



MVCC honors employees for achievements in teaching, service

During the Summer Institute's annual recognition luncheon, the College's new professional achievement award programs culminated with year-end, "best-of" presentations. Awards were presented to co-workers who had previously won the Heart of the Hawk Award for teaching and the Pride of the Hawk Award for non-teaching service. Also, the Aeries Award was presented for most exemplary service in the community. Each award carries a \$1,000 stipend, with the Aeries Award being presented to the charity of the winner's choice.

The Heart of the Heart Award finalists were Lorie Phillips, Tom Capraro and Bill Hysell. Each had previously won a quarterly Heart of the Hawk Award. This year's winner of the Heart of Hearts Award was Phillips.

The Pride of the Pride finalists were Janet Visalli, Brandon Shaw, and Norma Chrisman. Each had previously won a quarterly Pride of the Hawk award. This year's winner of the Pride of the Pride Award was Visalli.

The Aeries Award recognizes excellence in community service for that faculty or staff member who volunteers their time to our local community beyond our campuses. This year's recipient is Steve Frisbee. Frisbee is known for participating in nearly every Team MVCC event, but also goes beyond to coordinate donation drives for various charities, and volunteers his personal time with the Boy Scouts and a number of other community organizations.



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WINGS AWARD - The *Wings of the Hawk Award* is for demonstrated excellence in teamwork. It is a "pay it forward" award that is given to a group that has accomplished great things at the College in the eyes of their peers. At the Summer Institute luncheon, it was announced that past winners, Facilities and Operations, have passed Wings of the Hawk Award on to the Welders Among Community (WAC) Student Organization. The facilities staff felt that every team effort by this club is for the good of the college and the community. Examples include refurbishing the exterior of Payne Hall, fabrication of aluminum diamond plate in contract dining, the Easter bunny raffle for Kiddie Campus, planting trees on campus, repairing pool tables in dorms and more. Club advisor Mike Sorrentino accepted the award on behalf of WAC.

2010 Showcase was huge success

The Summer Institute's 2010 Showcase was a big success this year with a record number of pieces submitted in many different media. This year's theme was "Exhibit of the Creative Work" from MVCC's faculty and staff.

Under the direction and coordination of Deborah Otis, Chuck Caughey, Cathy Way and Jerome LaLonde, this year's showcase features three dimensional pieces, photography, pastel, charcoal, pen and ink, and many other artistic expressions. All of the pieces of artwork have been on display in the Small Works Gallery on the second floor of the Information Technology Building, as well as the lobby of the building's first and second floor.

The exhibit will remain on display through Tuesday, June 8, with Gallery hours being 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hawks honor student-athletes

The College honored its athletes earlier this spring with its annual awards banquet where the accomplishments of both individuals and teams were recognized. With student-athletes, coaches, faculty, staff, family and friends present, the five major awards were presented to the top male and female athletes.

The **Kiwanis Award** was first presented in 1988 by the Utica Kiwanis Club. It is given to the male and female student-athlete who best demonstrates outstanding accomplishment in athletics, academics, and leadership.

This year's female recipient is a freshman from East Durham.

As is a member of the women's soccer program, Samantha Spohler helped lead her team to an 18-4 record and a Regional III Championship. She

was the fourth leading scorer in the country and named to the first team All-Region and All-Conference teams. Her post season honors culminated in being selected an NJCAA All-American.

The male recipient is a sophomore from Rome. As a two-year starter for the baseball program and team captain, Kyle Richardson helped the team to a 43-18 record. He was the team's leading offensive players having set numerous individual school records.

The **Robert R. Jorgensen Award** is presented to the male and female student-athlete for outstanding leadership and achievement in athletics. The award is named after Robert Jorgensen who was the Director of Athletics and Physical Education Department Chair for over 30 years.

This year's female recipient is a sophomore from Rome. As a three-sport athlete (cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track & field), Hannah Hoffman is a two time All-American finishing runner-up at both National Championship meets. She helped lead her team to an NJCAA National Championship during her freshman year. In indoor track, she received All-American honors while achieving Individual National Champion status in the 5K and 10K runs. She was ranked number one in the country in the 1500, 5K, 10K, and Steeplechase events.

The male recipient is a sophomore

from Marathon. Aubrey Brown was a two-year member of the men's soccer program during which time he helped lead the Hawks to a 24-10 record - including consecutive final four appearances at the NJCAA Regional Championships. He was selected to the All-Region and All-Conference teams while also being named as an NJCAA All-American both seasons.



Brown

The **Alumni Award** are made in recognition of a male and female student-athlete who, while receiving little acclaim, showed great dedication to the welfare of the team and a persistent effort in the pursuit of excellence in their chosen sport.

The female recipient is a sophomore from Newport and attended West Canada Valley Central School. Desiree Fauvelle is a two-year member of the women's basketball team, during which time she played an integral part of the team that won back-to-back undefeated Conference Championships while achieving a 55-5 record during that time. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has received the Edward V. Mele scholarship.

The male recipient is a sophomore from Lowville. Alex Rhubarb is a two-year member of the men's basketball program and considered a consummate team player who is willing to make any personal sacrifice for the good of the team. During his two seasons he helped lead the team to a 40-21 record that led to consecutive post season appearances.

The **Theodore F. Moore Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award** goes to the male and female student-athlete having participated in a varsity sport each of their two years and having the highest cumulative grade point average. Mr. Moore served as an Associate Professor in the Mathematics Department from December 1981 until December 1996.

This year's female recipient is a sophomore from Rome who is majoring in Business Administration and has attained a 3.78 grade point average. Carley Young was a two-year starter for the women's soccer program and was an integral part of that program going 27-10-1 during that time. Playing defensive back, she was central to the Hawks being one of the top defensive teams in the country.

The male recipient is Richardson, who is majoring in Sports Medicine and has attained a 3.94 grade point average.

Richardson came to MVCC on a Presidential Scholarship and has been on the President's List every semester. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Who's Who in Junior Colleges, and a SUNY Chancellor's Award nominee. He has been active in community service 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 recently was named Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA).



Richardson

The **George L. Scala Award** is presented to the student-athlete who displays outstanding leadership, commitment and dedication to the Physical Education, Recreation, or Athletic Training profession. Mr. Scala served as an Associate Professor of Physical Education and coach of wrestling and men's tennis from September 1966 to February 1975.

This year's female recipient is a freshman from Madison. Caitlyn Smith is a member of the women's soccer and softball programs. She is viewed by the department's faculty as a dedicated student who will undoubtedly have a long career in the physical education and coaching fields and will represent the profession well.

The male recipient is a sophomore from Whitesboro. Jim Engler is a two-year member of the ice hockey program and a member of this year's baseball team. His faculty commends his work ethic in the classroom and believes he will be an outstanding role model in the physical education profession.

The **Most Valuable Player Awards** for the 2009-2010 seasons were: Baseball - Kyle Richardson; Men's Basketball - Jerome Davis; Women's Basketball - Liz Unger; Men's Bowling - Mike Guernsey; Women's Bowling - Jessica Anson; Men's Cross Country - Todd Butters; Women's Cross Country - Hannah Hoffman; Ice Hockey - Matt Potrzeba; Lacrosse - Rich Harter; Men's Soccer - Aubrey Brown; Women's Soccer - Samantha Spohler; Men's Tennis - Massanari Matsumoto; Volleyball - Kaitlyn DeLett; Men's Outdoor Track & Field - Chris Gattman; Women's Outdoor Track & Field - Hannah Hoffman; Softball - TBA; Golf - TBA.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, June 7

6:00 pm - Drinking & Driving Program Classes, PC 207

Tuesday, June 8

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

8:00 am - U.S. Air Force/RIB Conference, MV Com/IT 225

Wednesday, June 9

8:00 am - U.S. Air Force/RIB Conference, MV Com/IT 225

Thursday, June 10

8:00 am - U.S. Air Force/RIB Conference, MV Com/IT 225

8:00 am - Police Academy, IT 225

7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing - IT Lobby 1st Fl. (U)

Friday, June 11

8:00 am - Autism Conference/Dr. Powers, IT Lob/Theater

10:00 am - Kelberman Center: Luncheon - IT 225 (U)

Saturday, June 12

8:00 am - Relay for Life, Utica Campus

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

Sunday, June 13

8:00 am - Relay for Life, Utica Campus



MUSEUM TRIPS - The Aviation Club took a field trip this spring to the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The Aviation Club also traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Plumley family presented Alumni Merit Award

The recipients of the 2010 MVCC Alumni of Merit Award are five members of the Plumley family in recognition for their contributions to promoting the quality of life in Central New York through their support of business, industry and the College.

The Plumley family name has been synonymous with success and growth at Mohawk Valley Community College from the days when John D. Plumley was Oneida County Executive. His wisdom and understanding of the importance of higher education, he helped secure the funding which allowed MVCC to develop its Rome Campus. The John D. Plumley Science and Technology Complex was named in his honor and dedicated on October 11, 1991.

That same dedication has been passed on to the next generation as five of his seven children are MVCC alumni. The continued work and contributions of these five individuals to MVCC has earned them his year's honor of Alumni of Merit Award. These honorees are Judy Plumley, Joel Plumley, Joanne Plumley-Karboski, John Plumley and James Plumley.

Judy Plumley, Class of 1973, went on to become a successful attorney and partner of the law firm Rapke and Plumley, LLP., in Rome. She attended Russell Sage College where she earned a B.A. in Political Science and completed her M.A. in Legal Studies at Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. She returned to Central New York, where she earned her Juris Doctor of Law from Syracuse University. She is active in the community, acting as president of the Oneida County Bar Association, holding a seat on the Board of Directors for the Rome Family YMCA and the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce.

Joel Plumley, Class of 1974, is a licensed Engineer in New York and Pennsylvania as well as president of Plumley Engineering, P.C., which has offices in Rome and Baldwinsville. Along with holding an Civil Technology degree from MVCC, he went on to complete work on a B.S. in Civil Engineering at Syracuse University. Along with being past vice-president of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, he has held the position of president of the N.Y. Association of Consulting Engineers, director of American Society of Civil Engineers and chairman of the N.Y.S. ACEC Standards of Practice Committee. His firm also provides Pro Bono engineering services for not-for-profit groups.

Joanne Plumley-Karboski, Class of 1976, majored in Criminal Justice at MVCC and went on to Oswego State University



ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS - Joel Plumley talks while his family looks on during the 2010 Commencement Ceremony at the Utica Auditorium.

(SUNY at Oswego) where she earned a B.A. in Public Justice. She is currently the Director of Contracts at Harden Furniture Company, Inc., in McConnellsville. She is very active within the community while volunteering her time at the Camden Food Pantry, Camden AYSO and the Camden United Methodist Church. She also dedicates her time to the Queen Village Nursery School and the Camden Area Chamber of Commerce.

John Plumley, Class of 1981, earned an A.A.S. in Surveying from MVCC is a licensed Land Surveyor in New York State. He went on to become founder and president of J.D. Plumley Land Surveying. He also volunteers his time to a multitude of community organizations, offering his knowledge of his profession.

James Plumley, Class of 1983, focused his studies on Media Marketing and Management at MVCC before going on to complete his B.A. studies at Oswego State University in Communications. He is currently president and CEO of Carpenter's Paint and Hardware as well as Carpenter's Maytag Home Appliance Center. He is a member of the Camden Area Chamber of Commerce and holds a seat on the Board of Directors for the Cluster 13 Housing Program.

Top peer tutors who give their all

The College's Learning Center honored its top peer tutors for the fall and spring semesters. These peer tutors were chosen by the students who they help. Receiving the Kudos Award for the Fall semester were Ahsan Ali, Courtney Bendall, and Ashley Waldron. Honored for the spring semester were Jessica Mazloom, Dinela Jukic and Josh Woodard from the Rome Campus. The following are brief statements from the winners.

Ashley Waldron – I am an engineering science student and plan on going to Clarkson University. I want to major in Civil Engineering and minor in mathematics. Eventually I want to get my MBA. In my free time I love to take photographs, snowboard, and have bonfires.

Ahsan Ali – I am a freshman at MVCC. My major is mathematics and science. I work as a tutor in the Learning Center and my future plans are to go to a medical school to become a physician.

Courtney Bendall – I am a sophomore at MVCC and I'm in the engineering science program. I am going for chemical engineering because chemistry is my passion and I have always wanted to help people. I feel chemical engineering will satisfy that desire. I am going to Clarkson University this coming fall and I'm extremely excited. I love being with my friends because I feel they define me to a certain point. Winning this award also helps define who I am. I try to help where I can and help others by showing them what I have learned.

Dinela Jukic – I enjoy reading, watching movies and I absolutely love to eat chocolate among other things. I'm a very observant person and I enjoy helping others. I started college in the fall of 2008 and to be honest I was terrified. I enjoyed high school because I could control it and be on top of everything. But in college new rules apply and I just did not know if I would succeed. Fortunately I made new friends – some that I already knew and some that I just met – who are wonderful as they are always there to help. Spring semester, I started working in the Learning Center as a tutor, which is a great thing not just because I get to help people, but because they help me. Every day I meet a new person with insightful information. The future for me – I love school and hope to remain there for another six years because I wish to receive a Ph.D. so that I can teach, one of my most important career goals.

Jessica Mazloom – I am a computer science major and have



TOPS AT THE LEARNING CENTER - The College's Learning Center honored its top peer tutors for the fall and spring semesters. These peer tutors were chosen by the students who they help. Receiving the Kudos Award were: Front - Ashley Waldron and Ahsan Ali. Back - Jessica Mazloom, Dinela Jukic and Courtney Bendall. Not pictured is Josh Woodard from the Rome Campus.

been tutoring for five semesters and always have a great time. I am graduating this semester and transferring to SUNY Stony Brook. I don't have any specific plans beyond this, but I'm looking into several career paths such as cyber-security or possibly something entirely different in the field of social psychology.

Josh Woodard – I've lived in Central New York my whole life. I work fulltime and go to school fulltime, oh and tutor on the side. I'm currently hoping to make sure I finish everything so I can graduate this summer. Then, after I have my degree in accounting, I want to start my own business. The business will be called Gauntlet Gaming and if everything goes as planned, will open sometime in September. I'm not very good at talking about myself, so I'll end with Thank You everyone who said positive things about my tutoring and thanks for the opportunity to try and help you.

Basket raffle raises \$500 for American Cancer Society

The Employee Recognition Committee would like to thank the following individuals and departments for their generous donation to the Employee party penny auction:

Center for Language and Learning Design, Center for Life and Health Sciences, Geri Sultenfuss, The Slush Ducks, the Marketing Department, Institutional Advancement, STEM

Courses on CNY haunted history and Mother Nature's breadbasket

Break out to the outdoors with one of a series of non-credit courses being offered this summer through the College's Center for Corporate and Community Education. Feel the goose bumps which can only be caused by the paranormal or head out to the wilderness to discover edible foods in Mother Nature's basket. These courses are:

Haunted History of Central New York: Central New York is rich in history, and that history has produced some of the most amazing ghost stories. Explore the paranormal activity of such historic sites as Fort Stanwix, Oriskany Battlefield, Beardslee Manor, the Capitol Theater and more. This class will be a com-

bination of lecture and on-site visits.

Center, President's Office, Great American Irish Festival, Learning Center, CCED, Janet Visalli, Adult Learner Services, BISS Center, Escoffier Club, Hospitality, and Kiddie Campus.

With your support the college will make a donation of \$500 to the local office of the American Cancer Society.

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Feasting Free on Edible Wild Foods: Have fun learning the art of feasting free on wild edibles through a series of slide shows, presentations and local nature walks. Participants will learn to locate and prepare delicious and nutritious wild foods gathered free from Mother Nature's gardens.

Call CCED for more details or to register, at 792-5300 or visit www.mvcc.edu/cced. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Friday. All MVCC non-credit instruction is completely self-supporting, including indirect costs, and requires no public funding.