

International Festival livens up Utica Campus

The Information Technology Building was ablaze with color on Wednesday as the fifth annual International Festival attracted a record number of cultural exhibitors which filled the conference room and both lobbies.

The event's keynote speaker, Carol Fadda-Conrey, Ph.D., of Syracuse University, presented a lecture on "Representing Arabs and Muslims in the United States after 9-11."



"This event has been getting bigger every year with exhibitors representing more countries and cultures which all live within the Utica area," said Maimun N. Khan, MVCC Counselor, who helped organize the festival. "This is a good way to expose our students to the different cultures. For many of them, they wouldn't be exposed to other cultures in their everyday life."

There were exhibits and displays representing countries such as Sudan, Brazil, Vietnam, Ireland, Bosnia and Germany. Other exhibitors were promoting difference causes such as human rights around the world and the Peace Corp.

New this year was the passport system. With this passport, students had to collect stamps from at least 16 of the exhibitors to earn a DGV credit. There were ethnic foods available to everyone in attendance along with displays of cultural dances.

"I am always looking for new organization along with some of the traditional cultures of the area. I have been seeking



to get an exhibitor for Italy, but with no luck yet," said Khan.

The International Festival is organized by the International Initiative Committee and sponsored by the KDDI America and MVCC Students.

Thalita Bovo, who hosted the exhibit for Brazil is an MVCC graduate who is from Sao Paulo, Brazil. She completed her degree in December and is currently working on an internship at the Refugee Center in Utica.

"MVCC has provided me a great opportunty to realize my dream," said Bovo.

MVCC students to hold raffle for Japan relief

Take a chance to win a flat-screen TV, iPad 2, or a digital camera and printer, all while helping people affected by the Japan disaster.

Student leaders of MVCC's Student Congress, Team MVCC, and the MVCC International Club are sponsoring a raffle of these and other items to raise money for the American Red Cross Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Relief Effort. The drawing is at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15, and is open to students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The March 11 earthquake and tsunami ravaged Japan, killing tens of thousands of people and leaving even more unaccounted for. MVCC currently hosts several students from Japan. Students at MVCC saw this devastation and wanted to do something to help. College clubs have generously donated funding and items to be raffled. Other prizes include a mountain bike, Blu-ray player, car starter, Nook, PS3, restaurant gift

certificates, and more.

Raffle items will be on display, and tickets will be available throughout the week, at the following locations:

Monday, April 11 – Plumley Complex Atrium – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 – MVCC Snack Bar – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 – AB Lobby – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14 – Payne Hall Lobby – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, April 15 – IT Building 1st Floor Lobby – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$1 for one ticket, \$2 for three tickets, and \$5 for 10 tickets. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Relief Effort.

For more information, call Sandy Cummings in the Student Activities Office at 792-5392.

Carraway 'advocate for MVCC'

Natalie A. Carraway will be keeping law and order in the Center for Social Sciences, Business and Information Sciences as the new Assistant Dean. Carraway joins MVCC after practicing law for 12 years in the Albany region and is ready to utilize her jurist talents and skills to advance the College's mission.

"I am really fascinated with the whole academic process. Coming in as an outsider, I have been sitting back and observing. My immediate goal is to be as comfortable with the process and what is involved very quickly so I can make a difference," said Carraway.

As a Utica native, Carraway decided to return to Central New York in order to be closer to family, which she says is very important to her. She also has very close ties with MVCC, having earned an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice in 1994 and traveling the NYS Thruway for the past three years to work as an adjunct at the College.

"I love MVCC, being an alum. I had a great experience here and have always been a great advocate for MVCC. When this position was announced, I felt it was a great opportunity for me to provide the students some of the experience I have had. Hopefully help the students onto the path to the goals they have," said Carraway.

Carraway, who now resides in Marcy, went on to earn her Bachelor of Art from SUNY Albany's School of Criminal Justice and then her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School of Union University. Upon passing the bar, she joined Hinman Straub, P.C., where she practiced law for six years until leaving in September 2005 to start up her own law firm, Sheehan, Greene, Carraway, Golderman and Jacques, LLP.

As Assistant Dean, she will be overseeing dozens of faculty and staff in the Center as well as working out the logistics of class scheduling, conflict resolution, and program development.

"I was the managing partner in my firm where I dealt with and supervised my employees. These skills translate well to this position," said Carraway. "Also, I practiced labor law and



that type of work required reaching resolutions on many levels. Here at the College, when you are dealing with students and faculty, there are going to be some issues arising. You are going to have to listen and remedy what those issues are."

Since joining MVCC about six weeks ago, Carraway has been busy learning names and positions within the Center as well as getting a handle on the Fall scheduling. Due to all the dynamics of the class scheduling process, Carraway says this has been quite the challenge. "There are so many aspects involved such as conflicts of individual schedules, load requirements, prep requirements and, space availability."

Carraway has an approachable personality and listens to what everyone has to say before offering a creative solution to a problem. She has an open-door policy and is very decisive in her decision-making process, which mirror her Strength Quest results - Learner, Harmony, Context, Futuristic and Command.

Summer lunch break schedules 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 15, 2011.

- 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 and 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 15, 2011 are those who had half-hour lunch breaks on October 21, 1999.
- UPSEU staff who wish to remain on a one-hour lunch break may do so as agreed upon with their supervisor.

Green Tips: Myth vs. Reality on Idling Vehicles

To most, idling a car may seem fairly innocuous, but it is actually detrimental to the modern automotive engine, wastes gasoline, and is often done based on mistaken assumptions or outdated logic, or simply out of habit. Each day, Americans waste approximately 3.8 million gallons of gasoline by voluntarily idling their cars.

Myth 1: Cars should run in an idling mode for several

minutes before being driven.

Wrong. Modern engines do not need more than a few seconds of idling time before they can be driven safely. Moreover, the best way to warm up a car is to drive it, since that warms up the catalytic converter and other mechanical parts of the car, in addition to the engine.

Myth 2 & 3 will be appear next week.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, April 11

10:00 am - American Red Cross Raffle to Benefit Japanese Earthquake Victims, PC Atrium

3:00 pm - Cultural Series Lecture (DGV): "The Holocaust and the American Imagination: The Importance of Memory" with Michael Dobkowski, IT 225

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Tuesday, April 12

8:00 am - PTK Blood Drive, ACC 116

2:00 pm - Lecture: Sculpture Space Artists in Residence, IT 225

3:00 pm - MVCC Softball vs. Fulton-Montgomery CC

3:00 pm - Art Exhibit/Reception: MVCC Photography

Alumni Show, IT 225

5:00 pm - Alcohol Education, ACC 212

5:00 pm - Relay for Life, IT 225

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 am - English Club Jewelry Sale, AB Lobby

10:00 am - American Red Cross Raffle to Benefit Japanese Earthquake Victims, AB Lobby

3:00 pm - Cultural Series Lecture (DGV): "Herkimer Diamonds and International Trade" with Dr. Renee Shevat,

Festine Auditorium

4:00 pm - MVCC Women's Lacrosse vs. Onondaga CC,

Soccer Field

4:00 pm - Program Board, ACC 212

7:30 pm - MVCC Concert Band, ACC 116

Thursday, April 14

8:00 am - WIC, ACC 116

8:00 am - English Club Jewelry Sale, AB Lobby

12:30 pm - MVCC Men's Baseball vs. Jefferson CC

2:30 pm - SPC, PH 300

3:00 pm - Student Activities, ACC 212

5:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC 116

5:00 pm - Relay for Life, IT 225

6:00 pm - Jitters Open Mic Night and Café,

Festine Auditorium/ACC 114

Friday, April 15

9:30 am - Placement Testing, PC 252

10:00 am - Student Activities, ACC 212

10:00 am - American Red Cross Raffle to Benefit Japanese Earthquake Victims, IT Lobby

4:00 pm - RASA Dinner, ACC 116

Saturday, April 16

9:00 am - Placement Testing, PC 252

1:00 pm - MVCC Baseball vs. Hudson Valley CC

1:00 pm - MVCC Men's Lacrosse vs. Onondaga CC,

Proctor Stadium

1:00 pm - MVCC Women's Lacrosse vs. Genesee CC,

Proctor Stadium

1:00 pm - MVCC Softball vs. SUNY Delhi

Sunday, April 17

1:00 pm - MVCC Softball vs. Hudson Valley CC

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



TRANSFER FAIR - The College hosted its annual Transfer Fair on Thursday in the MV Commons with 44 four-year colleges and universities in attendance. Seen here is Davis College Admissions Counselor Caralee Godfroy talking with MVCC student Aaron Rogers.

Transfer Fair attracts 44 four-year institutions

The MV Commons was especially busy on Thursday when the College hosted its annual Spring Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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This year's event attracted 44 four-year colleges and universities from across New York

State as well as those from Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. One of the first-time visitors was the Culinary Institute of America located in Manhattan. According to the CIA admissions counselor, he was very pleased to talk with a number of culinary arts

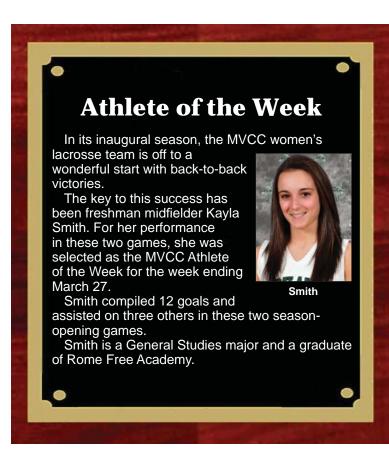
students who traveled from the Rome Campus for the event.

"I was really happy with the number of colleges and the student turnout was acceptable," said Mike Henningsen, Coordinator of

Transfer Services. "The counselors from the schools were very pleased with the day. I am hoping to make it bigger and better for the Fall Transfer Day."

Another first-time college to the event was Davis College from Johnson City. This is a seminary college which has begun to expand the programs offered.

According to Henningsen, students planning on seeking a degree beyond MVCC need to begin researching their options in their freshman year. By hosting transfer fairs twice a year, it acts as a reminder to the students.



Job Listings at MVCC

Title: Printing Supervisor

Duties: Responsible for planning and overseeing the preparation of a variety of printed materials and forms used by MVCC; develops and oversees the application of standard offset printing methods and procedures; operates offset duplicating machines, Xerox, collating addressing and binding equipment; and supervises staff engaged in printing and reproduction activities.

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Qualifications: Applicant must already hold Oneida County
Civil Service Printing Supervisor title, or meet requirements for
provisional appointment; Associate's degree in graphic arts or
closely related field and one (1) year experience in the operation
and maintenance of offset printing and related equipment; or High
School graduate or GED and three (3) years experience as listed
above; or five (5) years experience as listed above.

Salary: \$31,003

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a successful candidate has been identified.

Title: Senior Campus Security Officer

Duties: Responsible for implementing and maintaining a campus public safety/security program to provide for the protection and safety of persons and property on the campus of MVCC. Candidates must successfully complete an approved Municipal Police Training Council Training Program for Peace Officer as described in Section 2.30 of Criminal Procedure Law; meet eligibility requirements to obtain a Firearms License pursuant to Section 400 of New York State Penal Law; and possess a valid NYS Drive License at time of appointment. Candidates must continue to meet qualifications and recertification requirements as prescribed by NYS for Peace Officers for duration of employment.

Qualifications: Candidates must meet eligibility requirements for Oneida County Civil Service appointment: Associates degree or completion of sixty (60) semester credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university; or graduation from high school or possession of a GED and two (2) years work experience in a uniformed position requiring police officer or peace officer certification.

Salary: \$32,123.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until successful candidates have been identified.

National Library Week celebrated April 10-16

Come celebrate National Library Week at the College's library. There are many events taking place including:

Monday, April 11th - COOKIE DAY

Come celebrate National Library Week with us--munch on a cookie, while you browse for a good book or DVD!

Tuesday, April 12th - PENCIL DAY

Stop by the Library & pick out a "Read to Succeed" pencil!

Wednesday, April 13th – BOOKMARK DAY

Select a bookmark, when you check out your next book!

Thursday, April 14th – STORYTIME DAY

Listen to us reading stories to the Kiddie Campus children from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the reception area of the Library. Everyone loves a good story!

Friday, April 15th – BOOK TALK/FILM TALK (DGV Event)
Please join us for the National Library Week BOOK TALK/
FILM TALK, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Utica Campus
Library (group study area at the end of the periodical stacks).
A panel of faculty will discuss recommended books and films
from various cultures. Tell us about your favorite multicultural/
international book!



OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY - CCED's Belly Dancing instructor, Jennifer Hill, took a group from her class here at MVCC and volunteered to put on a show for the residents at the Pines Senior Center. They put on quite the exhibition as they got the seniors moving with the motion of the dancers.

