



Congratulations Class of 2010

Richardson named national scholar-athlete

For the second consecutive year, an athlete from MVCC was selected as the scholar-athlete of the year by the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA). This award is presented to the top male and female athletes from all community colleges across the country.

MVCC's Kyle Richardson, a sophomore from Rome who is majoring in Sports Medicine, was named Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Richardson is graduating this week from MVCC with a 3.94 grade point average and has been awarded a scholarship to St. Johns University.

Richardson is a two-year starter on the College's baseball team as a center fielder and a pitcher. He is MVCC's team captain and has helped lead his team to consecutive NJCAA Region III final four appearances.

Richardson has virtually rewritten the college's record book, placing either first or second in 13 individual offensive categories for single season and career marks. He is a 2010 All-Region selection and was named the Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year. He has been active in community ser-

vice, serving as a Rotary guide for international students, clinician at youth baseball clinics, councilman on his parish's church council, and has participated in toy drives for underprivileged children and Crop Walks to raise food for the hungry. He has received a scholarship to attend St. John's University to compete in baseball and major in pre-med next year. The Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year is Anne Beinetti of Monroe Community College.

"This is a huge honor for our athletes as well as for the College," said MVCC Director of Athletics Gary Broadhurst. "There are only two athletes chosen and for Mohawk Valley to have another winner attests to how exceptional our athletes are in the classroom as well as on the playing field."

The winners will be recognized in June at the NATYCAA Convention in Anaheim at the NATYCAA Awards luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, June 22. MVCC's Lauren Penc, a graduate of Whitesboro High School, was NATYCAA's recipient of the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2009.

The NATYCAA Scholar-Athlete Award was first presented in 1992. It is given



Kyle Richardson

to the male and female student-athletes who best demonstrate outstanding accomplishment and leadership in academics, athletics and citizenship.

30 additional students join Phi Theta Kappa

An additional 30 students from Mohawk Valley Community College have earned the honor of becoming members of the Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges and the largest honor society in American higher education. The newest MVCC members are:

Julia Anello, Liberal Arts; Justin Banfield, Nursing; Brandon Benedict, Health Related; Christopher Broedel, Information Technology; Marnie Burch, Nursing; Kelly Clay, Human Services; Amanda Confer, Biology; Clifford DeRosia, Website Design & Management; Daniel Drake, Mechanical Engineering;

Victoria Facciolo, General Studies; Douglas Finney, Mechanical Engineering; Christopher Flynn, Jr., Psychology; Arianna Graziadei, Nursing; Tiffany Hollingshead, Business; Asel Ismailova, Biology – Pre-Med; Dinela Jukic, Psychology; Ryan MacCammon, Photography; Selman Mujevic, Biology – Pre-Med; Amy Parker, Psychology; Joseph Robert Perry, Nursing; Timothy Peterson, Liberal Arts; Gustav Plagainos, Education; Daniel Rice, Drafting; Katelynn Saunders, Art; Elisabeth Holley, Individual Studies – Art; Stephanie Snow, Nursing; Gina Sorrell, Web Design; Joya Spina, Education; Caitlin Staple, Nutrition & Dietetics; Guinevere Thompson, Photography.

Thank you for a chance of a lifetime

Dear Friends at MVCC,

The first thing I would like to say to all of you is "Thank you for giving me a great opportunity to work, to study and to meet all of you! Thank you for helping me during my staying here so that I could fulfill my responsibility as an ambassador for Vietnam and maintain the partnership between MVCC and KGCC!"

I am leaving! This thinking makes me happy as well as unhappy. I am so excited to return home to my family, but I hope that I am not crying when saying goodbye to all of you!

The first day I came to MVCC, I was very worried because everything and everyone were strange to me. I started my work to the best of my ability. Then, my smile has become bigger and bigger every day. You can't know how happy I was at the reception! Everybody around me sang, even Mr. President and Ms. Vice President.

During my nine weeks at MVCC, I have been learning a lot thanks to the workshops, the meetings, the classes, the visits to your houses and many places. I have been understanding more and more about American culture and people. I can say without thinking that "You are



really friendly and warm-hearted, and I did not think you would be as friendly as the way you are, actually." I can say so because not only all of you at MVCC, but also those whom I met outside the school were so nice to me. I missed my family, and you gave me the feeling of home. Talking to people older than I, I thought about my parents, and when I played with the children, I missed my kids. I felt grateful after my visit to the Refugee Center and the Rome Rotary. The night I joined "Late Night Breakfast", I almost burst into tears when I saw how you served the students with your saying "Come on, just try!", "You got it"..., and how lovely the students were when they said "I like it!" "Thank you!"... I missed my students at that time. The weather in Utica has felt too cold to a person coming from the South of Vietnam, but I have

been keeping warm with your clothes and your hearts. And now I figure out that no matter where we live or where we are from, no matter what languages we speak, we all have the same hearts with love, sympathy and sharing, and we can live together.

A Vietnamese poem said "When we are staying, it's just the place to stay, but when we leave, it becomes our souls!", and I know for sure that my visit will stay in my soul.

I wish all of you good health and happiness! I will tell my family, my friends about all the people I have met, and I will keep all best memories in my heart ... for all my life! In Vietnamese, tam biet! Good bye!

Nguyen Thi Phuong Khanh
Visiting professor from Vietnam



MVCC hosts Walk for Water

The MVCC Alumni Association is proud to host the inaugural Freedom Project Walk for Water on Sunday, May 23, at noon.

The Freedom Project was founded by Moses Agapito, an MVCC graduate and a Sudanese "Lost Boy." The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to drill wells, build a school, and build a clinic in the village of Jebel Lado in Southern Sudan. This is Moses' home village.

The walk is two miles. Registration is \$20 and comes with a walk t-shirt. We will also have several organizations setting up tables in the Alumni College Center.

Please come out and support this worthy cause.

Mike Scalzo
MVCC Alumni Association Board Member



Marjorie Thorpe Awards presented

The College's library officials selected the winners of the 20th annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award term paper contest.

Marjorie Thorpe was a librarian at MVCC from 1962 until her retirement in 1968. In 1982 she was awarded the title Professor Emerita for her outstanding service to the College. She died in 1989 at the age of 91, leaving money to the College libraries to be used for the annual term paper contest.

Fifty-two papers were submitted by 49 students, and judged by six librarians from MVCC's Utica and Rome libraries. The papers were judged on the variety and quality of sources, accurate and appropriate use of references, and writing style.

First place: Katelyn Byrne of Cleveland, NY, for "The Universal Solvent: A Solution to Our Safe Hydration Problems?" It was written for Assistant Professor Tim Messick's class. She was awarded \$100 and a certificate.

Second place: Christopher Broedel of New Hartford for

"Vampires: The Attraction of Myths Old and New." It was written for Instructor Andrea Stiefvater's class. He was awarded \$75 and a certificate.

Third place: Scott Donner of Utica for "What Are We Eating?" It was written for Instructor Katherine Chester's class. He was awarded \$50 and a certificate.

Fourth place [tie]: Jenna Ward of Utica for "Tiffany & Company." It was written for Assistant Professor Justin Wilcox's class. She was awarded \$25 and a certificate.

Fourth place [tie]: Rebekah Spring of Utica for "Music as a Form of Therapy." It was written for Instructor David Nackley's class. She was awarded \$25 and a certificate.

Honorable mentions: Autumn Eiss of Clark Mills for "Jackson Pollock," written for Instructor Marye Ianno's class; and Alice Mitchell, Holland Patent, for "Charles Dickens," written for Instructor David Nackley's class.



PICENTE HONORED - A luncheon was recently held honoring Oneida County Executive and MVCC Alum Anthony J. Picente, Jr., after he was recognized on the state level for his contributions to higher education. Picente received the *Distinguished Alumnus Award for Civic Contribution* from the New York Community College Trustees. Picente was selected from a field of nominees for his "dedicated and extraordinary service to Mohawk Valley Community College" on March 12. Joining Picente, center, is MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, left, and William S. Calli, Jr., Chair for the MVCC Board of Trustees.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, May 24

3:30 pm - Dual Credit Program: Professional Develop., PC A10

7:00 pm - CCED: Golf, ACC 116

Tuesday, May 25

8:45 am - Summer Institute: Morning Refreshments, IT Lobby

11:00 am - Summer Institute: Benefits Fair &

Employees' Showcase Opening, IT Lob/2nd Fl.

12:15 pm - Summer Institute: Lunch Buffet, IT Lob/1st Fl.

6:00 pm - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, RA 312

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 am - Police Academy, ACC 116

8:45 am - Summer Institute: Morning Refreshments, IT Lobby

12:30 pm - Summer Institute: Recognition Luncheon, Commons

Thursday, May 27

4:30 pm - Relay for Life, ACC 116

Saturday, May 29

8:00 am - MVCAA: Drinking & Driving Program Class, PC 207

Fifth Grade Challenge Show set for Sunday

This Sunday, May 23, the Mohawk Valley Community College 5th Grade Challenge/

High School Junior Invitational will be held on the Utica Campus of Mohawk Valley Community College in the Information Technology Building Theater. Starting at 3:00 p.m., ten 5th grade contestants and their 11th grade teammates will participate in a TV game show, competing for a 2-year scholarship to MVCC, an educational trip to Washington, D.C. and other prizes. Just for competing, each contestant will receive an Apple iPad. The event is free and open to the public.

The taping, conducted by WFXV Fox33 for a future 1 hour telecast, will be hosted by Gary Spears from KISS-FM. The event is free and open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contestants were chosen from auditions held in area schools over the past two months. The MVCC 5th Grade Challenge/HS Junior Invitational is a TV game show competition featuring 5th grade questions, answered by fifth graders, 11th graders, and their adult teammates. Audience members in attendance will also have the chance to win prizes. To participate, people should log onto CNYHomepage.com and vote for their favorite contestant before Sunday's show. One voter in attendance will win a 40-inch flat screen television.



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

MVCC libraries now feature eBooks

When you search the online library catalog, you will now find ebooks popping up along with the print and the audiovisual media. The MVCC Libraries recently acquired a collection of ebooks published by Springer and its associated presses. The collection currently numbers over 16,000 titles published between 2005 and 2009, with more titles published in 2010 to be added later this year, bringing the eventual total to 18,990 ebooks.

These consist of online versions of print scholarly, technical texts, which will greatly enhance the collection in the areas of architecture, design and arts (153 titles), behavioral sciences (230 titles), biomedical and life science (1,808 titles), business and economics (1,194 titles), chemistry and material science (1,007 titles), computer science (4,614 titles), earth and environmental science (894 titles), engineering (2,053 titles), humanities, social science, and law (1,171 titles), mathematics (1,976 titles), medicine (1,605 titles), physics and astronomy (1,468 titles), and professional and applied computing (817 titles).

To access them, go to the MVCC Libraries Catalog and select Advanced Search. In the More Collections box select Ebooks. Then type in the subject or keywords for what you are looking for. In the results list, in the Call # column, just click on the link that says "An electronic book accessible through the World Wide Web; click for information" to get into the specific title.

If you are on campus, you will go directly to the ebook; if you



are off campus, you will need to type in your username and password. It's that easy!

Books are arranged in chapters that are in PDF format. There is no limit to the number of users at one time on any title. Faculty may want to look for textbooks here!

Happy e-reading!

Krista Hartman
MVCC Librarian

Athlete of the Week

Hannah Hoffman led the Women's Track Team to a second place finish at the NJCAA Division III Track and Field National Championships. Her performance earned her MVCC Athlete of the Week for the week ending May 9.

Hoffman was the National Champion in the 10,000-meter and 5,000-meter runs while placing second in the steeple chase making her a 3 time All-American.

Hoffman, a sophomore Liberal Arts major, was named as the Female Athlete of the Meet. The Rome Free Academy graduate finished her MVCC career with a total of 4 individual National Titles and was a 7-time All-American.



Hoffman

THE INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE (IEC)

INVITES EMPLOYEES OF MVCC TO ATTEND THE

SUMMER INSTITUTE FORUM
ON THE RESULTS OF THE

2010 CLIMATE SURVEY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
IT204

(UPPER AREA OF THE THEATER)

(THIS WAS THE SI SESSION TITLED: "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MV, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK" ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME IN IT130)

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COME
AND DISCUSS THE OVERALL RESULTS
OF THIS YEAR'S CLIMATE SURVEY.