

## Spring Job Fair attracts over 250

This week's Spring Job Fair provided the networking opportunities and connections that hundreds in attendance were looking for. Held in the first and second floor lobbies of the Information Technology Building on Wednesday, more than 250 job seekers talked with more than 30 companies.

"With this being the first time our office has organized an on-campus job fair, it was a great success. All the employers were happy and the student turnout was great," said Jennifer Squire, MVCC's Career and Job Placement Counselor. "There were a lot of non-traditional students and alumni, for a decent mixture with our traditional students."

Squire took the lead on organizing the employers who were in attendance by contacting companies through MVCC's College Central Network, where employers can post jobs for students. Of the 150 companies enrolled in the CCN, 31 proved information and materials to prospects.

The Spring Job Fair ran from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. with a steady flow of people the entire time.

"Having 30-plus employers in this economy was very promising and students are eager to get a step up in their job search," added Squire. "The flow was



steady. We gave students opportunity to talk with all the representatives."

If demand calls for it, the Career, Transfer and Job Placement Services may organize another job fair in the fall or at different hours to fit better into students' sched-

### Join us for coffee, muffins, & lunch stay for great sessions

Organizers of the March Institute, scheduled for Monday, March 15, have added a morning networking breakfast to the day's professional enrichment activities, giving MVCC faculty and staff the opportunity to enjoy refreshments and each other's company at the start of the day.

The day's other highlights include a morning look at performance evaluation for supervisors; a panel of students discussing their MVCC experience; free casual lunch and more. For a complete schedule and to sign up visit www.mvcc.edu/training/march.

The day's events are organized mainly around topics from the professional environment outside the classroom. Sessions are open to all faculty and staff; offices that have front-line student service responsibilities are asked to maintain sufficient staff levels while inviting all team members to one or more March Institute sessions.

# SIRS will be down for maintenance March 12-18

The Student Information and Registration System (SIRS) will be shut down for maintenance from Friday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m. through Thursday, March 18. During this time, all SIRS functions will be unavailable including registration, course scheduling.

The College has planned this several-day project to coincide with Spring Break. SIRS will re-open next week. Midterm grades will be available the afternoon of March 23.

For assistance during the shutdown, stude nts should contact the Registrar's Office at 792-5336 or visit the service desks in Utica or Rome.

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GIVING BACK TO HELP OTHERS – A check for \$400 was presented the Rome Memorial Hospital's Community Recovery Center earlier this week. The funds, part of the proceeds from the annual Theodore "Ted" Moore Run/Walk, were awarded to the center in recognition for its work in helping people battle addictions. From left are, Robin Ellis, CASAC, Councilor at the Community Recovery Center; Deanna Ferro, Events Coordinator for Institutional advancement at MVCC; and Elizabeth Feola. BA, CASAC, Clinical Supervisor.

### Ted Moore Committee aids Community Recovery Center

The Office of Institutional Advancement presented the Rome Memorial Hospital's Community Recovery Center a check for \$400 earlier this week. The funds, part of the proceeds from the 12th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore Run/Walk, were awarded to the center in recognition of its participation in the event held on May 2, 2009.

The event is held in honor of Moore, an associate professor at MVCC, who was tragically killed by a drunk driver in December 1996, while on a morning run.

In addition to funding the Ted Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund, each year, proceeds are awarded to select area agencies whose mission is drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment.

Located at 264 W. Dominick Street in Rome, the Community Recovery Center offers comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment programs for adults and adolescents. Treatment options include one-on-one and group settings. The center also offers gender-specific programs, as well as specialized programs for impaired professionals and dually diagnosed clients.

The 13th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Utica Campus. The registration is \$20, \$10 for students and a maximum of \$40 for a family of five.

To register in advance mail a check payable to the MVCC Foundation to MVCC, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, N.Y. 13501. Additional information is available by calling Deanna Ferro, at 731-5797.

Submit information for Communitas to Rich Haubert at rhaubert@mvcc.edu

### **MVCC EVENTS**

#### Monday, March 15

8:45 am - March Institute, IT Building

12:00 pm - March Madness, MV Commons

4:00 pm - MVCC Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300

7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116

#### Tuesday, March 16

12:00 pm - March Madness, MV Commons

#### Wednesday, March 17

7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116

#### Thursday, March 18

8:00 am - MVCAA/Rite Aid: "Drug Quiz," IT 225

2:00 pm - Webinar: Captioning & Flash, PH 300

7:00 pm - New Hartford High School: Performance, Theater

7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116

#### Friday, March 19

8:00 am - CCED: Advanced Hydronics Seminar, IT 225

9:00 am - Utica Census Office: Forms Assistance, PC Atrium

7:00 pm - CS Concert: RFA Select Choir, PC Auditorium

7:00 pm - New Hartford High School: Performance, Theater

7:00 pm - CCED: Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116

#### Saturday, March 20

9:00 am - CCED: Greeting Card Class, IT 225

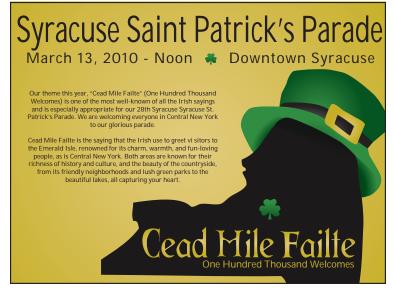
9:00 am - Oneida County Civil Service Exams, AB 220-234

10:00 am - CCED: Guitar Class, ACC 222

7:00 pm - New Hartford High School: Performance, Theater

#### Sunday, March 21

2:00 pm - New Hartford High School: Performance, Theater



## MVCC student's poster design chosen for Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade

A poster designed by MVCC student Kaitlyn Cerwinski was chosen by the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade committee to promote the 2010 parade.

Students in two Graphic Design Theory classes were asked to participate in the project.

Cerwinski's poster was chosen among 23 designs. In addition to the many posters, the winning artwork is currently placed on a billboard along Route 690 in Syracuse.

Cerwinski, of Lowville, is a candidate for graduation from MVCC this May.

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## **Engineering students** earn scholarships

Three MVCC students enrolled in the engineering science program received scholarships at the Mohawk Valley Engineers Executive Council Engineers Award Banquet last

Tynan Garrett of Rome received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Engineering Science Medal, awarded to an engineering science student who has excelled in either math or science. In addition to receiving this prestigious award, if the student attends RPI, they will receive a sizable scholarship. Garrett plans on transferring to a four year institution as a double major in computer engineering and electrical engineering, with a minor in

The MVCC/Clarkson University Transfer Leadership Award and the MVCC Clarkson University Achievement Award are given annually to two students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, have an academic interest in business, engineering, science or liberal arts, are recognized by students and faculty as having been a positive contributor in school and the community, and have attained a minimum GPA of 3.00. Both awards carry sizeable scholarships should the student plan to attend Clarkson University.

Ashley Waldron, of Schuyler, received the Transfer Leadership Award. She plans on attending Clarkson University and studying civil engineering with a minor in mathematics.

A graduate from Whitesboro High School, Waldron was also a member of the women's tennis team at MVCC.

Rocco Cammarere, of Frankfort, received the Achievement Award. He is planning on transferring to a four year institution and studying mechanical engineering with a minor in materials.



Garrett





Cammarere

### 8th Annual MVHL Benefit Hockey Game

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Brendan Krol Born: May 10, 2006 Age: 3 years old

He was diagnosed with (A.L.L.) Leukemia on November 21, 2008.

**Tickets: \$5.00** 

Call Jeff Kimball @ 292.4953 For More Info @ www.mvhl.org

When: Friday, April 2, 7:00 pm Where: New Hartford Recreation Center There will be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle,

Silent Auction plus food and drinks

Come out and support Brendan and his family!





Holocaust survivor addresses full house On Monday, March 8, Mohawk Valley Community College

TELLING HER TAIL - Helen Sperling greets those in attendance after her pre-

sentation. Over 100 people, including students, faculty, staff, and community members, went up on stage to meet Mrs. Sperling, many even hugged her.

welcomed Holocaust survivor and local resident Helen Sperling. "An Evening with Helen Sperling: Holocaust Survivor, Historian, Teacher," was held at 7 p.m. in the IT Theatre, Utica

campus. The event was sponsored by MVCC's Counseling Center and the Diversity and Global View (DGV) initiative.



Sperling spoke to

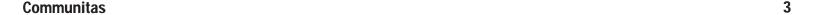
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approximately 400 people, including students, faculty, staff, and community member during her two-hour presentation. She recounted her life growing up in a small Polish town that was raided by Nazis. As a young woman, she was relocated to a Polish ghetto, and later imprisoned at Ravensbrück and then

In the years following her liberation, Sperling has worked tirelessly to tell her story. She has visited numerous local middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities. However, she is quick to point out that her presentations are not about telling her personal story. Instead, they are about speaking on behalf of those killed who were not lucky enough to survive and tell their stories.

Upon listening to Sperling Monday night, attendants had a better idea of what "six million Jews killed" really means. It means losing a mother, a father, a sister, a grandparent, a friend. They also heard Sperling's first-person account of the torture, brutality, and horror suffered by the Jews and "dissidents" at the hands of their captors.

Sperling ended her presentation by encouraging those in attendance to remain hopeful and to work to prevent future atrocities from occurring. She spoke of the Jewish legend "Lamed Vavnikim." It is said that there are 36 righteous people in the world, however no one knows if they are one of those people. She urged all attendees to be one of those 36. She said, "The world needs saving...Go to it." After the program, attendants gave Sperling a standing ovation. Several then went on stage to meet her and even give her a hug.



# Men's hoop players, coach receive post-season honors

After completing a successful 24-7 season, the Mohawk Valley Community College men's basketball team had three players receive post-season honors.

In the Mountain Valley Conference, sophomore guard Bradley Griffin and sophomore guard Jerome Davis were both First Team All Conference selections while freshman forward Deandre Preaster was selected Third Team All-Conference. Preaster averaged 15.8 points and 13.6 rebounds per game for MVCC.

Head men's basketball coach Matt St. Croix was honored as the Co-Coach of the Year for the Mountain Valley Conference. In just four seasons with the Hawks, St. Croix has compiled a record of 89-56.

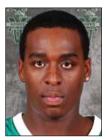
In the NJCAA's Region III voting, Griffin was again selected First Team All-Region while averaging 20.2 points and 3.8 assists per game. Davis was honored as a Second Team All-Region player with an average of 17.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while Preaster was an honorable mention.

St. Croix was also selected as a Second Team All-Region coach.

Griffin is a graduate of Charlotte High School in Rochester. Davis graduated from Franklin High School in Rochester and Preaster is a graduate from Proctor High School.



Griffin



Preaster



St. Croix

#### **Athlete of the Week** In a short time, Chris Gattman has become a force to contend with in junior college track and field. A soft-spoken man, Gattman lets his performance in the athletic arena do the talking. At the NJCAA Indoor National Championships at Eastern Illinois University last week, Gattman placed seventh in the 35-pound Weight Throw. His top throw broke his own school record at MVCC which he set earlier in the season, with a distance of 52-feet. 6 ½ This performance earned Gatt-Gattman man MVCC's Athlete of the Week. Just a week earlier at the NJCAA Region III Championships, he set a meet record in the same event with 50 feet, 6 3/4 inches. "He is a real student of the sport," said Gary Parker, MVCC's indoor and outdoor track team coach. "Chris is an extremely hard worker who is very motivated when it comes to excelling in this sport." Gattman is a freshman majoring in Recreation and Leisure Services. He is a graduate of Fort Plain High School.

### CCED courses make traveling enjoyable & affordable

If you love to travel, Mohawk Valley Community College is offering some courses which will make the journey even more enjoyable. These courses, offered through the Center for Corporate and Community Education, will help you understand the language, slash the cost of traveling and then show you how to preserve the memories. These programs include:

Conversational Vietnamese: Learn the basics of the language spoken in one of the new hot Asian destinations. This basic course will cover the tones and diacritics, pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar needed for traveling and making new friends. The dialect taught will be that of southern Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's economic powerhouse. This course will be held each Thursday, between April 1 and May 6, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., on the Utica Campus. The cost is \$50.

Make Money While Traveling Free: In this challenging economy, there is a way to save money and travel free. National speaker Gina Henry has lived this life for 25 years, traveling to 80 countries and 40 states with free air tickets, hotels, tours, cruises, meals, and more. She will teach you how to earn extra income on vacations, seek vacation tax deductions, maximize frequent flyer miles and get "bumped." She'll show how teaching English on vacation, writing articles, shooting photos, and volunteer work can help you to travel for free. Learn about money-saving travel web sites, packing light, safety, health and language tips. There is a \$15 material fee along with the \$29 cost for the class. This class will be held Saturday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the Utica campus.

For information or to register, call 792-5300 or visit www. mvcc.edu/cced.

# MVCC hosts professor from Vietnam

MVCC will once again be hosting a faculty member from our partner college in Vietnam, Kien Giang Community College, located in Rach Gia, the most prosperous city in the Mekong Delta. KGCC has 4,000 students and programs in English, Information Technology Business and Accounting.

Like MVCC, KGCC has dormitories - 8 students to a room - and does a lot of teaching off-campus.

Ms. Khanh will be arriving at the end of Spring Break and will be leaving the day after graduation.

As your schedule allows, please plan to attend a reception for her on Monday, March 29, at 2.30 p.m. in IT225.

Instead of the usual cookies and cheese, we will be having spring rolls and hot dogs, and, since in Vietnam every celebration is an occasion for singing, we will ask Ms. Khanh to sing after we all sing – together - "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and "New York, New York" to welcome her. Lyrics will be provided.

The week before, she will be recovering from jet lag and getting acquainted with the area. If you see her, please say hello—or, better yet, say "xinh chao" ("sin chow").

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