Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of May 3, 2010

MVCC nursing students give community support

MVCC's senior nursing students partnered with area agencies in providing primary prevention education during the week of April 12 in Utica and Rome. The students visited a variety of establishments including The Cutting Edge Fitness Center, The Parkway Community Center, The Heritage Home, Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare, and Bellamy Elementary School.

Targeted population groups ranged in age from early childhood to senior adults with a variety of topics explored.

MVCC's visiting Professor, Ms. Khanh from Kien Giang Community College, was able to join Assistant Professor Pam Fess's clinical group as they shared information including dental care, helmet safety, nutrition and exercise as well as fire safety to preschool and kindergarten children from the Neighborhood Center.

Ms. Khanh shared with the students that although her Southeast Asian culture is rapidly developing, the healthcare system remains primarily reactive. She expressed pleasure in viewing this proactive approach to health promotion and informed the student nurses that she would share "this experience with her colleagues" upon her arrival home.

MVCC hosts panel discussion on 'Birth of a Nation' film on both campuses

The College will show D.W. Griffith's film "Birth of a Nation" on both the Utica and Rome campuses next week. The film's racist content has prompted intense debate for several decades; its screenings at MVCC are connected to panel discussions addressing racism and bigotry and how the Civil Rights Movement has diminished those tensions.

This film will be shown on Monday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m., on the MVCC Theater on the Utica Campus and on Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Plumley Auditorium on the Rome Campus. Both events will feature a panel discussion and audience Q-and-A with Dr. Tenolian Bell, Dr. Sarah Coleman and Philip Benson.

The showing will include pauses for guided discussion during the movie. Panelists will deconstruct the controversial elements of the film and provide historically accurate facts. Organizers hope the events will directly address the film's racist content and context, leading to respectful conversations that will inspire, empower and educate the community about ways to eliminate racism and other inequities.

The showing of this film is sponsored by MVCC's Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) Office. CSTEP, which serves students who are members of historically underrepresented minority groups in higher education, provides for educational and career exploration in the fields of math, science, health professions and technology programs.

"We want to use this film because it is an artifact," said Jean Leandre, CSTEP Technical Assistant. "Whether or not people agree with the film, there's always a need to educate ourselves with facts to help promote growth and empowerment for every race, culture, gender and religion."

This event is free and open to the public with free refreshments. It is co-sponsored by and part of the College's Diversity and Global View series.

STUDENT RAFFLE - As part of the Easter Egg Raffle, which helped raise money for Catholic Charities, Student Congress and Sodexo gave away several items last week in the MVCC Commons. Megan Vogt, President of Student Congress, and Tadeo Stong, Vice President of Student Congress, drew the winning tickets. The iPod was won by Carlton Elijah, the mountain bike was won by Justin Riddel and the cooler with boogie board was won by Jordan Zayas. The raffle helped raise over $600.

Coming Soon

Summer Institute
May 25-26

Great sessions, food, and fun!
Register online now at:
www.mvcc.edu/training/si/

More details to come next week!

Ted Moore Run/Walk attracts record 230 participants

The College's 13th annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk was held on Saturday, May 1, with the largest turnout in the event's history. There were 230 participants, which enabled the event to raise the largest amount of money for the scholarship fund

"It is a success not only in getting a record number of participants, but we were also able to get the word out on there on the dangers of drinking and driving," said Deanna Ferro, Events Coordinator for MVCC's Institutional Advancement.

Nearly $6,500 was raised for the Ted Moore Scholarship along with two donations being made to local agencies which provide services for alcohol and drug addiction treatment.

According to a recent article in the OD, there were 27 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Oneida County in 1981 and more than 10 percent of all traffic accidents involved alcohol. No alcohol-related motor vehicle fatalities occurred in Oneida County in 2009, said county STOP-DWI Administrator Michael Colangelo. The number of fatalities has been in single digits since 2000.

Results of this year's top runners are:

Place	Name	Hometown	Time
1	David Putney	Newport	17:26
2	Mackenzie Masten	Cassville	19:32
3	Joe Muller	Taberg	19:41
4	Ed Elias	Utica	19:44
5	Andrew Totman	New Hartford	19:48
6	Michele Nizzi	Frankfort	20:07
7	Ronald Esposito	Deerfield	20:09
8	Alan Rust	New Hartford	20:16
9	Scott Truitt	Clinton	20:21
10	Corey Graves	Sherrill	20:55
11	Joe Langlois	Ilion	21:03
12	Tim Philley	Taberg	21:15
13	Lauren Noble	Little Falls	21:33
14	Tom Bick	Frankfort	21:48
15	James Siepiola	Clinton	22:07
16	Gabriel Kampf	Munnsville	22:08
17	Scott Adams	Rome	22:08
18	Erin Ludwig	Herkimer	22:09
19	Jason Livingston	Rome	22:27
20	Dan Casler	Little Falls	22:38
21	Allyssa Schamp	Little Falls	22:50
22	Steven Briggs	Mohawk	23:17
23	Mike Dunn	New Hartford	23:18
24	Nolan Little	Dolgeville	23:18
25	Dan Massey	West Winfield	23:22
26	Kevin Siembab	Whitesboro	23:27
27	Adam Zogby	New Hartford	23:36
28	Robert Ichihana	Herkimer	23:40
29	Lauren VanWagoner	New Hartford	23:44
30	Matt Popyack	Franklin Springs	23:47
31	Andrew Little	Dolgeville	23:48
32	Scott Bohling	Clinton	23:52
33	Ashley O'Herien	Munnsville	23:53
34	Rachel Jackson	Munnsville	23:54
35	Alaina Spadaro	Holland Patent	23:55
36	Alexandra Benn	Clayville	24:01
37	Joanne Wilcox	Utica	24:08
38	Darrin Jadlowski	Whitesboro	24:27
39	Kermit Cadrette	Rome	24:30
40	Neal Evans	Utica	24:36
41	Ryan Giordano	Burlington Flats	24:52
42	Ray Brych	Clinton	24:53
43	Jacob Waddell	Cassville	24:56
44	Janine Zenzillo	Utica	25:02
45	Amber Parker	Takoma Park Md	25:11
46	David Harrigan	Ilion	25:18
47	Theodore Ayoub III	Utica	25:37
48	Matthew Evans	Utica	25:54
49	Daniel Swider	New Hartford	25:57
50	Paul Katchmar	Ava	26:01
51	William Read	Whitesboro	26:07
52	Valerie Cognetto	New Hartford	26:08
53	Jennifer Kraszewski	Herkimer	26:14
54	Emily Schweitzer	New Hartford	26:17
55	Robin Harrigan	Ilion	26:21
56	Sam Casler	Little Falls	26:30
57	Joshua Korthas	East Syracuse	26:59
58	Dhia DeGroat	Munnsville	27:03
59	Salvatore Piazza	Utica	27:04
60	Christopher DeGrace	Utica	27:04
61	Russ Penner	Hubbardsville	27:07
62	Brendan Schultz	Rome	27:21
63	Lisa Livingston	Rome	27:24
64	Marion Olejarnik	Whitesboro	27:26
65	Jenny Broadbent	Remsen	27:46
66	Brianna Dygert	Oneida	27:49
67	Jerry Maurer	Rome	27:49
68	Steve Smith	Utica	27:51
69	Rich Pucine	Utica	27:55
70	Pamela Gydesen	Mohawk	28:01
71	Morgan Steere	Deerfield	28:08
72	Cathleen McConaghy	Utica	28:10
73	Tania Bader	Whitesboro	28:17
74	Sherry Farrington	Little Falls	28:19
75	Amber Hoffman	Utica	28:20
76	Chris Hoffman	Utica	28:21
77	Christine Burke	Clinton	28:33
78	Michelle Duncan	Utica	28:37
79	Stephen Mazza	Utica	28:43
80	Renee Spadaro	Holland Patent	29:00
81	Mark Desjardins	Marcy	29:10
82	Ryan Zogby	New Hartford	29:11
83	Mark Henderson	Utica	29:22
84	Mitchell Schweitzer	New Hartford	29:43
85	George Searles	Clinton	29:52
86	Marisa Graziano	New Hartford	29:53
87	Kim Vitagliano	Utica	29:53
88	Kally DeGroat	Munnsville	30:03
89	Rich D'Accurzio	Utica	30:10

TED MOORE RUN/WALK WINNERS - The top male and female runners from the 13th annual Ted Moore Run/Walk were David Putney of Newport in 17:26; and Michele Nizzi of Frankfort in 20:07.

90	Wayne Decker	Whitesboro	30:16
91	Melissa Hughes	Whitesboro	30:45
92	Joshua Bolen	East Syracuse	30:47
93	Amanda Bordiuk	Yorkville	30:48
94	Abby Waffel	Clinton	30:51
95	Joseph Penabad	New Hartford	30:59
96	Dennis Baker	Ilion	30:59
97	Sean Steere	Deerfield	31:11
98	Samantha Jackson	Munnsville	31:14
99	Cathy Jerrard	New Hartford	31:15
100	Hart Anway	Clinton	31:16
101	Edward Rodriguez	Utica	31:18
102	Jason Muller	Taberg	31:30
103	Kevin Jones	Blossvale	32:02
104	Kevin Poissant	Utica	32:04
105	Daniel Jadlowski	Whitesboro	32:19
106	Fred Parker	Utica	32:35
107	Julie A. Bramley	Whitesboro	32:38
108	Autumn Collins	Rome	32:44
109	Patricia Elsenbeck	New Hartford	32:47
110	Tracy Deyulio	Clinton	32:49
111	Ally Netzband	Oneida	32:51
112	Cassie Marshall	Munnsville	32:51
113	Anthony Kowanes	Oneida	33:01
114	Audrey Hartman	Herkimer	33:06
115	Stephen Zogby	New Hartford	33:43
116	Harrison Zogby	New Hartford	33:44
117	Steven Mercurio	New Hartford	34:07
118	Bianca Irons	Frankfort	34:43
119	Diana Ayers-Darling	Salisbury Center	34:43
120	Denise Hash	Cassville	34:56
121	James Mineo	Whitesboro	35:06
122	Kate Maurer	Rochester	35:15
123	Jeremy Jordan	New York Mills	35:18
124	Kathy Maurer	Rome	35:20
125	Brooke Hoffman	Utica	35:22
126	Stephanie Fitzgerald	New Hartford	35:22
127	Barbara DeAngelo	Utica	35:25
128	Joseph Alberico Jr.	Utica	35:43
129	Judy Sweet	Clinton	36:07
130	Virginia Dosch	Clinton	36:07
131	Marianne Buttenschon	Marcy	36:53
132	Danielle Lester	Ilion	37:03
133	Michele Parker	Cassville	37:10
134	Mary Hogel	Sauquoit	37:10
135	Rena Defazio	Utica	37:11
136	Danielle Commisso	Utica	37:18
137	Maria Commisso	Utica	37:19
138	Katrina Buchholz	Camden	37:26
139	Latoya Richardson	Utica	37:28
140	Maria Fiorentino	Herkimer	38:24
141	Mike G Jones	Whitesboro	38:54
142	Nicole Lester	Ilion	39:49
143	Kathleen Fuller	Utica	40:25
144	Carrie Mineo	Whitesboro	40:32
145	Michelle Commisso	Utica	40:48
146	Kristin Bowers	Oriskany	40:49
147	Don Baum	Utica	41:50
148	Troy Page	Central Square	43:49
149	Doni Mabie	Mt. Upton	43:49
150	Maureen Hartman	Herkimer	44:53
151	Connie DeLong	New Hartford	45:27
152	Caleb Penner	Hubbardsville	46:12
153	Tyler Piliero	New Hartford	46:21
154	Pamela Piliero	New Hartford	46:22
155	Sandra Onufer	Little Falls	46:30
156	Leah Peyton	Herkimer	46:30
157	Michelle Brown	Utica	47:21
158	Paul Brown	Utica	47:21
159	Donald Ehre	New Hartford	49:01
160	David Penner	Hubbardsville	49:26

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, May 10

6:00 pm - Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 306
6:30 pm - Movie/Lecture: “Birth of a Nation” w/Dr. Bell, Theater
7:00 pm - CCED: Golf, ACC 116
10:00 pm - Late Night Breakfast, MV Commons

Tuesday, May 11

8:00 am - Police Academy, IT 225
11:00 am - Lecture: “A Mother’s Nightmare” w/Carolyn D’Argenio, IT 204/Balcony
4:00 pm - Celebration of Success, MV Commons
6:00 pm - Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 312
6:30 pm - Movie/Lecture: “Birth of a Nation” w/Dr. Bell, PC Aud.

Wednesday, May 12

8:00 am - Police Academy, IT 225
7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116
7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, May 13

8:00 am - W.I.C., ACC 116
9:00 am - Police Academy, IT 225
11:30 am - Phi Theta Kappa Luncheon, ACC 114
1:00 pm - Marjorie Thorpe Awards, PH Library
3:30 pm - Relay for Life, ACC 116
6:00 pm - Scholarship Ceremony/Dinner, MV Commons

Saturday, May 15

8:00 am - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, PC 207
8:00 am - CCED: Motorcycle Driving Learn to Ride, RA 207
9:00 am - Dept. of Traffic Safety: Defensive Driving Course, PC 205
10:00 am - CCED: “Money While Traveling,” IT 225

Sunday, May 16

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

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

Earth Week raises awareness on campus

Miranda McConnell
Habitat for Humanity Club President

The College celebrated Earth Week, which included the collaborative work of faculty members and students. It presented environmental awareness and encouraged healthy environmental habits.

Each day provided an interesting and informative event. College Clubs such as ECOS, Habitat for Humanity, and WAC Club provided information booths. The booths included displayed examples of how to encompass a green lifestyle. Students also had the opportunity to sign up to become involved in future projects that each clubs are interested in accomplishing in the Fall of 2010. Rogers Environmental Education Center donated its time and effort to provide a lecture informing students about local environmental issues and solutions.

RIDE A BIKE - A way to lessen our carbon foot-print on the Earth is to ride a bike.

Sodexo created a sustainable menu and held the annual Lights Out event in the Dining Hall. Students enjoyed a day of new food choices and participated in conserving energy.

Christine Harrington's art class provided a Recycle Art Event were students could participate in creating recycled art. Students enjoyed creating works of art together and taking their masterpieces home.

Overall, Earth week was a successful, joyous occasion that brought people together on a common goal. Friendships and appreciation for the environment, and the human spirit was established. Thank you everyone for making this week an exciting adventure! I'm sure we all look forward for future collaborations.

ONE BUTT AT A TIME - Above, Members of the WAC club volunteered to walk around the Utica Campus and pick up all the cigarette butts which have been thrown on the ground. Below, members of the Habitat for Humanity Club hosted an informational booth.

Athlete of the Week

The women's softball team continues to run over Region III competitors as last week was no different. Leading the charge for the Hawks was Jessica Anson, who was named MVCC's Athlete of the Week.

Anson

Anson led the Hawks in six victories as the sophomore second baseman hit for a .619 average. Her trips to the plate included three doubles and three triples for 16 RBIs. Her slugging percentage during this stretch was 1.058.

Anson is a Recreation and Leisure Services major who graduated from Proctor High School.

Collaboration brings Keplinger to Utica Campus

Lynn Igoe
Coordinator of Disability Services

The Cultural Committee, Student Activities, the Office of the VP for Student Services, and Disability Services on both the Utica and Rome campuses collaborated with SUNY IT to bring Dan Keplinger and his Academy Award winning documentary, King Gimp, to the college.

Keplinger

Keplinger, who has cerebral palsy as the result of a medical error at the time of his birth, was expected to die, then slated to spend his life in an institution, but his mother had other ideas. With her support and his own indomitable spirit, he defied the odds and proved those who doubted him wrong by earning two Bachelor's degrees and a Masters in Fine Arts from Towson University.

The fact that he is now a successful artist who exhibits nationally and earns his living through sales of his documentary and paintings (created with brushes strapped to his head), and the inspiring presentations he does in venues across the country, should be a reminder that we should never say never – to our students or to ourselves.