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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of May 2, 2011

Vogt, Albright receive SUNY's highest honor

Megan Vogt and David Albright were selected to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, the State University of New York's highest honor for students.

"The students we honor have excelled academically and taken advantage of what SUNY has to offer in and outside the classroom," said Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "These students are proven leaders, athletes, artists, community servants, and much more. They represent the future of our state and are perfect examples of The Power of SUNY. I congratulate all of the students receiving recognition and thank them for the positive impact each of them has had on SUNY and the communities we serve."

Albright, an Engineering Science major from Whitesboro, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society, and has been placed on the Vice President's List for academic achievement. He is vice president of the Engineering Club, secretary of Circle K (Kiwanis Club), and a member of other clubs and organizations, including Student Congress and Program Board.

Albright has also participated in community events for the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Utica Kiwanis Club, Intergenerational Cleanup, and Rome Humane Society.

Vogt, a Chemical Dependency major from Sherrill, has served for two terms as Student Congress President, and one term as president of the Chemical Dependency Club. She serves on several college-wide committees and represents the student body on the College Senate.

Vogt has also organized programs to raise campus awareness of domestic violence and Alcohol Awareness Week, and she organized the Intergenerational Cleanup. Vogt also volunteers with several community organizations, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, and Rome Humane Society.

Both Albright and Vogt will graduate from MVCC in May.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created 14 years ago to recognize students who have best demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, or career achievement.

MEDAL OF HONOR - Megan Vogt, Student Congress President, was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for the 2010-2011 academic year. President VanWagoner was on hand for the ceremony in Albany.

Student Congress Officers

Student Congress announced on Friday the list of Officers and Administrators for 2011-12 academic year.

Elected Officers include John Coleman (Welding) as the new Student Congress President and Eric Griffith (Accounting) as the Vice President. The Student Trustee serving on the College's Board of Trustees will be Esther Caldwell (Nursing).

Appointed Administrators for Student Congress are Nick Mancari (Business) as Treasurer, Scott Cardozo (Business) as Program Director and Derek Nekritz (Nursing) as Cultural Committee Liaison.

They officially take office on June 1.

Open forums for chief student affairs officer finalists

As Vice President of Student Services/Dean of Students Denise DiGiorgio retires this month after 33 years with MVCC, we are celebrating her accomplishments and searching for a new student affairs leader.

This search began with 53 candidates from across the United States. The two finalists will have full-day interviews next week. Each finalist's visit includes an open forum for questions from students, faculty, and staff:

Finalist #1: Monday, May 9, 11 a.m.-noon

Finalist #2: Tuesday, May 10, 11 a.m.-noon

Each session will be in Payne Hall Room 300 with a video simulcast to the Rome Library Conference Room. Finalists' identities and background info will be shared at the start of the forums.

On behalf of the screening committee, college community members are invited to either forum or both, in either location, as schedules allow. No RSVP is required.

Honoring Employees for Years of Service

It was an all out party in the Business Office this week as Nancy Light was honored for 10 years of service to MVCC. Everyone in the Business Office was on hand to celebrate Nancy, who holds the title of Account Clerk. Nancy joined MVCC on February 19, 2001.

Jennifer Krohn can be an answer to her own trivia question on Tuesday nights - Who came to MVCC for two years and made a long successful career of it? Jennifer was honored this week for 10 years of service at the college during a ceremony in the training room. Jennifer is the College's Athletic Trainer and is also an Assistant Professor. Jennifer joined the staff on January 15, 2001.

HONORING MOTHER EARTH - The Fine Arts Club and Christi Harrington's 3-D design class created these foil sculptures with 10 students in all working on the project to honor of Earth Day. The sculpture depicts a person planting a tree under an arch of cherry blossoms surrounded by woodland creatures. The blossoms represent Spring and in memory of Japan with hopes that Spring will aid in their recovery. The foil will be recycled after the exhibit ends in mid-May, although typically staff and students take home some of the sculptures as mementos. The students spent about a week and a half to make each component and then a couple of hours to bring it all together.

One Potato, Two Potato, Free Potatoes!

Not only will Summer Institute feature two days with renowned futurists, Strengths-based conversations, and learning from fellow faculty and staff - there will also be an appearance by a Food Network chef and noted culinary expert, with free gourmet food!

On May 25 at 11 a.m. in the Theater, Food Network Chef David Britton and State Museum Curator Dr. Roland Kays will present "Cooking the Tree of Life - Potato: The Perfect Human Food." While Kays shares a witty lecture about the potato's nutritious value, history, and sociological importance, Britton will do what he does best: Cook crowd-pleasing gourmet dishes for the audience.

For Summer Institute highlights, sign up now at www2.mvcc.edu/training/si/.

National Nurses Week is May 6-12

By Nancy Caputo

The national celebration of Nurses Week begins Friday, May 6, and runs through May 12. In our busy schedules we seldom take the time to think about those special colleagues - our nurses. Often, it is when we have a medical question, a personal health related problem or are in need of professional advice that we seek out one of the nursing faculty. We believe that nursing is an art and a science and that what we do matters to so many people at different times during their lives. I can think of no better profession than educating and preparing future nurses. I am proud to be a professional nurse and proud of my nursing colleagues. During the coming week I ask each of you to stop and thank your colleagues for being someone special - a professional nurse!

Happy Nurses Week!

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, May 9
8:30 am – MVCAA, ACC 116
11:00 am- VP Student Affairs Forum, PH 300
4:00 pm - Athletic Banquet, MV Commons
6:00 pm - Drinking and Driving Program, AB 306
7:00 pm - Concert: Utica and MVCC Concert Band, Theater

Tuesday, May 10
8:30 am - Allied Health Fair, AB Lobby
11:00 am- VP Student Affairs Forum, PH 300
4:30 pm - Drama Club, ACC 114
4:30 pm - CSTEP Dinner, ACC 116
10:00 pm - Late Night Breakfast, MV Commons

Wednesday, May 11
4:00 pm - Program Board, ACC 212
4:00 pm - PTK Officer Induction/End of Year Party, IT 225
4:30 pm – Latino Student Union, IT 218
5:30 pm - MVCC Concert Band, ACC 116

Thursday, May 12
8:00 am – WIC, ACC 116
3:00 pm - Student Activities, ACC 212
3:00 pm - Scholarship Dinner/Ceremony, MV Commons
5:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC 116

Friday, May 13
10:00 am - Student Activities, ACC 212
2:00 pm – IF, ACC 212
3:30 pm – Black Student Union, ACC 212
4:00 pm - Chess Club, ACC 114
6:00 pm - Poetry Club, ACC 212

Did you know?
MVCC now offers a non-credit Pre-Employment Police Training Program for individual that are interested in becoming Police Officers?

Job Listings at MVCC

Title: Data Processing Clerk
Location: Registrar
Requirements: Either already hold Oneida County Civil Service Data Processing Clerk title, OR Eligible for Oneida County Civil Service appointment from Data Processing Clerk current list. Meet eligibility requirements for Oneida County Civil Service Provisional Appointment: Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or university with an Associate's Degree, including or supplemented by six (6) semester credit hours in the fields fo computer science, computer technology, data processing or a closely related field; OR Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND two (2) years clerical experience; one (1) year of which shall have included data processing experience; OR Four (4) years of clerical experience; two (2) years of which shall have included data processing experience.
Application Deadline: May 16

Title: Library Clerk
Location: Utica Campus Library
Requirements: Either already hold Oneida County Civil Service Office Specialist I title, OR Eligible for appointment from Oneida County Civil Service List.
Application Deadline: May 16

Fuoco takes students on professional tour

Assistant Professor Rosemary Fuoco took her Administrative Assistant students to Blue Cross/Blue Shield in the Utica Business Park for a tour on April 28, during which Richard Pratt discussed Administrative Assistant positions at the company. He gave each student a folder about the company and a description of an Administrative Assistant position and their three different levels at the company.

There are 400 people working at the Utica location. Pratt told the students to go to the company website to apply online and to attach their resumes. He also informed the students they need to have PC knowledge - Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access – and that after a six-month probation, the company pays tuition reimbursement of 100 percent.

Pratt discussed professional behavior dealing with cell phone and texting usage along with good communication and organizational skills.

Athlete of the Week

Any time a baseball player's batting average nears .400, they are among the leaders of the team. Such is the case for Eric Scorzafava who is hitting .391 in eight games for the Hawks and earned him the honor MVCC's Athlete of the Week.

Scorzafava

Scorzafava is a sophomore second baseman for the Hawks and the team's lead-off hitter. He has connected for nine hits while and has been walked nine times as a threat. While stealing five bases in his 18-on base opportunities, he has also scored eight runs. This has attributed to the Hawks winning seven of the past eight games.

Scorzafava is a Criminal Justice major who graduated from Oneonta High School.

Phi Theta Kappa's ranks grow by 157 members

The Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society welcomed 157 new members during the Spring Induction Ceremony.

On hand to honor these exceptional students were President Randall VanWagoner, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Learning, Maryrose Eannace, and Dean of Life and Health Sciences Robert Jubenville. Dr. Jubenville was the keynote speaker and was inducted as an honorary member of PTK.

Chapter Advisors Stephen Frisbee, Liz Doherty and Susan Smith were present to honor and recognize the students for their academic excellence.

Trisha Calenzo, President of PTK, introduced each inductee.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for the Two-Year College. It was founded in 1918 and is the largest honor society in American higher education. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher over at least 12 credit hours in a degree program.

Those being honored were:

Ryan Alesandro, Julia Allen, Dawn Elaine Amankwaa, Caleb A. Ames, Margielyn Aranas, Joslyn A. Arena, Andres A. Banks, Rachel Barbato, Christopher Beal, Ariana R. Beaton,

Paul M. Brockett, Michael Brown Jr., Chelsea Burt, Rhiannon Butler, Tiffany N. Cabrera, Chase Cahoon, Laurence Caldwell, Zachary Calidonna, Martin M.Candee, Meghan A. Carpenter,

Amanda Casaletta, Scott Chapin, Melissa S. Chapman, Venessa Louise Ciotti, Kathleen Collins, Loreen Collins, Kathryn Connelly, Tammy Audrey Cottrell, Mandy J. Dale, Maxwell Jay Darman,

Liliya Delia, Amanda DelMedico, Susan E. Douglas, Tracy Downey, Philip E. Downs, Sara L. Dreimiller, Cassandra Jacqueline Dummermuth, Cory Thomas Dunn, Cedron Durgin, Jason J. Eastman,

Patty Edwards, Michael Ellis, Margaret Empsall, Candy Everspaugh, Shelby J. Farr, Alexander S. Fields, Anthony Gebolys, Saxxon K. Gonzalez, Sheila B. Goodhines, David D. Gould,

Jessica L. Gregory, Sarah Elizabeth Gregory, Megan Gressel, Joshua D. Haar, Elena Hamzic, Jasmine Hawkins, Deanna C. Hillman, Kathrine M. Hollinden, Jose R. Huertas, Kimberly M. Hughes,

Bercely Hurtado, Deborah L. Illich, Joshua T. Jarecki, Matthew S. Jefski, Hannah J. Johnson, Joshua Robert Jolly, Sandra Grace Jones, San Dar Khaing, Nicole L. Kraeger, Brigid Kusch,

Stasia Lanpheare, Rebecca L. Lasher, Suzanne M. Lawrence, Cody Lawson, Kaylyn Leffingwell, Philip A. Lindhuber, Vanessa Long, Tao Lu, Sean M. Madison, Jill Marie McCanney,

Matthew McElroy, Tarik Mekic, Shannon Merritt, Amy Miller,

WELCOME TO PHI THETA KAPPA - Newly inducted Phi Theta Kappa member Donna Stevener is congratulated by Vice President of Academic Affairs and Learning Maryrose Eannace during the Spring ceremony in the Theater.

Alice Mitchell, Miriam Murad, Anita Nadarevic, Melinda Natal, Susan Nguyen, Tai Huu Nguyen,

Alexandra Nicolette, Noel Omondi Nyakwamba, Olayinka Odede, Taessa A. Ogievich, Alyesia Pavlyukovets, Matthew Perritano, Scott Perritano, Kaden Platt, Lexie Posch, Melissa D. Prest,

Carlos H. Pulquerio, Bennett Erin Quigley, Douglas C. Raineri, Tammy L. Randall, Daniel Reid IV, Yvonne Reilly, Samantha J. Reinard, Brittany Reynolds, Andrew H. Ridgeway, Jennifer Rose Rieben,

Steven Riggall, Daniel Roberts, Jimmie R. Rush III, Alissa Ryczek, Kimberly A. Sadlon, Anthony J. Salerno, Nicole Salerno, Daniel J. Salvaggio, Nathan Sammons, Nicholas K. Schultz,

Nancy L. Seiwell, Vincent John Semeraro, Ricky C. Shorette II., Irina Shut, Todd E. Silveira, James P. Simpson, Jeffrey Sitterly, Jessica Smith, William R. Smith, Christina Snell,

Melissa M. Spencer, Scott R. Stanard, Danielle M. Stern, Donna Stevener, Matthew Struckle, Xinye Su, Janusz Suchodol, Matthew D. Terry, Carissa Paige Thompson, Abigail Tompkins,

Dan Tucker, Meagan VandenBosch, Patrick N. Vedder, Megan Louise Vogt, Abbey Marie Wardhaugh, Andrew Wilceski, Rachel Elizabeth Wilmot, Jessica Wilson, Jason J. Wolinski, Rebecca A. Wright, Sabrina R. Wynn,

Evan R. Yacowenia, Rebekah Yeater, Maizie Zamlowski, James Zarnoch.

Disability Services Recognition Awards

Each year, the Disability Services office asks students to help recognize MVCC faculty or staff members by providing the names of those "who have gone out of their way to provide them with disability-related assistance and support throughout the academic year." This year twelve students responded to the request for nominations, heaping praise upon those whose assistance helped make their year a richer, more successful one.

At the annual Disability Services Recognition event on April 27, Disability Services staff members joined with their students to thank and honor the following individuals: Ted Barber, Kathy Bernstein, Marcia Cornish-Colp, Russ Davis, Mystic Jordan, Jon Meeter, Rosemarie Pastorella, Debbie Schreppel, Lesa Steele, Linda Tettamant, Rich Treis, and Bill Zogby.

MVCC Business Club tours Manhattan

The Business Club took a trip to New York City to visit the Museum of American Finance (also named Alexander Hamilton Museum) and New York Stock Exchange.

The group was treated to a lunch at the Downtown Associationby the Holborn Corporation. Dane Austin from Utica National made arrangements for Holborn Corp. CEO Frank Harrison to speak with thte students. The Holborn Corp. is a re-insurance broker.

The final stop was a 90-minute visit to the New York Stock Exchange. The group was given a lesson on the Exchange and then were allowed to view the exchange from a balcony.