



MAKING THE CALL - The College's bi-annual phonathon has found a permanent home in the conference room located in the Office of Institutional Advancement on the second floor of Payne Hall. Sitting left to right: Kimberly Morton, Shamar Johnson, Robert Hanvy, Fatmata Kanu, and Carolina Anumah. Standing are: Cindy Marcelin, Jamie Carprilozzi, Billie Jo Collins, Shauna Ellis, Wayne Dillworth, Nyeshia Hicks, William Smith, and Ushona Mclean - Phonathon Manager.

## Phonathon cultivates relationships with alum, generates donations

The College's bi-annual phonathon finally has a permanent home in the conference room located in the Office of Institutional Advancement on the second floor of Payne Hall. These new digs will enable the bi-annual phonathons to be more focused and productive in contacting alum.

The Spring phonathon is held annually for 6-8 weeks, which typically utilized one of the other meeting rooms on campus. Because these meeting rooms are in such demand, there are many disruptions with new telephone extensions having to be added as well as the organization of work spaces.

The phonathons have resulted in raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and has been the first step in cultivating long term relationships with alum. The key to the phonathon is having current students make contact. The Office of Institutional Advancement hires 40 students for the event with 12 working each night, Sunday through Thursday.

The students provide some of the details of what is new at MVCC, academically and institutionally. According to Marie Kohl, Coordinator of Annual Fund & Alumni Relations, there are many alum who look forward to these telephone calls and receiving updates from the students. Over the years, this has cultivated some donors that have provided significant gifts to the college.

The funds raised through the Spring and Fall phonathons is applied to MVCC's greatest need unless a donor asks for it to be applied to a specific scholarship. The College has 40,000 degree alum.

# Learn to be safe from blood-borne pathogens

While most of MVCC's employees will never deal with hazardous materials at the College, it is very important to be informed of the procedures in place for dealing with such a situation. At the March Institute, slated for March 14, George Aylesworth will host two workshops on "Hazard Communication & Blood Borne Pathogens."

New York State requires employees be educated about blood-borne pathogens and the March Institute sessions offer an easy way for employees to meet this state requirement.

The first session will be held from 5:30 – 6:30 a.m. in room 225 of the Information Technology Building. While this is scheduled for third shift employees, it is open to all who are interested. The second workshop is slated for 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. in room 226 of the Information Technology Building.

This interactive workshop will share basic "how to" procedures for safely identifying and handling hazardous materials, as well as explaining who to call for help with their safe removal. The blood borne pathogens segment will deal with practicing universal safety precautions here at MVCC.

Sign up at www.mvcc.edu/march-institute.

#### Green Tips ...

#### Save money & keep warm

Adding a sweater and keeping your thermostat set a couple degrees cooler are smart ways to save some energy.

Install a programmable thermostat. Being able to turn down the heat for large chunks of time, such as at night or while at work, can make a difference in your overall energy consumption.

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#### **MVCC EVENTS**

#### Tuesday, March 1

12:30 pm - Book Discussion (DGV): "The Namesake,"

a Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, IT 225

2:00 pm - Art Exhibit/Reception:

Faculty-Select Student Art Exhibit, IT Lobby

6:00 pm - Listening Room Concert Series (DGV):

Stephane Wrembel, Gypsy Guitarist, Theater Wednesday, March 2

8:00 am - Heart Run/Walk Campus Registration, PH Lobby

4:00 pm - Program Board, ACC 212

6:00 pm - Dinners with Distinction, Hospitality Dining Room

7:00 pm - Concert: Jenn Rinels, Theater

8:00 pm - Listening Room Concert Series (DGV):

Stephane Wrembel, Gypsy Guitarist, Festine Auditorium

Thursday, March 3

8:30 am - Outreach Event, ACC 116

4:00 pm - Education Club, ACC 114

7:00 pm - Comedian: Marcus, Theater

7:00 pm - Movie: "Red," Festine Auditorium

Friday, March 4

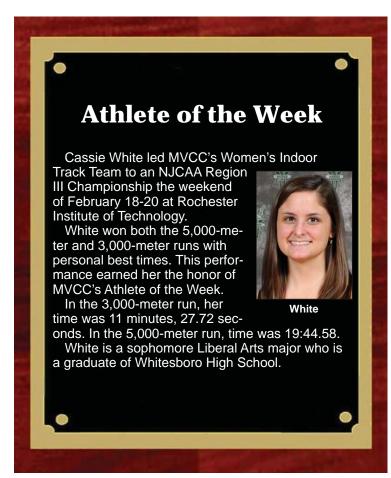
7:00 pm - Movie: "Red," Theater

Saturday, March 5

Noon - Fashion Show Rehearsal, ACC 116

7:00 pm - Comedy: The Onion Live,

America's Finest News Source, Theater



#### **Trustees will meet March 7**

The next regular monthly meeting of the College's Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, March 7. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in Room 300 of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus.



**MVCC STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT** – Members of the Aviation Technology Club stand in front of a Curtiss-Wright C-46 Commando, a WWII transport aircraft. In the photo are Tom Jennings (club advisor), Adam Teeps, Peter Abbe, Quan Hong, Dan Costich, and Eric Switzer. These students are in the second semester of the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program.

### Aviation Club visits Blackhawk plant, Curtiss museum

Members of the Aviation Technology Club were in the clouds with excitement when they had the opportunity to visit the Sikorsky Hawk Works in Horseheads, N.Y., and the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, N.Y., during the January break.

This was an opportunity for MVCC's students to view firsthand how their studies and skills are going to be applied upon graduation from the Airframe and Powerplant Technology program. The Sikorsky Company employs approximately 50 of MVCC's graduates in Blackhawk helicopter assembly, customization, and testing.

The museum in Hammondsport is named for Glenn Curtiss, who was one of the early pioneers of flight and a contemporary of the Wright brothers. The museum displays many of the aircraft Curtiss designed between 1900 and the 1930s.



**COLORFUL EXTENSION -** Team MVCC hosted its kickoff event for the annual Greatest American Heart Run & Walk on Wednesday, February 23, in the MV Commons. Members of Team MVCC sold red and gold hearts along with red hair extensions as well as tickets for a basket raffle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As an incentive, for those who donated there were slices of tomato pie. Approximately \$223 was raised on this day. In this photograph, Taylor Beebe shows off the hair extension she received from Dakotah of Angela & Co.

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