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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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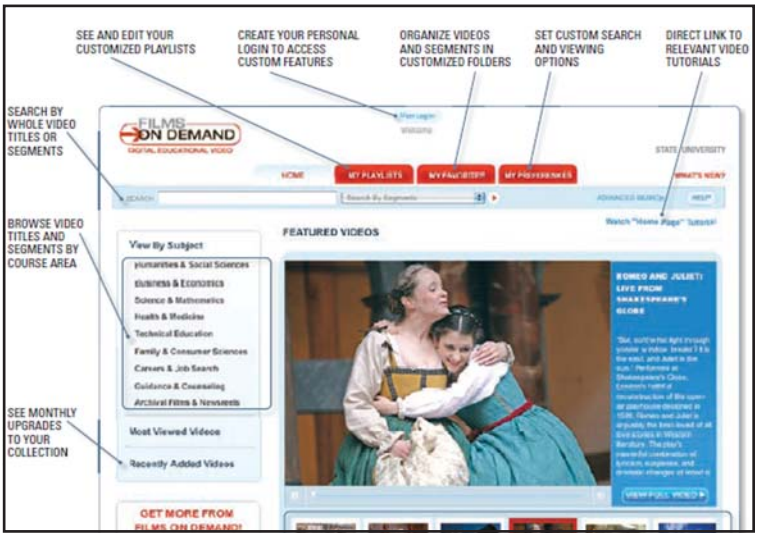
If you thought Netflix was exciting, library now offers films on demand

Do you like sharing educational videos with your students in class? Are you looking for a way to incorporate videos into your online course? Are you hesitant to send students online to search for videos because you cannot monitor the quality of these sources and are concerned about copyright? Or are you just looking for an informative and entertaining educational video on an interesting topic?

The MVCC Library is pleased to announce a new teaching and learning resource: Films on Demand. Films on Demand is a web-based digital video delivery platform that allows viewers to access streaming videos. This online service can be used by any MVCC faculty, staff or student who needs to access video content for independent study or for use in the classroom or online. These educational videos may be watched on a computer anywhere you have Internet service, 24 hours a day.

Films on Demand contains approximately 7,000 streaming videos provided by the Films Media Group. The library subscribes to six collections: Archival Films & Newsreel, Business & Economics, Health & Medicine, Humanities & Social Sciences, Science & Mathematics, and Guidance & Counseling. You can use Films on Demand to search for specific video segments, organize videos into folders, create personal playlists for your students to view. Videos can be added to Blackboard course pages as external links.



To access Films on Demand, select it from our A-Z Electronic Resources/Databases Listing: www.mvcc.edu/library/databases (you must provide your MVCC username and password for off-campus access)

Quick Start Guides are provided here: http://digital.films.com/portaldocumentation.aspx

The librarians hope that you will find this new resource valuable and are available to answer any questions or provide individual training. Your feedback and suggestions on this and any other library resource are always welcome!

MVCC Goes Red!

Staff joined together today and wore red for the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day. This was the first event sponsored by Team MVCC for the upcoming Heart Run/Walk on March 5th.

This year all money raised will be in memory of Professor Sam Drogo. Save the date … plan to help … plan to walk … plan to run … plan to donate ... plan to be there ... for Sam!

Margy's On Campus owner soon to become MVCC's newest alum

One of the special features of the Rome Campus is a visit to Margy's On Campus café in the Plumley Complex. But while most people know Margy E. Daly as the woman who makes those finger licking pastries and the wonderful hot meals, there is a different side to her few know about.

Come this May, Margy will be joining some of the finest students at MVCC when she takes part in the procession at the Utica Aud. That's right. Margy will have earned her Associate in Science for General Studies.

"I am very excited about this, but it has been extremely hard," said Margy, who has been attending classes as a fulltime student over the last year and a half. "What makes this so special for me is that my oldest granddaughter is beginning her college education here at MVCC as I finish up mine."

Margy's granddaughter, Katelynn Chase, is pursuing an A.S. in Fine Arts.

Margy began working on her degree in 1999, while working fulltime as regional manager for Payless Shoes. By day she oversaw stores in Herkimer, Rome, Oneida and Sangertown Mall while attending classes at night. When she opened her bakery in 2004, she was forced to put her education on hold.

"I always vowed I would go back and finish my degree. Now that I'm doing that, I would like to continue on with a concentration in English in hopes of becoming an English teacher at some point," she added.

In the three semesters since returning as a student, Margy has made the vice president and president academic lists. When she completes her course work in May, she will become the first member of her brothers and sisters to graduate college.

"It has been one of the hardest things I've done, going to school fulltime and working fulltime," said Margy. "I think it is a great coincidence that I'm finishing my education at MVCC while my granddaughter is beginning her's."

WORKING HARD ON EDUCATION - Margy E. Daly has been working hard to keep the cafe on the Rome Campus running while also attending classes full time at the College. She will be completing her degree in May and looking forward to walking into the Utica Aud. to receive her diploma.

Job Listings at MVCC

Position Title: Building Maintenance Helper (4 Positions)
Two Positions (2) - First Shift
Monday – Friday, 5:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.
One Position (1) – Second Shift
Monday – Friday, 4:00p.m. – 12:30a.m.
One Position (1) – Third Shift
Sunday – Thursday, 10:00 p.m. – 6:30a.m.

Location: Facilities & Operations, Utica Campus

Qualifications: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma

OR

One (1) year of experience in manual labor associated with the maintenance and repair of roads or streets or one (1) year of building cleaning experience or one (1) year experience in the building trades.

Applicants must meet eligibility for Oneida County Civil Service appointment.

Did you know?

Did you know that CCED offers a variety of fun and educational camps for kids and teens during school breaks and over the summer? Topics include magic, languages, robotics, engineering, photography, and theater.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, February 7
8:30 am - CCED/Strata Bootcamp, IT 219
2:00 pm - Circle K, ACC 212
3:00 pm - Art Lecture/Reception: Frank Page, Cartoonist & Illustrator, IT 225
5:00 pm - CCED/Microsoft Excel I, IT 219
5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi: Beginners, ACC 116
6:00 pm - Lecture/Movie (DGV): "Pirates of the Silicon Valley," with Kyle Lince, Festine Auditorium
6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi: Advanced, ACC 116
7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor

Tuesday, February 8
8:30 am - CCED/Strata Bootcamp, IT 219
10:00 am - Brown Bag Lunch Series, ACC 116
Noon - Lecture/Movie (DGV): "Pirates of the Silicon Valley," with Kyle Lince, ACC 116
6:30 pm - CCED/Belly Dancing, ACC 116

Wednesday, February 9
8:00 am - CCED/YWCA, IT 225
8:30 am - CCED/Strata Bootcamp, IT 219
10:00 am - Team MVCC, ACC 212
Noon - Lecture: "Creating Powerful Leaders" w/John Vroman, Executive Director of the Front Row Foundation, MV Commons
2:00 pm – Brown Bag Lunch Series, ACC 116
4:00 pm - Program Board, ACC 212
5:00 pm - CCED/Microsoft Excel I, IT 219
6:00 pm - Dinners with Distinction, Hospitality Dining Room
7:30 pm - MVCC Concert Band, ACC116
8:00 pm - Comedian: Jay Black, Festine Auditorium

Thursday, February 10
8:00 am – WIC, ACC 116
8:30 am - CCED/Strata Bootcamp, IT 219
11:00 am - Heart Run/Walk Sign-ups, AB Lobby/MV Commons
2:00 pm - Lecture: "The Basics of Investing," w/Ryan Reck of First Niagara Bank, IT 225
6:00 pm - CCED/Creative Slideshows, IT 219
7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor

Friday, February 11
8:00 am - Blood Drive, ACC 116
9:00 am - Valentine's Day Expo, AB Lobby/PH Lobby
10:00 am - Student Activities, ACC 212
7:00 pm - Ballroom Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor(U)

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ATHLETICS OPEN HOUSE - The College's athletic department held its annual open house last Saturday. The event welcomed 105 perspective students and parents with workshops on how to enroll, financial aid options, tours of the facilities and a chance to meet with the coaching staff. Above, women's basketball coach Jason Carpenter talks to two prospective women's basketball members, Timiesha Joseph and Alicia Montalvo. Below, Director of Admissions Dan Ianno talks to prospective athletes and their parents.

Deadline for Excellence Awards nominations is April 1

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2011 MVCC Excellence Awards is April 1. These awards recognize career performance, commitment to excellence and campus leadership in several employee categories. Each is considered to be the most prestigious local award a member of the faculty and staff can earn during a career at MVCC.

The criteria for each category is described on the MVCC website. Log onto http://www.mvcc.edu/academics/employees-awards/faculty-staff-accomplishment, and click on the appropriate PDF for this information.

E-nomination forms may be completed at the same site. Excellence Award categories include:

- Teaching
- Professional Service
- Librarianship
- Classified Service
- Faculty Service
- Scholarship & Creative Activities
- Adjunct Teaching
- Part-Time Personnel Service

Please take some to consider the good career work of a respected colleague and nominate them to receive an MVCC Excellence Award.

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