coach. A life-long resident of Central New York, Aylesworth has been able to take his passion for the sport to the next level while passing on some of his knowledge.



Aylesworth

"I have always been an athlete and I've loved bowling for over 44 years," said Aylesworth.

Because of the age difference, Aylesworth says the biggest challenge is

trying to communicate and develop solid relationships with athletes from a different generation in order for the team to operate as a single unit.

"These kids know an awful lot about bowling, but they don't realize that they have that knowledge within themselves. I'm not there so much to teach them something new as I'm there to give reassurance and help them correct something they are doing wrong," said Aylesworth.

Aylesworth is a 1981 graduate of Hamilton College, holding a Bachelor of Art in Biology. During his time in Clinton, he was a member of the men's soccer and

basketball teams. On the allies, Aylesworths has bowled six 300 games along with three 800 series and over 250 recognized 700 series.

"It is important to not put them in a position to fail. As long as we can get them in a pre-shot routine where they execute and then are able to move onto the next shot without pondering on the last one, we are doing what is best for them," added Aylesworth. "Working with these kids has made bowling enjoyable again for me."

Aylesworth is a full-time employee of MVCC as the college's Environmental Health and Safety Officer.



## Team MVCC Supports National Wear Red Day February 5

Team MVCC will kick-off their campaign for America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk on Friday, February 5 by promoting National Wear Red Day. MVCC Faculty, Staff and Students are all encouraged to wear red on Friday, February 5 to help increase the awareness of heart disease, and the upcoming Heart Run & Walk.

National Wear Red Day will also kick-off the Team MVCC fundraising efforts for the American Heart Association. The month of February will be filled with events to promote and raise money for America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk which will take place on Saturday, March 6.

Wear red on Friday, February 5 and join Team MVCC for a group photo at 2:30 p.m. in the lobby of Payne Hall.

## Ski Club trip to Gore

Hit the slopes this weekend with the MVCC Ski and Snowboard Club when they take a day trip to Gore Mountain.

Tickets are just \$35 for MVCC students and \$50 for non-MVCC students, which include transportation and a full-day lift ticket. And for those who are interested in learning to ski or snowboard, there is also a special package - lesson, equipment and lift ticket for the lower hill – for just \$43 for MVCC student and \$58 for non-MVCC student.

The bus will leave MVCC parking lot 1 located behind the Academic Building, at 7 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

To sign up, stop in the Student Activities Office located in Room 208 of the Alumni College Center.

# Raffle raises \$3,400 for Haiti Relief Fund

When it comes to helping others, MVCC's students are time and time again at the front of the line and ready to give. This was the case last week when the Student Congress launched an effort to help the Haitian people in the wake of the devastating earthquake that left the city of Port-au-Prince in ruins.

The Student Congress, with the help of Team MVCC, collected donations from student clubs and organizations as well as from College departments and area businesses in order to organize a raffle. Tickets were sold at various locations over a seven-day period which helped raise \$3,400 for the American Red Cross Haitian Relief Fund

"We, as a Student Congress, wanted to do something to help the people in Haiti. We tossed around a lot of ideas and came up with the idea of a raffle after the clubs at the College came forward with donations," said Megan Vogt, president of the MVCC Student Congress. "The response was tremendous and overwhelming."

The initial goal was to raise \$2,000, but this goal was made on the fourth day of ticket sales. Vogt

"To me personally, it was a fantastic show of support by the students, faculty and staff at the college. ... A lot of the credit goes to the clubs, students and advisors." added Vogt, whose efforts were guided by Sandy Cummings, Coordinator of Student Activities.

"To see the students take the lead on this was inspiring," said Deanna Ferro, Events Coordinator for the Office of Institutional Advancement. "The willingness of the clubs and students on campus to put this together and wanting to help the people of Haiti demonstrates their compassion."

The student clubs and MVCC organizations donated to this cause were Student Congress, indoor track team, 12 Steps, Bowling Club, Caribbean Club, Chemical Dependency Club, Chess Club, Criminal Justice Club, Digital Animation Club, Drama Club, ECOS Club, Escoffier Club, Fine Arts Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Indoor Soccer Club, International Club, Judo Club, Kidz'n'Coaches, Latino Student Union, Liberal Arts & Sciences Club, Muslim Student Association, Paintball Club, Paranormal Club, Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa, Photography Club, MVCC Program Board, Public Policy Club, RASA – Rome, RASA – Utica, Recreation Club, Respiratory Care Club, Ski & Snowboarding Club, Strategic Gaming Club, Student Nurses Organization, Student Voice, Veterans, and Weightlifting Club.

Departments and individual contributions were made by the Counseling Center, Denise DiGiorgio, the MVCC Bookstore, Sodexo Campus Services, MVCC Deans and Assistant Deans and Maimun Khan.

Local businesses donating items for the raffle were Great American Irish Festival, Big Apple Music, Symeon's Restaurant, Ninety Nine Restaurant, and Best Buy.



**HELPING THOSE IN HAITI** - Victoria Cataldo, Director of Development and Public Relations for the American Red Cross, was presented a check representing the money raised by Mohawk Valley Community College's Student Congress in conjunction with Team MVCC for the Haitian Relief Fund. MVCC raised \$3,400 over a seven-day period. Presenting the check is Megan Vogt, president of the MVCC Student Congress; who is joined by Sandy Cummings, Coordinator of Student Activities; and Deanna Ferro, Events Coordinator for Institutional Advancement.

## Raffle winners

Delmonico's Gift Card – Jean Leandre  
Citgo Gift Card – Alma King  
MVCC Bookstore Gift Cards – Tania Bader  
Sodexo Hawk Dollars – Mark Primack  
Marquee Cinema Gift Card – Carolyn D'Argenio  
Sumo Restaurant Gift Cards – Mike McHarris  
Tramontane Café Gift Cards – Carolyn D'Argenio  
Symeon's Restaurant Gift Cards – Tania Bader  
Outback Steakhouse Gift Cards – Joann Dickson  
Ninety Nine Restaurant Gift Cards – Mary Jane Parry  
Manny's Cheesecake Gift Cards – Marie Kohl  
Café Florentine Gift Cards - Laura Schilling  
White Whispers Spa Gift Cards – Carolyn D'Argenio  
Blockbuster Video Gift Cards – Mary Jane Parry  
Portable DVD Player – Laura Smith  
MVCC Backpack w/items – Diane Schremmer  
Great American Irish Fest Gift Basket – Waldemar Gajewski  
Sodexo Food Basket – Carolyn D'Argenio  
Italian Food Basket – Joann Dickson  
Snowboard & Bindings – Jean Leandre  
Basket of Smiles – Aiko Kane  
Electric Guitar w/Amplifier – Ellen Krol  
Wii Bundle Pack System – Ushona McLean  
iPod w/Docking Station – Rosemary Spetka  
Garmin GPS – Samantha Davis  
Canon Digital Camera – Jessica Williams  
RCA Flat Screen TV – Robert Jubenville

## Extension cords - from page 1

The number one violation the College faces every year is the use of unapproved extension cords.

"With the introduction of computers over the past 30 years, there aren't enough outlets in these older buildings. If people go out and buy a \$1.98 extension cord, it doesn't meet code. There are even some homemade cords that have

been confiscated," said Aylesworth.

In the seven years Aylesworth has been the Environmental Health and Safety Officer at the College, there have been three near fires caused by these extension cords overheating and igniting nearby materials. According to the American Insurance Association, extension cords are the major cause of household fires.

If an office has a need for more outlets, Aylesworth advises to contact Facilities. His office can also provide approved power strips for use in the College's offices and classrooms.

Some of the other violations the College seeks to avoid are having fire doors wedged open, equipment storage under stairwells, and ceiling tiles out of place.