



Summer Institute: Everybody Resonate!

On May 25-26, MVCC will host its biggest and best Summer Institute yet with two days of enriching, fun programming. Along with the familiar, obvious highlights (free breakfasts and lunches) and hidden gems (fly fishing lessons and a guide to cat lovers' Web sites), this year's Institute puts enrichment in the starring role with the actor-coaches of Leading Edge Consulting.

Leading Edge experts and founders Cindy Maher and Carol Grannis have been touring the United States since 2003 with their blend of theater, improv comedy, and quick-witted training. They'll offer a Monday afternoon keynote session on "Reaching Resonance," illustrating how good communication styles lead to good performance and an enjoyable workplace. Other Leading Edge sessions include a Tuesday morning session on influencing people through effective communication, and a Wednesday morning conversation about service leadership.

All Summer Institute sessions and refreshments are free and open to all faculty, staff, and adjuncts. Every administrative, academic, and service unit is encouraged to "clear their schedules," as much as possible, so that they can have maximum attendance at Summer Institute. Supervisors should encourage staff to attend as many sessions as schedules permit—and supervisors are asked to consider attending as many sessions as they can, to take part in the casual, team-oriented learning environment.

To RSVP, visit www.mvcc.edu/training/si/. Registrations will be accepted right up to the start time of each event or until seats are filled.

Both days of Summer Institute will start with morning refresh-



Cindy Maher and Carol Grannis

ments in the IT Building lobby from 8:45-9:30 a.m. On Tuesday, the MVCC Benefits Fair and Summer Institute Employees' Showcase will be held on the second floor of the IT Building starting at 11 a.m., and a casual lunch will be served in the IT Lobby from 12:15-1 p.m. On Wednesday, the Summer Institute Recognition Program will be held in ACC. The rest of the program is online at www.mvcc.edu/training/si/ with more information and forms to sign up.

MVCC set for Spring Celebration of Success

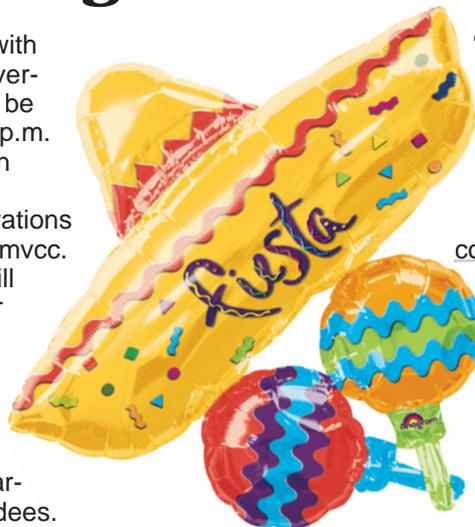
Join in an end-of-semester gathering filled with music, delicious food, great drinks and our "ever-famous" Penny Auction. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, May 19, from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the first and second floors of the Information Technology Building.

There is no cost to attend, however Reservations and Tickets are REQUIRED. RSVP to cose@mvcc.edu no later than Monday, May 17. Tickets will be forwarded to you directly on receipt of your reservation.

Please include the following information with your RSVP email: Name, Department, Number of Tickets Needed

All funds raised from the Penny Auction and other raffles will be donated to a local charity selected by popular vote of the party attendees.

Is there a song you would like to hear played during the



"Celebration of Success?"

Request it Now!

A special web page has been set-up for MVCC where guests can submit their song requests to the DJ prior to the party.

To request a song please visit:
<http://kennythepromoguy.djintelligence.com/request/mvcc>

(Group name: mvcc Password: hawks)

**2010
Commencement
Friday, May 21 @ 4 PM
At the Utica Aud.**

Kiddie Campus Prom

Kiddie Campus celebrated the end of another fun and exciting school year with its Second Annual Pee Wee Prom event. Approximately 50 people attended.

Thanks to the help of Denise DiGiorgio, the children were driven to the prom in style in a limousine which courtesy of Bear's Limousine Service of Utica.

Children, parents, grandparents and friends from our college community enjoyed the festivities. Laughs and tears were shared as we viewed our Memories of 2009-2010 Slide Show.



College awards scholarships at ceremony

The Institutional Advancement Office plays a major role in helping students realize their dreams at MVCC by providing more than 100 scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships were honored this week during the annual MVCC Scholarship Reception and Award Ceremony held in the MVCC Commons. There were approximately 254 students, family and friends, faculty and staff in attendance.

Speaking at the event were President Randall VanWagoner and Foundation Board President Dana Jerrard. Other representatives of the College on hand included Trustees David Mathis, Anthony Colon, Michael Austin, and Bill Calli Jr., and student trustee Tatyana Gurina.

The College's Institutional Advancement Office provides approximately \$280,000 in scholarships annually.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - Institutional Advancement staff awarded scholarships at the annual banquet. Above, Frank DuRoss, Executive Director of IA, shakes hands with Challee Kohl. Below, DuRoss congratulates Valerie Kane.

Disability Services Recognition Awards

The following MVCC faculty and staff were nominated by students to be recognized and honored for the exemplary level of support and assistance they provided throughout the academic year. All of the staff in Disability Services on both campuses add their thanks and appreciation for these and so many other wonderful colleagues who work every day to make our students' lives easier and give them a chance for a better future.

Patti Antanavige
Mike Diederich
Paul Halko

Deb Boyce
Lindsey Geary
Maimun Khan

Sarah Coleman
Steve Getchell
Cheryl Plescia

Ted Barber: For the first time this year, staff also chose to honor someone, our valued colleague Ted Barber, for all he does for our students, but also for his longtime support of the office and its staff. We're honored to work with this remarkable teacher and friend.



Summer Lunch Breaks for Clerical Staff

According to an agreement the College reached with UPSEU in November 1999, lunch breaks for clerical employees with one-hour lunch breaks may change for the summer. From Memorial Day through the Friday preceding the day on which faculty return, clerical staff who take one-hour lunch breaks may take one-half hour lunch breaks. They will return to one-hour lunch breaks on Monday, August 16, 2010.

The November 1999 agreement addresses lunch breaks only. Offices will remain open as usual and supervisors will schedule staff as needed to provide coverage.

The change in lunch breaks applies to employees represented by UPSEU only. This provision does not apply to PA members or administrators.

Those with half-hour lunch breaks may discover that the time of their lunch break may require adjustment to provide continuous coverage in the office.

The only UPSEU members who may retain a half-hour lunch break after August 16, 2010 are those who had half-hour lunch breaks on October 21, 1999.

UPSEU staff that wish to remain on a one-hour lunch break may do so as agreed upon with their supervisor.

Nurses' Pinning Ceremony will be Thursday, May 20

The College will hold its 2010 Pinning Ceremony for the Nursing Program graduates on Thursday, May 20, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Theater.

There will be 76 graduates receiving an Associate in Applied Science for Nursing. Students will begin lining up for the ceremony in the lobby of the Information Technology Building at 3:30 p.m.

Speakers will include Randall J. VanWagoner, Maryrose Eannace, and Professor/Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Nancy Caputo, RN, MSN, Department Head, Health Services.

Everyone is welcome to come celebrate.



COMPANY TOUR - MVCC's Administrative Assistant students went on a field trip to Fiber Instruments Sales, Inc., in Oriskany on April 29. Kirk Donley, Vice President of Sales, gave the group a PowerPoint presentation about the company. He discussed all aspects of the company followed by a tour of the building. He also took the group on a tour of its warehouse.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, May 17

4:00 pm - MVCC Board of Trustees Meeting, PC Auditorium
7:00 pm - CCED: Golf, ACC 116

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 am - Police Academy, ACC 116
12:00 pm - Diversity Global Music Group, PH 300
1:00 pm - College Senate, IT 225
5:00 pm - Relay for Life, IT 225
6:00 pm - College Works: Graduation Ceremony, Theater
6:00 pm - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 312

Wednesday, May 19

3:30 pm - "Celebration of Success" Fiesta, IT Lobbies/225
4:00 pm - Dental Hygiene Program: New Student Orientation, PC Auditorium
7:00 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116

Thursday, May 20

8:00 am - Police Academy, ACC 116
3:00 pm - New Orientation Leader Social, PH 300
5:00 pm - Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Theater

Friday, May 21

4:00 pm - Commencement Ceremony (speaker: Liz Murray), Utica Auditorium
6:00 pm - Center Stage Dance Recital, Theater

Saturday, May 22

8:00 am - Drinking & Driving Program Class, PC 207
9:00 am - MV Soccer Referee Association, IT 225
12:00 pm - Center Stage Dance Recital, Theater
6:00 pm - Center Stage Dance Recital, Theater
10:00 pm - Center Stage Dance Reception, IT Lobby 1st Floor

Sunday, May 23

3:00 pm - "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?," Theater

Digital Illustration students create logo for Saranac event

A group of students at MVCC were given the opportunity to add to the local flavor of Central New York after they were tasked with creating a new event logo for Saranac Thursdays.

The 13 students in associate professor James Vitale's Digital Illustration class were tasked with this assignment at the start of the Spring semester by John Naegele, Assistant Tour Center Manager for The Matt Brewing Company. The students had free reign on design elements with the only parameters set forth by Naegele is that they were restricted to four colors and the Saranac logo could not be manipulated.

The design selected to represent Saranac Thursday was created by Katelyn D. Curro of Oneida, N.Y. Curro's design will be displayed on t-shirts and campaign products for this weekly summer event. Curro is a Graphic Design major and a graduate of Oneida High School.

"This provided a unique opportunity for (the students) to demonstrate their talents by creating a design which will be utilized in the real world for a live client," said Vitale. "This is a great opportunity for our students to begin building their portfolios."

Vitale is hoping for this opportunity to become an annual activity for his class. Each of the students were allowed to submit several concepts, which Naegele narrowed down to one from each student.



Kids learn the power of wind for a bright future

According to SUNY Morrisville's Renewable Energy Training Center (RETC) the Central New York Region has natural capital to fuel a renewable energy industry, including wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, and biofuels. Success in these industries will boost the regional economy and reduce our local dependence on non-renewable fuel sources. Success in these industries will also require a skilled workforce from our local community.

To begin meeting this goal, CCED, through a subcontract from SUNY Morrisville's RETC, has been begun offering Renewable Energy Career Seminars, a program led by Instructor Mark Kamilow, to a variety of area youth programs and local schools. The purpose of this program is to provide outreach opportunities to pre-college youth in "green" concepts and increase foundational skills for youth who may be able to enter renewable energy sector careers.

Each two-hour module in the subjects of wind, solar, hydro, and biomass takes an extremely hands-on approach in covering the basics of renewable energy. Students get the chance to participate in creating renewable energy with exciting experiments, such as roasting marshmallows over a "stove" made from a soda and soup cans or creating their own electricity producing mini-windmill! CCED will expand the program this summer by offering two week-long "Fuel Your Future" career camps on the Utica Campus to students between the ages of 10 and 17.

For more information about the Renewable Energy Career Seminars, contact Dana Hubbard at 731-5752.



MVCC students do their part for Intergenerational Spring Clean-Up

Last Month (April 24th & April 25th) the Oneida County Youth Bureau and the Oneida County Office for the Aging and Continuing Care spearheaded the Intergenerational Spring Clean-Up, an initiative that delivers yard clean-up services to the elderly and disabled who physically can't do the work or financially afford to have the work done.

Team MVCC once again volunteered to help the County recruit and organize volunteers for this important program. Volunteers from MVCC Student Congress, Phi Theta Kappa, WAC Club, Habitat for Humanity Club, and Rome Campus Volunteers stepped up to donate their time and energy to help members of the community with their spring yard work.

Over 35 Students volunteered, making MVCC one of the largest teams participating that weekend, cleaning a total of 10 sites. "At each clean-up site the students were greeted by grateful homeowners who were very appreciative of the students volunteering to help, and enjoyed the opportunity they got to visit with them," said Deanna L. Ferro, coordinator of Team MVCC Volunteers.

Some of the volunteer groups were treated to ice cold lemonade and others with homemade fried dough from thankful homeowners, while one group had the opportunity to help a woman who on that particular day was celebrating her 100th Birthday. "Although this volunteer activity included hours of tough yard work, I believe the students left that day with a sense of accomplishment knowing they made someone's day a little brighter."



Members of PTK Honor Society and Welders Among Communities (WAC) Club

The Intergenerational Clean-Up program takes place each year during the Fall and Spring seasons. If you or a student club would like to get involved in the next clean-up weekend please contact Deanna L. Ferro at x5797 or dferro@mvcc.edu.

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